



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please You; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**13 Aug 2023**

**Trinity 10**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Dr Leow Theng Huat

**Sermon:** "I am the Way, Truth and Life"

**Bible Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-8  
John 14:1-11

Connect with the Ascension Family



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

## UPCOMING

**17 Aug  
(Thur)  
9:45am -  
11:30am**

**Comlink  
"What's A Cooking"  
Kueh Salat  
LKC Hall**

**20 Aug  
(Sun)  
8am &  
10:30am**

**Trinity 11  
"I am the True Vine"  
John 15:1-8  
Revd Ian Chew**

**25 Aug  
(Fri)  
10:30am-  
12:30pm**

**Elder Fellowship Holy  
Communion Service  
Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)  
Revd Soon Soo Kee**

## VICAR'S MESSAGE 13 AUG 2023

Dear COA Family,

What is Christian hope?

Hope is an often misunderstood word.

We usually refer to hope as a sincere wish for something to take place in the future. Some examples include:

- I hope that it will not rain tomorrow.
- I hope that my boss will be kind to me.
- I hope that I will be able to marry a rich wife.

All of these statements have something in common. They may express our hopes for the future, but we cannot be certain that they will happen. If they do take place, we are happy; but if they do not, it cannot be helped. Hope then has that element of *uncertainty* to it.

This does not describe the Christian hope at all.

Just see this verse from the book of Hebrews: "*We have **this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.** It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf*" (6:19-20).

In other words, **the Christian hope is so sure and certain that it is the foundation of all of our life.** We don't live in trepidation each day wondering if God's promise will come true for us or not. Instead, we are absolutely certain that the eternal life he has promised to us will be our possession forever because of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!

That is the difference between earthly hope and Christian hope. We must never confuse the two!

What's more – we can also grow stronger in our hope as we trust in God each day. The greater we grow in our confidence in Christ, the stronger we can live our Christian life. The apostle Paul writes, "*Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame,*" (Romans 5:3-4).

As we stay faithful and persevere in praising and serving God in the trials that we face in our daily lives, our hope is strengthened each day. And this hope will not only be the anchor for our souls, it will also show itself to be sure and true. It will never let us down.

Aren't you thankful for this Christian hope that we have? It is not uncertain like the world's hope, but it is firm and sure just as God's promises are always trustworthy. Such a firm foundation frees us from fear and anxiety and leads us to live lives filled with faith!

Let us live in Christ's hope always!

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) or click on the link and kindly fill in the form to help us keep in touch with you. Click [here](#).

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.

## 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

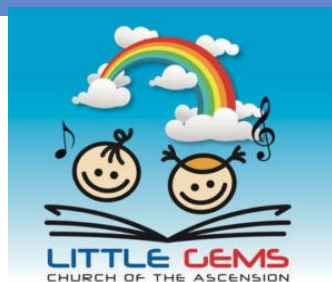
- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



## 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

Welcome to our 'Refreshment Corner' and enjoy your fellowship with the food and beverage.

We praise God and are grateful for the generous monetary contribution we have been receiving.

If anyone is interested in contributing in kind (eg. food and drinks), please contact Elaine Koh (94511625) or Clare at the church office. In consideration of hygiene and proper coordination, we seek your kind cooperation in informing Elaine or Clare before placing any food contribution at the 'Refreshment Corner'.



## 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)

## 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 **26 Aug (Sat)** at **9am** in **Ascension Hall**.

Interested parents, please contact Ps Edward at 81571244 or email to: [edward.z@ascension.org.sg](mailto:edward.z@ascension.org.sg) to register.

## 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:** 27 Aug, 24 Sept & 22 Oct.

**Time:** 12.30pm - 2pm

**Venue:** Ascension Hall, Level 3

## CONFIRMATION COURSES

### Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

**Date:** 24 Sep - 28 Oct 2023,

**Time:** 1 pm-2,30pm

**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  
service conducted by Bp Rennis Ponniah



## WORSHIP MINISTRY - DRUM LESSONS

**Interested in  
learning to play  
the drums?**

**Drum lessons  
conducted by Shaun Ho  
Fri evenings or Sun afternoons**

### **Requirements**

- willing to learn and practice
- willing to serve God through drumming for worship

**Contact Eliza at 90882443 to sign up**

# What's A Cooking ?

## *Kueh Salat*



**DATE:** 17 AUG 23 (THURS)  
**TIME:** 9.45AM TO 11.30AM  
**COST :** \$6 PER PERSON  
**VENUE :** LKC HALL, CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION  
**CLOSING DATE :** 11 AUG 23

To register, please call Church of the Ascension at  
6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday)

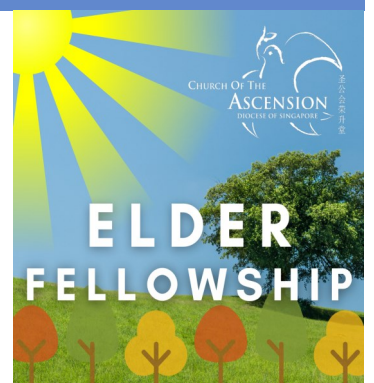
The organiser reserves the right to cancel the event should any  
unforeseen circumstances arise.

## ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Date:** Friday, 25 Aug 2023  
**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm  
**Venue:** Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)  
**Speaker:** Revd Soon Soo Kee

Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.

Do join us if you are 60 years and above. Please contact the  
Church Office for registration and more information.



# 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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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?**

3/9: **How does God guide us?**

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

**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)

# SAV Family Day



8 Oct 2023, Sunday

9am-1:30pm

St. Andrew's Junior  
College





CHURCH CAMP 2024

*Church of the Ascension*

# Church Camp 2024

**FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSES  
TOGETHER**

**DATE: 1ST - 4TH JUNE**

**VENUE: AMERALD RESORT  
HOTEL, DESARU**

**SPEAKERS:**

**REVD TIMOTHY &  
MRS JOYCE EWING CHOW -**

*More details to come*

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ...**

# BIDADARI KIDS CLUB

**FOR A TIME OF GAMES, STORIES, CRAFT, SONGS**

Program is catered for 9 years and below, all ages are welcomed



**DATE: EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS (EXCLUDING PH)**  
**TIME: 6-7PM**  
**LOCATION: PLAYGROUND BETWEEN 106B & 108A BIDADARI PARK DR (NEAR PRIME SUPERMARKET)**



**JOIN OUR WHATSAPP CHAT FOR LATEST UPDATES !**



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## BIDADARI KIDS CLUB - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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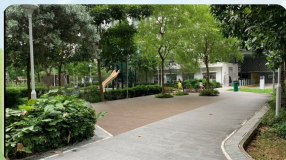
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

### Details of Event

Event Name: Bidadari Kids Club

Date/Time: Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays (excluding PH), 6pm to 7pm

Venue: Playground between Blk 106B and 108A Bidadari Park Drive (near Prime Supermarket)

Objective: Reach out to children (aged 3 to 9) and their caregivers in Bidadari. Join us as.....

- Curriculum planner
- Game Master
- Story Teller
- Registration/ Parents' Liaison
- Audio-visual/ Technical Photographer/Videographer
- Befriender to parents
- Visitation team

Please sign up at <https://forms.gle/3BicNMCXLgFEKzWT6>

For enquiries, please contact Karen Wong @ mobile: 98234044 or email [wongkaren@goodnews.org.sg](mailto:wongkaren@goodnews.org.sg)

## DIOCESAN DIGEST (JULY 2023)



The latest issue of the Diocesan Digest is out! Find out the latest news and developments within the diocese. Download your copy at [www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/](http://www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/)



## NATIONAL DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2023 - 17 AUG

### National Day Thanksgiving Service 2023

Let us come together with praise and  
thanksgiving unto our God for Singapore

Thursday 17 August, 7:45pm to 8:45pm  
St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary

Message by Rt Rev Lu Guan Hoe  
"May All The Peoples Praise You, God"

No registration required



The National Council of Churches Singapore (NCCS) will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 58th National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service. All Christians are invited to join this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we seek the Lord together for Singapore.

**No registration is required.**

**Date:** Thursday 17 August 2023

**Time:** 7:45pm to 8:45pm

**Venue:** St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary

## #PARISHOFTHETWEEK – CHURCH OF THE TRUE LIGHT

- The Diocese of Singapore is embarking on a 2-year campaign: Parish of the Week, where one parish is featured per week.
  - This week, the Parish of the Week is Church of the True Light (COTL). You can view a video about HTC via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.
  - For YouTube Link, please click [here](#).
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## TTC OPEN HOUSE 2023

TTC  
OPEN HOUSE  
2023



Considering a theological education?

Come join us for lectures, worship at our chapel, to dine with our community, to tour our campus, and to interact with our faculty and students.

Wed 23 Aug 2023 | 8.30am–2pm  
Trinity Theological College  
490 Upper Bukit Timah Rd  
Register by Sun 20 Aug 2023  
at [ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse2023](https://ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse2023)  
or via this QR code



## DIOCESE OF SABAH PRAYER CONFERENCE: PROMISE OF BREAKTHROUGH

DIOCESAN PRAYER CONFERENCE  
教区祷告大会

PROMISE OF  
**BREAK  
THROUGH**  
突破的应许

MICAH  
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30/08 - 01/09  
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH  
TAWAU

REGISTER NOW  
**RM100**  
CLOSING DATE: AUGUST 1st, 2023

<https://bit.ly/PRAYCON23>

Join us for a powerful time of prayer as we seek God's guidance and blessing for our personal lives, families, churches, and nations. Together, we pray strategically with deeper understanding for the church and our nation. We will also focus on praying for Sabah, asking God to break through spiritual strongholds and bring salvation, transformation and revival to the region.

**Date:** 30 Aug - 1 Sep 2023

**Venue:** St Patrick's Church, Tawau, Sabah, Malaysia

Closing Date: **30 August 2023**

Interested participants may find out more and register at <http://bit.ly/PRAYCON23>



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 13 - 19 AUG 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### CHURCH OF TRUE LIGHT

Vicar:

English, Chinese and Tamil Congregations:

Revd Canon Barry Leong  
Clergy, staff and parishioners

Finances

- Members will have faith that the Lord will provide for the parish financially.

Growth

- Growth in both the quantity and quality of disciples.

Greater Harvest

- More people will come to faith through the various outreach efforts and that the parish will witness more baptisms.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's leading the right Presidential candidates to contest for the elections and lead Singapore. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom on him so that he can govern in righteousness and integrity.

World: Pray for relief from the heatwaves that are affecting many countries in the world. Pray also for God's protection and deliverance of people caught in wildfires, typhoons and floods fuelled by global climate change.

### 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 Weekend on 26 Aug: Pray for God's Holy Spirit to speak and move mightily amongst our hosts, helpers, and participants during the Weekend.
- Confirmation: Pray for good response to the class starting on 24 Sep, leading to the Confirmation Service on 29 Oct. Pray that God's Spirit will move the hearts of those considering affirming their commitments to live a life of committed discipleship through confirmation.

### 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.  
Felicia Koh - tiny cyst on the liver.  
Pray for favorable results and no  
further tests need to be done.  
Zephan Heng - ALP in the liver to be back to normal  
level and good report for test results.  
Steven Syn - restoration and wellness.  
Janet Hale - relief from pain in the stomach.  
Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss of red blood cells  
Jasmine Tan - health and protection of baby.  
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

*"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'"*

John 14:6