



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve You in holiness and truth to the glory of Your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9 Jul 2023
Trinity 5
8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "I am the Bread of Life"

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10
 John 6:22-35

Connect with the Ascension Family

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 Website: www.ascension.org.sg
 Event Calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

UPCOMING

12 Jul (Wed) 7am - 8.45am	#parishoftheweek - COA Run COA
12 Jul (Wed) 8pm - 9 pm	Hour of Power Via Zoom
16 Jul (Sun) 8am & 10:30pm	Trinity 6 "I am the Light of the World" Psalm 19:7-14; John 8:12-18 Ps Barnabas Sim



COA will be featured as Parish of the Week 11-16 July.

VICAR'S MESSAGE 9 Jul 2023

Dear COA Family,

Recently the talk of the town has been the Ridout Road saga. Much has been spoken, discussed and even debated in Parliament and at coffeeshops about the circumstances revolving about the rental of B/W bungalows by certain ministers. There have been differing opinions regarding what has transpired.

Yet from a Christian point of view, what mattered most is evidently the high importance and priority that many people attach to earthly wealth, possessions, status, recognition and property possessed by the few. Luxurious housing and large tracts of land, which are out of reach of the common folk, are at the centre of the dispute. Undergirding all of the arguments regarding the appropriateness or not of what has been done, is unmistakably **the high value that modern society has bestowed on earthly treasures.**

What does our Lord Jesus have to say about this? Hear what he says to the rich young ruler in Luke 18:22:

“Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”

The Lord, in response to the young man's question about how to attain eternal life, was actually challenging him to give up his attachment to his earthly possessions. The reason was because in valuing his wealth so highly, the young man had placed his earthly treasure as his god. And no man can serve two masters in his heart – Jesus cannot be the Lord of his life if he continued to love money.

Last Sunday, Angel preached the Youth Sunday's message on God calling Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac on the altar. And just like Abraham, Angel was convicted by the Holy Spirit to sacrifice her love and identity in the sport of netball. Yet, in both cases, the end was much more wonderful and glorious. Abraham received his son back together with God's renewed favour and Angel was greatly blessed. There is much love in our Lord's call for us to surrender earthly things in order for us to receive heavenly treasures!

It is in this light that last week's Collect becomes so meaningful:

*“O God... increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
**we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal.**”*

Let us, in all our doing in this earthly life, never lose sight of and compromise in our faith, such that we risk losing what is eternal and infinite in value – which is the abundant life in God forever and ever!

God bless,

Revd Ian



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

We warmly welcome you to worship with us at our Sunday Services.

The Church Office is open daily from Tuesday to Saturday (9am to 5.30pm), except for public holidays.
Office Phone: 62833988
Emergency contact: 81002203

Sunday Service	Time	Venue
English Traditional Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
English Contemporary Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
Mandarin Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd Sun	10:30am	Ascension Hall (Level 3)

NEW TO COA?

Whether you have joined our service today, onsite or online, or found us on the web, we are glad you have! Do let us know if you would like more information or prayer, or to just give us some feedback. Please contact us at admin@ascension.org.sg

If you are driving to church:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9> (Please contact the church office if you cannot access the online form.)
- We encourage everyone to register for the new decal to enter St Andrew's Village. The SAV guards have the authority to deny entry to vehicle without proper identification.
- Parking in the school compound is allowed on Sundays **only**.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If your home or email address or contact number has been changed, please notify the church office to ensure you continue to receive COA correspondence. You can notify us in any of the following ways:

1. Call the church office at 62833988
2. Email to admin@ascension.org.sg
3. Write to 13 Francis Thomas Drive, Singapore 359339

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY

INTERNET BANKING (BANK TRANSFER)

Account Name: Church of The Ascension
Bank Name: OCBC
Account Number: 511010332001
Reference: Tithing number (if any), and any other description e.g. month of contribution etc.

PAYNOW VIA UEN

- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday school classes start at 10.30am.
The children will be dismissed after 10.30am
English Service.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



BREAKFAST AT LKC

We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers.
Please email Elaine Chin at elainekohwy@yahoo.com.sg or call
the Church Office if you wish to serve in this area.



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The COA Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) starts on 15 Aug for 6 Tuesday evenings
from 7.30pm to 9pm, led by the Vicar and his wife. This course is meant for those who are
exploring or preparing for marriage. Interested participants can sign up with the
Church Office or click [here](#) to sign up.

VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for suitable candidates to fill the following position:

- Associate Chaplain for St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied). Interested applicants,
please click on the below URL <https://ascension.org.sg/id03> and send your resume to
admin@ascension.org.sg

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 12 Jul 2023

Time: 8 pm - 9pm

Join us as one Ascension family to pray and seek the Lord.
The online Prayer Meeting will be conducted via Zoom:
(Click [here](#) for the link.)

Meeting ID: 822 3756 7980

Passcode: matt1820



#PARISHOFTHEWEEK - COA RUN : 12 JULY 2023

The Diocese of Singapore will be launching a campaign, #ParishoftheWeek, from July 2023, where one Anglican parish will be featured each week. COA will be featured as Parish of the Week from 11 to 16 July.

On 12 July, Wednesday, a group of clergy will be leading a run and praying for COA. COA members may also participate in this run (approx. 5.4km). If you are interested in participating in the run or would like to join the fellowship, please contact Clare or call the church office by **2 July**.

All runners will need to be at COA by **7am** on 12 July.

Time	Activity / Description
Before 7am	Parish gates to be opened
7am	All personnel to arrive
7.10am	Briefing by Running clergy
7.25am	Prayer
7.30am	Flag off with members of parish cheering them on
End of Run	Parish to welcome the returning runners
	Light Refreshment and Fellowship
8.45am	Closing prayer and blessings for the parish

For more information about Parish of the Week, please visit the diocesan website at <http://anglican.org.sg/potw>

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

This week, Parish of the Week is Chapel of the Resurrection (COR). Find out more about COR and how you can pray for our sister parish via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or by following the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.

For YouTube Link, please click on [here](#).

REGISTRATION FOR ADMISSION TO P1 IN ANGLICAN SCHOOLS 2024 (PHASE 2B)

MOE has announced the dates for Phase 2B of the Primary One registration:

From: Monday 24 July 2023, 9am

To: Tuesday 25 July 2023, 4.30pm

Result: Monday, 31 July 2023

Parents will need to:

1. Fill up Form A for endorsement by Vicar or authorised person by **17 July 2023** with the following supporting documents:

- a. Child/ward's Birth Certificate
- b. Parent's Baptism and Confirmation Certificates

Form A may be obtained by written request to admin@ascension.org.sg or contacting the church office at 62833988.

Please submit your form to Church office at least two weeks in advance for processing (by 17 July 2023).

2. Submit the endorsed Form A, together with other necessary documents as indicated on the MOE website, within the time period stated above. Submission is to be made through the FormSG using SingPass.

For more info about Phase 2B and the P1 registration exercise, you may visit:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration>

COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR - TEACHING & BRIEFING SESSIONS

For those who have signed up for the Holy Land Study Tour (19 Nov - 1 Dec), there will be teaching and briefing sessions before the trip. The details are as follows:-

Dates: 23 July, 27 Aug, 24 Sept & 22 Oct.

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Venue: Ascension Hall, Level 3

For any queries, please contact 81002203.

PRAYER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS

We are starting a church prayer support group for parents whose children have gone astray or are in need of prayer. The group will meet once a month to:

1. create a safe space for concerned parents to share openly,
2. assure and extend comfort to the parents that they are not alone in this journey, and
3. pray for God's divine intervention in the lives of the children.

The prayer support group's first meeting is on **22 Jul (Sat)** at **9am** in **Ascension Hall**. Interested parents, please contact Ps Edward at 81571244 or email to: edward.z@ascension.org.sg to register.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSES

Baptism Course (Jul-Aug 2023)

Date: 16 Jul – 19 Aug 2023,

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension

Baptism is one of the most significant milestones in a believer's walk with God. It is a public declaration of our personal decision to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Baptism Class

Commencing:
16th July 2023

Contact office for details



Schedule for Baptism Course

Sunday 16 Jul 2023 - Introduction & Salvation
Sunday 23 Jul 2023 - The Apostles' Creed Part 1
Sunday 30 Jul 2023 - The Apostles' Creed Part 2
Sunday 6 Aug 2023 - The Lord's Prayer Part 1
Sunday 13 Aug 2023 - The Lord's Prayer Part 2
Saturday 19 Aug 2023 - Baptism Retreat

Baptism Service: Sunday 27 Aug 2023, 10:30am

To register, please click on the QR code or the link [here](#).



Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

Date: 24 Sep - 28 Oct 2023,

Time: 1:30pm-3pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming Bishop.



The Confirmation Course is for:

1. Those seeking confirmation / membership in Church of the Ascension (COA).
2. Those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at COA.

Schedule for Confirmation Course

Sunday 24 Sep - The Ten Commandments (1-4)
Sunday 1 Oct - The Ten Commandments (5-10)
Sunday 8 Oct - The Work of the Holy Spirit
Sunday 15 Oct - Anglicanism & Church History
Sunday 22 Oct - The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Saturday 28 Oct (10am-12pm) - Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Service: Sunday 29 Oct 2022, 10.30 am

To register, please click on the QR code or the link [here](#).



ALPHA COURSE : JUL - SEP 2023



Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

Those who are searching for the meaning of life

Those who are exploring Christianity and the Church

New Christians or Newcomers to Church

Schedule :

Dates: 16 July – 10 Sep, 2023 Sundays

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Venue: DOS Building, #01-06
No. 1, Francis Thomas Drive

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Singapore 359340

16/7: **Is there More to Life Than This?**

23/7: **Who is Jesus?**

30/7: **Why did Jesus die?**

6/8: **How can we have faith?**

13/8: **Why & how do I pray?**

20/8: **Why and how should I read the Bible?**

26/8 (Sat) 9 am – 3:30 pm **Alpha Weekend**

Venue: 3rd Floor, Ascension Hall, Church of the Ascension.

– **Who is the Holy Spirit?**

– **What does the Holy Spirit do?**

– **How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?**

– **How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**

10/9: **Why and how should I tell others?**

13/9: **How does God guide us?**

Cost: It's free! (Lunch Included)

Register by 9 July! [Click here to register online](#)

Enquiries: admin@ascension.org.sg

Fun Food Trail

Join us for a pre-Alpha activity on

8 July morning!

Get to know the people.

Explore great food around!



Church of the Ascension
July-August Sermon Series



I AM
SAYINGS OF
JESUS

John 8:12

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*"

9 July	Revd Ian Chew	I am the Bread of Life
16 July	Ps Barnabas Sim	I am the Light of the World
23 July	Ps Loke Chi Shyan	I am the Gate for the Sheep
30 July	Ps Edward Zaccheus	I am the Good Shepherd
6 August	Revd Soon Soo Kee	I am the Resurrection and the Life
13 August	Dr Leow Theng Huat	I am the Way, Truth and Life
20 August	Revd Ian Chew	I am the True Vine

STUDYING AND INTERPRETING THE BIBLE BY CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Christian Education 2023

Studying & Interpreting the Bible
with Kua Wee Seng
Saturdays | 1000-1200

- 5 Aug - Gospels & Parables
- 12 Aug - Law & Prophets
- 19 Aug - Psalms & Wisdom Books
- 26 Aug - Book of Revelation

Interested participants may email to
evangelinexhoo@cogsanglican.org



We all interpret the Bible when we read it. The question is whether we interpret it accurately. This course will help us look at selected genres of the Bible and provide basic principles of interpretation of each of the genre. We will also look at selected Bible passage of each genre to learn how to apply the principles of interpretation in understanding the Word of God in the different genres.

Speaker: Mr Kua Wee Seng

Date: 5, 12, 19, 26 August 2023 (Saturday)

Time: 10am - 12nn

Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd
2 Dundee Road S(149454)
Block B, Level 2, Room 1

Interested participants please email: evangelinexhoo@cogsanglican.org

Registration closes on **4 August 2023**

SELF-CARE FOR MENTAL WELL BEING - 22 JUL 2023

Self-Care for Mental Well Being

Date: 22 July 2023

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Venue: Youth Building, Ground Floor, St George's Church, 44 Minden Road

Speaker: Ms Michelle Tan, Outreach Manager, CAL

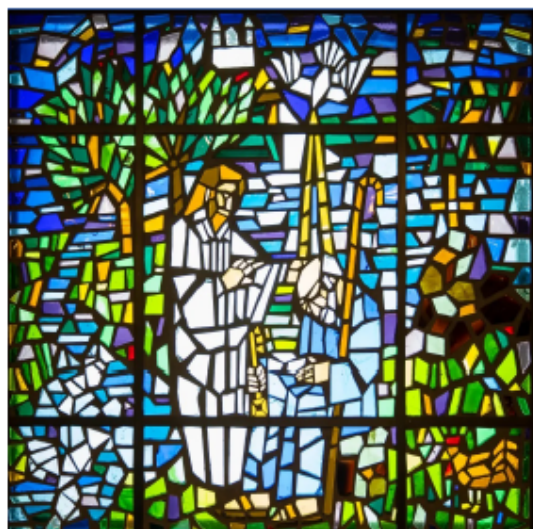
Jointly organised by St George's Church and Caregivers' Alliance Limited (CAL)

The talk will help participants to consider the importance of self-care for their mental well-being and to avoid burnout while caring for others affected by mental or chronic illnesses. Participants will learn practical ways to self-care.

This talk is intended for people who are already carers or see themselves becoming carers in the near future.

Interested participants may find out more and register at this link by **20 July 2023**.

<https://stgeorgeschurch.churchcenter.com/registrations>



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies

*Thursday
Evenings on
Zoom!*

Term 3 2023

Old Testament

Module 3 The Former Prophets (Joshua, Judges, 1&2 Samuel)

Instructor: Revd. Canon Dr. Lewis Lew.
Revd. Aaron Cheng, Dr. Gilbert Tan

10 lessons: 6 Jul – 7 Sep 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 16 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod3>



New Testament

Module 9 The Acts of the Apostles

Instructor: Mr. Stanley Tay

9 lessons: 6 Jul – 31 Aug 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 16 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod9>



Click or scan the QR code to sign up.
Course fees: \$10.00 | Exam fees: \$5.00

Payment instructions provided on registration.

Exam is optional. For more information on DCBS, please visit this link:

<https://sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies/>

For other enquiries, write to dcbs.sph@gmail.com





Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 2 - 8 JUL 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

CHAPEL OF THE RESURRECTION

Vicar:

Revd David Lee

English and Chinese Congregation:

Clergy, staff and members

Leadership Succession

- Establish a strong team of lay leaders and full-time workers to transit COR from a midsize parish to a large one

Growth of both Extension Centres

- Church of the Epiphany (English) and Church of the Epiphany (Chinese)
- Strong Outreach in the two extension centres
- Resources for a sustainable ministry

Area Group

- Gospel partnership in the St Andrew's Village Schools, St Andrew's Hall Chaplaincy and Community Outreach in Potong Pasir

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Risk of dengue fever remains high. Pray that people staying in the affected area will be protected from the dengue virus.

World: Hot weather may result in rise in sea levels. Pray for God's wisdom on governments and business leaders to combat effects of climate change and God's protection of people living in coastal communities.

3) PARISH:

- July - August sermon series: Pray that we will grow in our knowledge of and faith in our Lord through the seven "I Am" Sayings of Jesus series.
- Alpha: Pray for a wonderful response to our upcoming Alpha course starting 16 July. Pray also for God's Spirit to bless the hosts, helpers and all the participants.
- #parishoftheweek - COA 10-16 July. Pray for God's blessing on COA to fulfill her mission to be the light of the world.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

Evelyn Tan, Joanne Lau,
Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin,
Wong Wah Kum, Zephan Heng

Relatives and Friends of COA members

Benjamin (Lesley Ho's nephew) - Hepatitis B
David Yeong (Margaret Onn's husband) - cancer
Sng Hock Meng - healing of the mind
Soo Ngook Khinn (Sien Yee's father) - salvation
Ong Chwee Hock (Ong Siew Chin's brother) -
physiotherapy and lymphoma

For healing

Annie Huan - strength for her legs
Conelius Loo - sleep apnea
Joseph Phua - muscular degeneration
- stones in left kidney.
- urinary tract infection.
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart
Felicia Koh - tiny cyst on the liver.
Awaiting for MRI scan. Pray
for favorable results and no
further tests need to be
done.
Steven Syn - restoration and wellness.
Janet Hale - relief from pain in the
stomach.

"Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.'"

John 6:35