



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God who desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of Your truth, grant our rulers wisdom, a heart of compassion and a desire for righteousness and justice.
 Help us to submit in all goodness to our leaders and pray regularly for them that we may live quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6 Aug 2023
Trinity 9

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Sermon: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

Bible Reading: 1 Cor 15:12-20
 John 11:17-27

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

UPCOMING

13 Aug
(Sun)
8am &
10:30am

Trinity 10
 "I am the Way, Truth and Life"
 John 14:1-11
 Dr Leow Theng Huat

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

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

18 - 19 Aug
(Fri - Sat)

Men's Network Retreat
 St Giles Hotel
 Revd Ian Chew
 Ps Edward Zaccheus



The church office will be closed on 9 August (Wednesday). The office will reopen on 10 August (Thursday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

VICAR'S MESSAGE 6 AUG 2023

Dear COA Family,

An interesting story is told in 1 Samuel 17.

David had been sent by his father to bring food to his brothers. While there, he heard the taunts of the Philistine champion Goliath against the Israelites. He then asked the men around him, "*What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel?*" (v26).

His eldest brother heard of his questioning and, strangely enough, became angry with him. He said, "*Why have you come down? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption and the evil of your heart; for you have come down just to see the battle.*" (v 28). David's brother had judged that David was selfish and self-centred in his actions and was therefore a nuisance.

This story illustrates very clearly one chief cause in the breakdown of our communication and relationship with one another. It is the **unwarranted (and often untrue) assumptions** that we make of another person's words or actions. David's motivation to preserve God's glory was misread by his brother as being a busybody and a glory-hunter for himself.

How many times have we made wrong assumptions of the intents and motivations of others because of wrong perspectives? If we are honest with ourselves, we have been guilty of that on many occasions. We see the actions and hear the words of others and form our assumptions based on our imperfect understanding and experiences.

Just recently, I counselled a couple. They were struggling with serious issues in their marriage and were on the verge of calling it quits. As I spoke with them, I realised where a root cause of their deep conflict came from.

Both the husband and wife thought the worst of each other. The husband thought that whatever the wife did or did not do) was to provoke him to the point of health breakdown. The wife thought that the husband did not cherish the marriage and was ready to end it at any time. It therefore did not matter what any one of them said or did, all of their words and actions were interpreted in a negative light. They needed to first challenge and change their assumptions of the other person's motives.

Beloved, the Bible reminds all of us to be "**quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God**" (James 1:19-20). The apostle James fully understands our human tendency to rush into judgment of others and provides excellent advice on how we can respond.

Let us always remain humble and always question our own assumptions of someone else's words and actions before responding:

- Are our assumptions based on our own imperfect perspectives and experiences, or are they based on God's truths?
- Are our immediate conclusions of others right or are they skewed according to our biases?
- Are we judging others through our own lens or God's word?

It is always good to pause and stop ourselves from jumping to conclusion, become angry with others and criticise others for their actions. It is always good to examine our own hearts thoroughly. And it is always good to listen intently to others.

As we continually challenge our assumptions of others, align our thoughts with God's word and open our hearts to the Spirit's conviction, we will receive God's wisdom to make the right judgments and grow in greater understanding of ourselves. And this will only serve to grow our relationships with others – by not judging with wrong judgments and by relating with others out of a heart of humility.

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 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
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

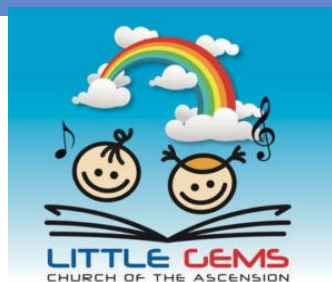
- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



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

VICAR AWAY (5 - 9 AUG 2023)

Revd Ian and Vincent Lim will be in Thailand from 5-9 August on a mission exploration and engagement trip with the Deanery of Thailand leaders. Please keep them in prayer.

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 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

For any queries, please contact 81002203.

USHER MINISTRY - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

I CAN SERVE!



Volunteer as an Usher in COA

Be used by God to touch lives in this ministry!

Come and find out more on the 12th of August

@1030am in the Ascension Hall

See you there!

Please contact the Church office for more information

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

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?**

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

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.

Men's Network Retreat 2023

Speakers

Sat: Pastor Ian Chew

Sun: Pastor Edward

19/8 - 20/8

St. Giles Hotel

The Mall Mid Valley Southkey (JB)

\$200/pax

Spouse \$150/pax 2 lunch are included.

Without joining meeting

Cost including: Hotel room (Twin sharing w/breakfast), Conference Room
for 2 days with 2 lunch & 2 Teabreaks.
Two ways tranfer from COA - Hotel - COA (MPV)

All are welcome



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.*"

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| 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 |

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/



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

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

- 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 Holy Trinity Church (HTC). 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](#).

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
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
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MICAH 弥迦书
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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: 6 - 11 AUG 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Vicar:

English and Chinese Congregations:

Rt Revd Low Jee King

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Committed Leaders

- Leaders to commit themselves in serving the Lord with their gifts and talents

Effective sharing of the gospel.

- Members to be able to share the gospel effectively in the various outreach efforts, bringing more people to the Kingdom of God.

Spiritual Revival

- The parish to experience renewal and continue to further advance the Kingdom of God.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: We pray for God's peace and protection on us as a nation as we celebrate our 58th National Day. We pray for God's wisdom for our leaders to lead in righteousness and integrity. We pray for growth of love and care for those in our midst who are suffering in body and mind.

Thailand: Pray for political stability and wisdom on the government and leaders to cope with drought and maximise rice production among the farmers.

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 Alpha course which has commenced on 16 July. Pray also for God's Spirit to continue to bless the hosts, helpers and all the participants.
- Pray for God's wisdom and protection on Vicar and Vincent as they meet with the church leaders in Thailand to chart future direction for mission outreach.

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.

Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss
of red blood cells

Jasmine Tan - health and protection of
baby.

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;'"

John 11:25