



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

**COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

**27 Aug 2023**  
**Trinity 12**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Ps Leow Wen Pin

**Sermon:** "Including People with Special Needs"

**Bible Reading:** Galatians 6:1-10;  
Luke 14:12-14

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

**UPCOMING**

<b>2 Sept (Sat)</b> 7:30am - 9am	<b>Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting</b> Ps Edward Zaccheus Ascension Hall
<b>3 Sept (Sun)</b> 8am & 10:30am	<b>Trinity 13</b> "Jesus Letters to the Seven Churches - Who is Jesus Now?" Revelation 1 Revd Ian Chew
<b>10 Sept (Sun)</b> 7pm - 9pm	<b>Young Adult Fellowship</b> Bangkok Street Mookata
<b>13 Sept (Wed)</b> 8pm - 9pm	<b>Hour of Power</b> Via Zoom
<b>16 Sept (Sat)</b> 9am - 4pm	<b>AWM Fellowship</b> Dancing Though the Seasons Multi-Purpose Hall

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

What is the basis of our unity as the people of God?

The apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4:4-6:

*“There is **one body** and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

In other words, our unity is based on God and his work accomplished through our Lord Jesus Christ in our lives, and not based on anything we do. We are therefore called to maintain this unity among us in the bond of peace. That is, not to quarrel over and take offence regarding minor issues.

Why am I raising this up at this time?

This is because there are many man-made issues that can divide our unity in the body of Christ. We should recognise that these factors are not legitimate ones to be divided over. God's unity achieved through the Spirit of God should be placed above all!

One current issue is the Presidential elections in Singapore coming up in a few days time. For the first time in years, Singaporeans will have the opportunity to go to the polls to choose the next President of Singapore. And many citizens have strong views about who the next President should be.

This is also the case among the Christian community in Singapore. Many members whom I have spoken have strong views about who is suitable as the next President. In fact, there are also prominent Singaporean Christian leaders who have gone public on Facebook stating why a certain candidate is suitable and even castigating others for holding an alternative view and supporting other candidates.

I find this unhelpful because our unity in Christ transcends our political views. Our choices of candidates should not cause us to think that others who think otherwise are unworthy of being our brothers or sisters. By rejecting one another over different political views cheapens the gospel and grace of Christ!

What God has done to save us is infinitely greater than our differences of views across the political spectrum. That is why you will never hear me share my political views not because I don't have any, but because I am the pastor over the entire flock of God in COA, whether you may be a government or opposition supporter. And everyone of us is accepted in the body of Christ by the grace of God! (Of course, if there is a candidate who possesses a serious moral flaw or espouses clearly unchristian views; we would have to take a stand.)

So church, in this coming week, let's do two things.

Firstly, pray that God by his grace will appoint the right candidate to be the Singaporean President through the electoral process. And secondly, accept and embrace one another regardless of the political views we may hold. For God's grace and salvation accomplished in our lives is greater than any of man's work, to let it divide us and destroy the precious unity we have in the Spirit.

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



### About the speaker

Pastor Leow Wen Pin is a Management Committee member of St. Andrew's Autism Centre (SAAC). He is also the President of the Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN), a disability mission organisation that enables the Church to welcome and disciple people of all abilities. He has written several books on disability inclusion in the Church. Scan the QR Code to find out more about him.



[www.leowwenpin.com](http://www.leowwenpin.com)

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### About SAAC

SAAC serves persons with autism and their families, journeying with them through their various challenges at different life stages.

**We see a world where persons with autism lead dignified and meaningful lives, regardless of their abilities.**



[www.saac.org.sg](http://www.saac.org.sg)

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**In celebration of SAAC's  
18th Anniversary, join us in a**



**14 October 2023**

Saturday, 4pm - 8pm

St. Andrew's Junior College



[walkofalifetime.sg](http://walkofalifetime.sg)

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

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

\*There will be no Sunday School next week  
(3 Sept) due to Teachers' Day Appreciation  
Lunch.

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)

## 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 (Today), 24 Sept & 22 Oct.

**Time:** 12.30pm - 2pm

**Venue:** Ascension Hall, Level 3

## HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

**Date:** Wed 13 Sept 2023

**Time:** 8pm - 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



## CONFIRMATION COURSE

### Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

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

**Time:** 1pm - 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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR USHER MINISTRY

The Usher Ministry is looking for more people to serve in our English 8am and 10.30am services. We not only serve to facilitate the smooth running of the service, but also are the **first point of welcome for new visitors**. If you would like to join us, please contact the church office.

## CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE - 1 SEPT 2023

The church office will be closed on 1 Sept (Friday) - Polling Day for the President Election. The office will reopen on 2 Sept (Saturday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

MEN'S NETWORK MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING - 2 SEPT 2023

# AN HONEST RESPONSE TO PRAYER



Speaker  
Pastor Edward

MONTHLY  
**Prayer**  
*Meeting*

Saturday 2 Sep 2023  
7.30am | Ascension Hall

— All are welcome —

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP - 10 SEPT 2023



All Young Adults (aged 21-35 ),  
Scan here to register!

# Marvelous MOOKata

10 Sept 2023. Sunday  
7.00pm - 9.00pm  
Bangkok Street Mookata - Lor 8 Toa Payoh



This event is organized for Young Adults (aged 21—35 years old).  
Please sign up by **3 Sept** and contact Angel (81390411) or Aaron Cheang (96467489) for  
any enquiries.

# **Dancing Through The Seasons**

**ONE DAY  
PRAISE &  
WORSHIP**

**Saturday, 16 Sep 2023  
from 9.00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Church of The Ascension  
Multi Purpose Hall  
Cost \$20.00 (Breakfast,  
Lunch & Door Gift)**

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**Registration: Jenny Ho (97730110)  
Ascension Women Ministry  
Church of The Ascension**



## SAV FAMILY DAY - 8 OCT 2023 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)



### SAV Family Day Volunteers

We need help in these areas:

- 1) Station game masters
- 2) Buffet servers
- 3) Set up (7th Oct Saturday) & tear down crew
- 4) Videographers & photographers
- 5) Befrienders

Interested members please contact:  
Andrew Cheang (97583870)  
Angelina (81390411)

## SAV FAMILY DAY - 8 OCT 2023 (REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT)



### SAV Family Day

8 Oct, Sunday | 9am-1.30pm  
St Andrew's Junior College



Tickets are available  
for purchase  
Scan here to register  
online & make payment  
(NO CASH)

Enter UEN/Bill Reference No.  
SAV Family Day

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:**

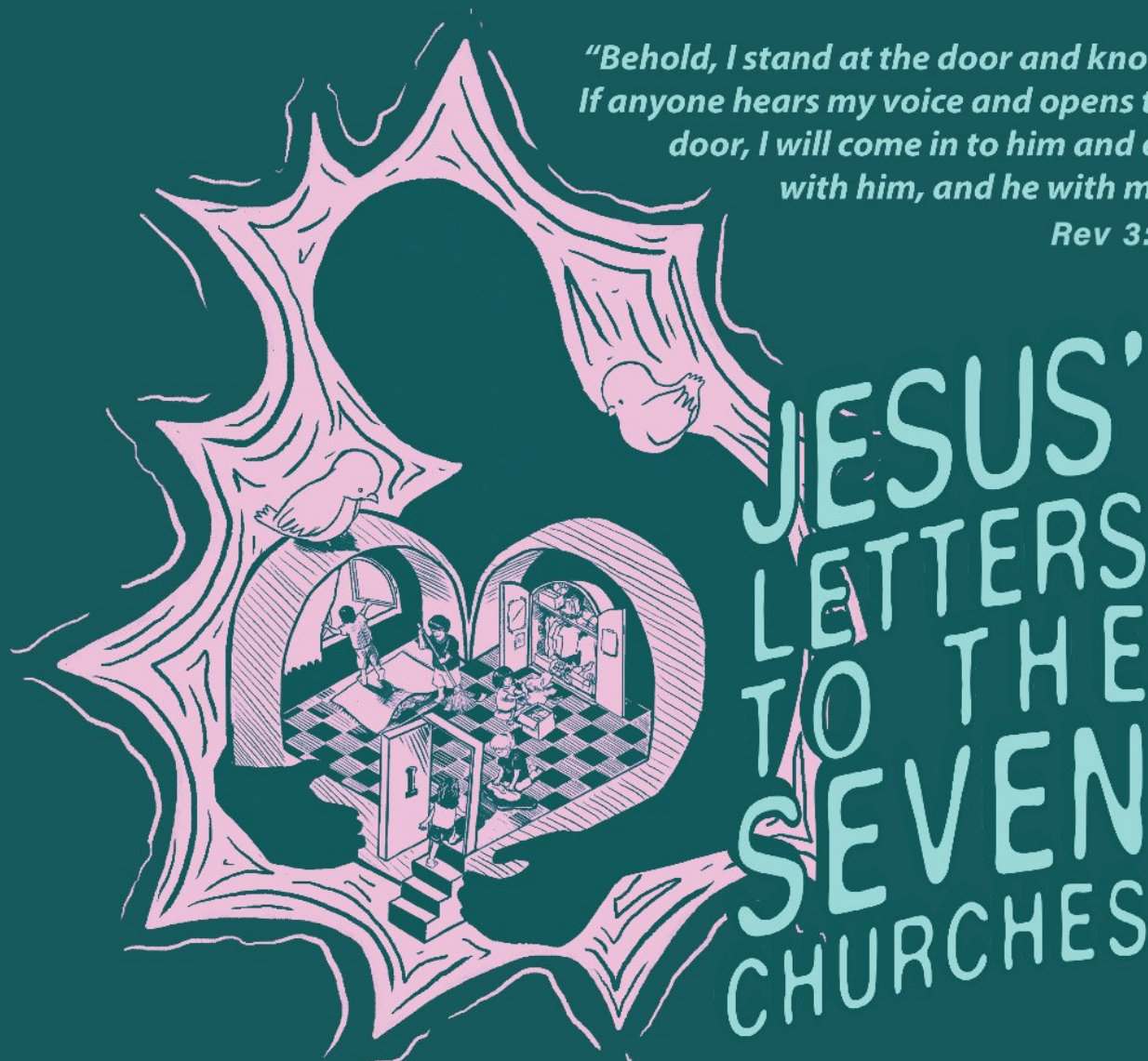
**REVD TIMOTHY &  
MRS JOYCE EWING CHOW -**

*More details to come*

## SEPTEMBER -- NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the  
door, I will come in to him and eat  
with him, and he with me."*

*Rev 3:20*



3 Sep	<i>Revelation: Who is Jesus Now?</i>	Revd Ian Chew
10 Sep	<i>Ephesus - How to Rekindle First Love?</i>	Revd Soon Soo Kee
17 Sep	<i>Smyrna - Faithfulness to What End?</i>	Ps Barnabas Sim
24 Sep	<i>Pergamum - How Dangerous is Compromise?</i>	Revd Stephen Lim
1 Oct	<i>Thyatira - Tolerance: Virtue or Vice?</i>	Ps Edward Zaccheus
5 Nov	<i>Sardis - What is Your Reputation Worth?</i>	Revd Jeremy Joe Tan
12 Nov	<i>Philadelphia - What are Open Doors?</i>	Ps Jamie Harris
19 Nov	<i>Laodicea - Which Perspective is Right?</i>	Revd Ian Chew

**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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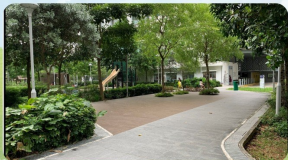
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

### 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

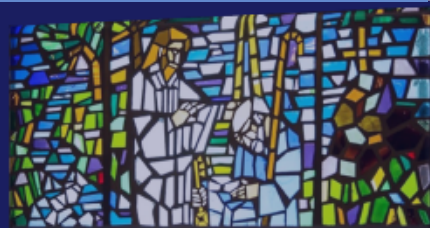
Please sign up at <https://forms.gle/3BicNMCXLgFEKzWT6>

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

# ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) - TERM 4



## Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



### Old Testament

#### Module 4A 1&2 Kings, Isaiah

Instructors: Revd. William Chee  
Mrs. Bernice Gan

10 lessons: 14 Sep – 16 Nov 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 25 Nov

Click <https://tinyurl.com/DCBSModule4A>

Or Scan the QR code to register!



### New Testament

#### Module 10 Romans & Galatians

Instructor: Revd. Bertram Cheong  
Revd. Hambali Leonardi  
Ms. Vivien Chen

9 lessons: 14 Sep – 9 Nov 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 25 Nov

Click <https://tinyurl.com/DCBSModule10>

Or Scan the QR code to register!



## DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE MODULE 2: THE EVIDENCES

### DIOCESE APOLOGETICS COURSE MODULE 2: THE EVIDENCES FOR CHRISTIANITY

TEACHER: DR ANDREW LOKE

DATE: 6TH SEPTEMBER – 25TH OCTOBER 2023 (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

TIME: 7.30PM TO 9.30PM, VIA ZOOM COST: \$20.00

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CONTACT PERSON: MS LUCILLA TEOH (LUCILLATEOH.DTS@GMAIL.COM)

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

PRESENTED BY DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE & ST. PETER'S HALL

# DIOCESE OF SABAH PRAYER CONFERENCE: PROMISE OF BREAKTHROUGH



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>

## DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES MODULE 8: THE CHRISTIAN AND THE LAST THINGS

### DTS Module 8: The Christian and the Last Things

Presented by Diocese of Singapore & St Peter's Hall

#### Teaching Team:

Revd William Chee

Revd Thomas Isaac

Revd Gary Chng

Revd Hambali Leonardi

Canon Terry Wong

Dates: 12 Sept – 31 Oct 2023 (Every Tuesday)

Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm Via Zoom

Cost: \$20.00

Contact: Ms Lucilla Teoh ([lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com](mailto:lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com))

Register: <https://bit.ly/47ffwyG>



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 27 AUG - 2 SEPT 2023**

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

**DEANERY OF THAILAND**  
**Home Base Coordinator:**  
**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THAILAND (ACT)**  
Christ Church, Bangkok

**Dean:** Revd Canon Yee Ching Wah  
Revd Tang Wai Lung

**Vicar:** Revd Matthew Fitters

Priests, deaconess, pastoral workers, and officers serving in: Christ Church Bangkok, Christ Church Banchang, Christ Church Sawang Daen Din, Korat Phisut Logos Centre, Rangsit Anglican Church, Lat Krabang Anglican Church, Po Karen Churches in Omkoi District, Lisu Churches in Pai District, St Andrew's Centre Chiangmai, Rainbowland Child Development Centre, Baan Thor Rung School Banchang, Sriaunda School Chiangmai, Timothy House, Cornerstone Student Centre, Thai Anglican Church Foundation and Rainbowland Community Services Foundation.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

**Singapore:** Polling Date for President election on 1 Sept. Pray for God's guidance on Singaporeans to elect the right President for Singapore and for him to lead in righteousness, justice, love and compassion.

**Thailand:** Pray for wise and peaceful responses to the appointment of Mr Srettha Thavisin as the next Prime Minister. Pray for God's sovereign will to be done in Thailand through the appointment of this new Prime Minister.

### 3) PARISH

- Sept - Nov sermon series: Pray that we will grow to have deeper revelations of who our Lord Jesus is and the church through Jesus' letters to the seven churches.
- 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.
- Teachers' Day: We thank God for our educators and pray that God will continue to strengthen and sustain them in their important work in moulding our future .

### 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

*"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."  
Galatians 6:9*