



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, the protector of all who trusts in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: 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; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**2 Jul 2023**

**Trinity 4/Youth Sunday**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Angelina Lim

**Sermon:** "King of My Heart"

**Bible Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:20-26  
Mark 12:28-33

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

## UPCOMING

**6 Jul  
(Thurs)  
10am -  
12:30pm**

**Comlink  
Visit to Peranakan  
Museum**

**8 Jul (Sat)  
7:30am - 9am**

**Men's Network Monthly  
Prayer Meeting**

**9 Jul (Sun)  
8am &  
10:30pm**

**Trinity 5  
"I am the Bread of Life"  
Deuteronomy 8:1-10  
John 6:22-35  
Revd Ian Chew**

**12 Jul  
(Wed)  
8pm - 9 pm**

**Hour of Power  
Via Zoom**



## VICAR'S MESSAGE 2 Jul 2023

Dear COA Family,

We live in a competitive world where many seek to outdo others in order to be recognised and rewarded. In many instances, if we do not position ourselves to take credit for an achievement, we can find ourselves losing out to others when it comes to staff appraisal. In my previous career, the annual staff evaluation and ranking exercise was a much feared event!

When it comes to our Christian life, however, we are called to do nothing out of selfish ambition but value others above ourselves in humility (Philippians 2:3). We are told by our Lord Jesus that greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:13). Our Christian attitudes and mind-set is a totally different one from the dog-eat-dog world out there.

Yet surprisingly, there is one area in our Christian life that we are commanded to outdo one another. And it is in the area of showing honour.

Romans 12:10 tells us: "Love one another with brotherly affection. **Outdo one another in showing honor.**"

In other words, here is an area of our actions and behaviour that we should not lose out to others. We should not lose out in giving credit and praise to one another.

Imagine this scenario: in our church community, people are regularly praising and giving credit to others. Good things are attributed to someone else and thanksgivings for individuals fill the church conversations. What a wonderful and faith building environment that would be!

However, I have often witnessed and experienced the opposite. In many areas of my interactions throughout my life, I have heard more complaints, criticisms, gossiping and backbiting of others coupled with self-exaltation, boasting of oneself and credit claiming. I have also often been guilty of such behaviour myself. And as I take time to reflect on such encounters, they have always left me (and perhaps others) deflated, discouraged and afraid. These behaviours do not build up our community life nor give glory to God.

This is why, this week, the Lord commands us to live in an opposite spirit. We should intentionally see the good in the other person. We should actively look for ways to praise and speak well of brothers or sisters before others. We should give honour and credit others for actions well done instead of highlighting our own achievements.

Let us live in a different spirit and see the Lord's transformation of our community in a miraculous way. Don't lose out to others in showing honour to another in the area that truly matters!

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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

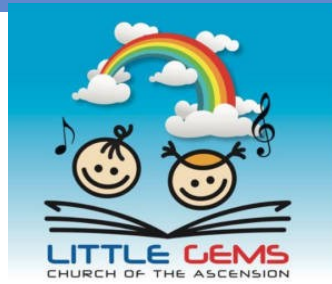


## COA CHILDREN MINISTRY

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

\* KFC will be held at MPH.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



## BREAKFAST AT LKC

We are appealing for generous contributors and volunteers.  
Please email Elaine Chin at [elainekohwy@yahoo.com.sg](mailto: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/jd03> and send your resume to  
[admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

## HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

**Date:** Wed 12 July 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



**MEN'S NETWORK MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING - 8 JUL 2023**



**MONTHLY  
PRAYER**  
*Meeting*

**Saturday 8 July 2023  
7.30am | Ascension Hall**

**— All are welcome —**

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to the following members on their recent bereavement:

- David Wong, on the passing of his mother, Mdm Chan Poh Kon, who was called home to be with the Lord on 27 June 2023.
- Goh Lee Eng, on the passing of her mother, Mdm Chong Choon Moi, who was called home to be with the Lord on 28 June 2023.

Let's keep David and Lee Eng and their respective families in our prayers.

## 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](mailto: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>

## 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](mailto: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



# *Peranakan Museum*

**DATE: 6 JUL 23 (THURS)**

**TIME: 10AM TO 12.30PM**

**VENUE: CITY HALL MRT (EXIT B)**

**FEES: FOC (SINGAPOREANS & PRS)  
\$12 PER ADULT (FOREIGNERS)**

**REGISTER BY: 4 JUL 2023**

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION AT  
6283-3988 (OFFICE HOURS ONLY, CLOSED ON MONDAY)**

*The organiser reserves the right to cancel the event should unforeseen circumstances occur.*

## #PARISH OF THE WEEK - 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.  
Below is the programme for your reference:

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity / Description</b>
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>

# Diocesan Theological Studies Module 7 The Christian and the Church

4 JULY TO 22 AUGUST 2023 (EVERY TUESDAY)

7.30 - 9.30 PM

VIA ZOOM

COST: \$20

REGISTER: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3OXER8K](https://bit.ly/3OXER8K)

CONTACT PERSON: LUCILLA TEOH, LUCILLATEOH.DTS@GMAIL.COM

### TEACHING TEAM

REVD GARY CHNG

PASTOR GABRIEL JUSTIN TAN

REVD WILLIAM CHEE

REVD THOMAS J. ISAAC

REVD DR JEREMY-JOE TAN

PRESENTED BY:



THE DIOCESE  
of SINGAPORE

## The Christian and the Church

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18 ESV).

The Church is a key part of the life of a Christian. Just because protestant Christianity rejects the doctrine that

salvation comes through the Church or that the Church is the ark of salvation, the Church should not be thought of as just an addendum to Christian life. In Ephesians, we read that God has a marvelous plan for and through the Church in the world today and all of us, when we believe and follow Jesus,

are part of the Church, which is the body of Christ. The Christian life is lived within a local church.

Topics include: History and Nature of the Church, Sacraments and Ordinances of the Church, The Church and Society and in the World.

### REGISTRATION:

**Dates:** 4 July to 22 August 2023 (Every Tuesday)

**Time:** 7.30 - 9.30 pm Via Zoom

**Cost:** \$20

Register via: <https://bit.ly/3OXer8k>

## 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>

ST JAMES' CHURCH MARKETPLACE EVENT "GOD @ WORK" -

14 JUL23

# GOD@WORK

MARKETPLACE  
MOVEMENT &  
MENTORSHIP



## Rev. Barney Lau

Friday 14 July 2023, 8pm  
St. James' Church (Sanctuary 1)  
1 Leedon Road (S) 267828

*Light refreshments will be served from 7.15pm onwards*

### God is deep at work... Are you hearing His call?

God is deep at work and on the move - often quietly but patiently and strategically shaping His will and plans. We may not always recognize it, but in our everyday lives we bear witness to God and His work; being invited and called to the missional venture of His Church - His faith enterprise.

**God@Work → Church@Work → Us@Work!**

Join us to hear from Barney Lau, a seasoned leader with extensive marketplace and pastoral experience. With an impressive career at Fortune 50 MNCs and diverse leadership roles at Covenant Evangelical Free Church (EFC) and Global Alliance of IDMC, Barney brings a wealth of marketplace knowledge. Now, in his third season of life, ministry and career, Barney is an independent leadership and team coach, facilitator and consultant.

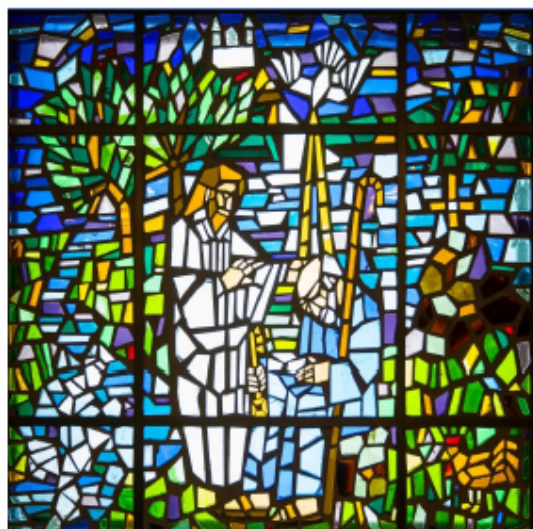
Let's hear, heed, live and share this calling!



Register at:  
[tinyurl.com/  
sjc-m3-202307](https://tinyurl.com/sjc-m3-202307)



Interested participants may register at <https://forms.gle/MwK6BeKiVeLhNAZt7>.  
Registration closes on 9 July 2023.



# 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](mailto:dcbs.sph@gmail.com)





*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 25 JUN - 1 JUL 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Vicar:

Revd Victor Teo

Associate Vicar:

Revd Glenn Chan

English and Mandarin Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

St Hilda's Primary School:

Principal and staff

St Hilda's Secondary School:

Principal and staff

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for students, parents, and teachers who have just begun the new school term to adjust well. Pray also for the Primary 6s preparing for the PSLE.

Myanmar: Pray for peace in Myanmar as violence in the country is expected to worsen with civilians given the right to bear arms.

### 3) PARISH:

- July - August sermon series: Pray that everyone will discover deeper revelations of the characteristics of Jesus, as we begin the "I Am" Sayings of Jesus series.
- Pray for many interested to find out more about Christianity to sign up for the Alpha course starting 16 July. Pray also for God's Spirit to lead and guide the group leaders and helpers.

### 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.

*“ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

Mark 12:33