



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into Your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship You in spirit and in truth; 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.

10 Sept 2023
Trinity 14

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Sermon: "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Ephesus - How to Rekindle our First Love?"

Bible Reading: Revelation 2:1-7;
Matthew 22:34-40

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

UPCOMING

10 Sept
(Sun)
7pm - 9pm

Young Adult Fellowship
Bangkok Street Mookata

13 Sept
(Wed)
8pm - 9pm

Hour of Power
Via Zoom

14 Sept
(Thurs)
9:15am - 11:30am

Comlink
Heritage Trail - Kampong Glam

16 Sept
(Sat)
9am - 4pm

AWM Fellowship
Dancing Though the Seasons
Multi-Purpose Hall

17 Sept
(Sun)
8am & 10:30am

Trinity 15
"Jesus' Letters to the Seven: Smyrna - Faithfulness to What End?"
Revelation 2:8-11;
John 15:18-26
Ps Barnabas Sim

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Last week, I shared about one of my ex-colleagues during my sermon. He had resigned from being a teacher to become a property investor. In his five years of buying and selling property, he had realised profits of more than a million dollars. And he was unashamedly publicising his successes on social media and advocating for others to join him on his property investment journey. According to him, those who do not do so are "cowards" who will regret their inactions. They will blame their younger selves for not taking the plunge into property investing.

Such an attitude, I have found, is also sadly prevalent among Christians. Quite a few have also jumped onto the property bandwagon to earn more money than they will ever need. It is not uncommon nowadays for couples to split their names so as to own multiple properties. And some even lament that they should have bought more property when they were younger ten years ago!

Now, I am not against earning money through hard work and legitimate means, but there comes a point in time when the pursuit of wealth becomes all-encompassing and is directly against God's will for our lives. This is because there will never be a point of having enough. There are always more possessions to be gotten. In his famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns against being preoccupied with the pursuit of wealth in this way:

*"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money**"* (Matthew 6:24).

By being overly leveraged in housing loans, we are serving ourselves and not God.

Instead, if God has already provided us with a roof over our head, we should be thankful for God's blessing and care for our life. As Paul reminds us:

"But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction" 1 Timothy 6:8-9.

So, if you are like the people that I have described above, stop what you are doing! Hear the Lord's warning and consider your ways carefully:

"Woe to those who join house to house, who add field to field, until there is no more room, and you are made to dwell alone in the midst of the land" Isaiah 5:8.

Ultimately, the reason for the Holy Spirit's sombre warning for all of us in this matter is because this is greed. Greed is idolatry and a serious sin against God. By being discontented, we are saying that we do not trust God to provide. Instead, we will take risks to accumulate wealth and spend all of our time, attention and energy on fending for ourselves. We not only will dispense our energy for what does not satisfy, we will lose out on the eternal and true reward that God has meant for us to have.

What then is the solution? Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things (which we need in our daily lives) will be given to us by God (Matthew 6:33).

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

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: 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



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Paul, Julian, Xavier and Vivienne on the passing of Paul's father, Mr Chua Siew Leng, on 6 Sep 2023. Please continue to uphold Paul, Julian, Xavier and Vivienne and their family in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION COURSE

Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

Date: 24 Sep - 28 Oct 2023,

Time: 1pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) - COA



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



NEW BELIEVERS' CLASS

New Believers' Class (Sep-Nov 2023)

Date: 17 Sep - 19 Nov 2023

Time: 12:30pm - 2pm

Venue: Youth room, #01-06, Diocesan Centre

Lunch will be provided.

This class is catered for those who have just received Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. You are encouraged to join this class (a total of 8 lessons) to be grounded in the foundational aspects of your new life as a Believer.

Schedule For New Believers' Class

Sunday 17 Sep: Lesson 1 - Beginning Your New Life In Christ

Sunday 24 Sep: Lesson 2 - Beginning Your New Life of Fellowship With Christ

Sunday 1 Oct: Lesson 3 - Beginning Your New Life In The Holy Spirit

Sunday 15 Oct: Lesson 4 - Beginning Your New Life Of Growth With Christ

Sunday 22 Oct: Lesson 5 - Beginning Your New Life In God's Word

Sunday 5 Nov: Lesson 6 - Beginning Your New Life In Prayer

Sunday 12 Nov: Lesson 7 - Beginning Your New Life As Part Of The Church (Part 1)

Sunday 19 Nov: Lesson 8 - Beginning Your New Life As Part Of The Church (Part 2)

Please call the church office to sign up.

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 29 Sept 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 or older. Please contact the Church Office for registration and more information.



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.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MONTH: ANGLICAN PRESCHOOL SERVICES

APS was set up by the Anglican Diocese of Singapore to be a bridge between the Church and community through holistic preschool education, infused with Christian values. To date, APS operates 18 Christian preschools, sowing seeds & transforming lives. You can support APS by:-

- (a) enrolling your child in an APS preschool.
- (b) signing up as a staff or volunteer.
- (c) praying for APS.
- (d) giving financially.

Responding to the demand for childcare, APS needs to convert all its kindergartens to child-care centres. The conversion will cost \$5.9M over two years. About 45% of this has been secured, leaving about \$3M yet to be raised. Do prayerfully consider partnering APS in this conversion endeavour. You may scan the QR code for General Fund for this purpose. Every bit counts.

More information is available here: <https://anglicanps.edu.sg/hello>





HERITAGE TRAIL KAMPONG GLAM

DATE: 14 SEP 23 (THURS)

TIME: 9.15 AM TO 11.30AM

COST: \$2 (INCLUDES WATER & KUEHS)

VENUE : POTONG PASIR MRT STATION

CLOSING DATE : 8 SEP 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.

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)**

**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**

SPEAKER: REVD TIMOTHY CHOW

More details to come

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



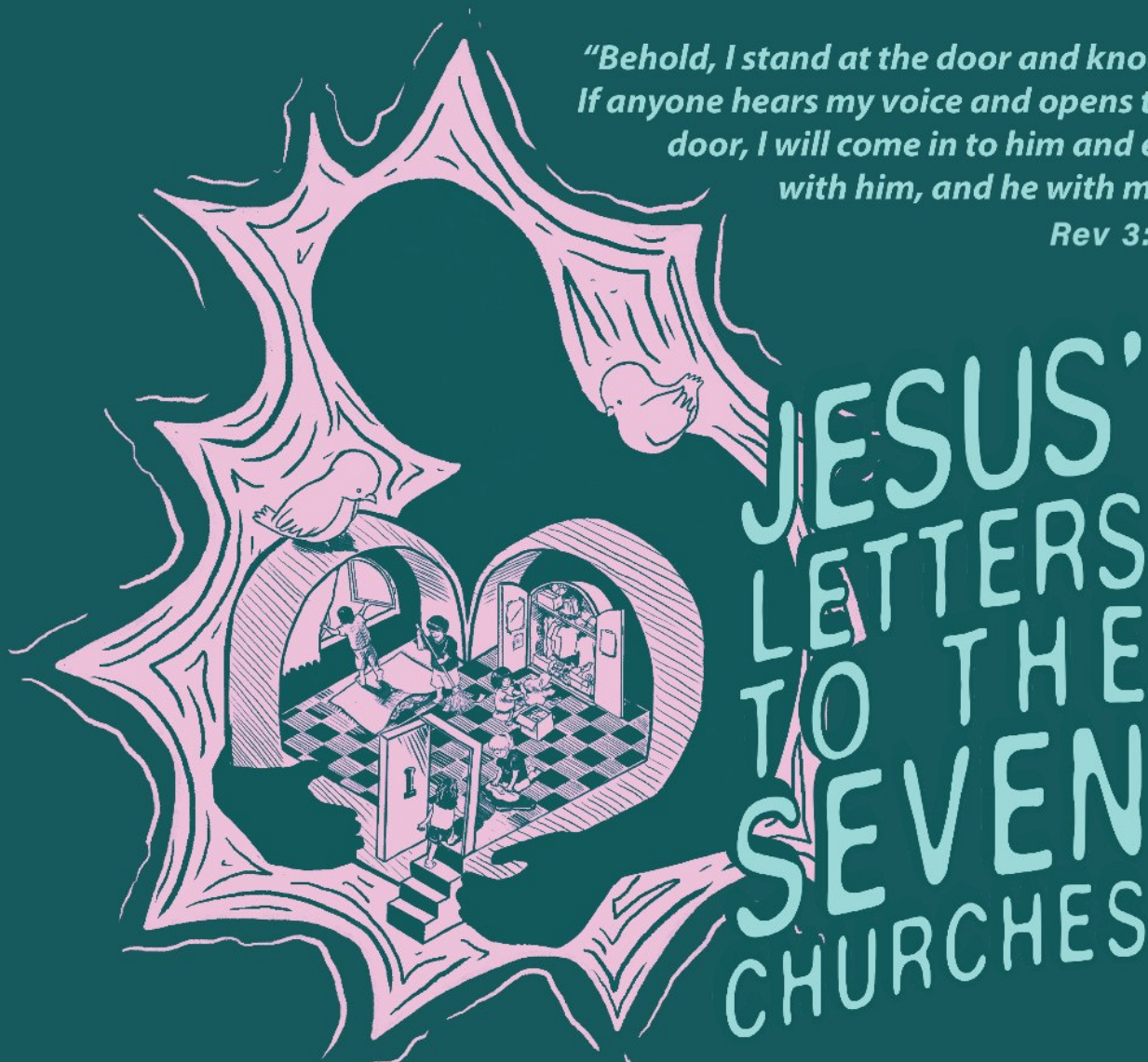
This event is organized for Young Adults (aged 21—35 years old).

Please sign up by **Today** and contact Angel (81390411) or Aaron Cheang (96467489) for any enquiries.

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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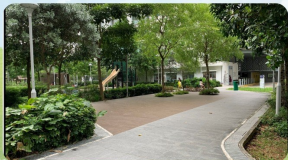
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

Details of Event

Event Name: Bidadari Kids Club

Date/Time: Every 1st and 3rd 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

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

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

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

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

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)

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

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE BY DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD (DYB)

Topic: Being a Christian in the Public Sphere

Date: 20 October 2023

Time: 7.30PM - 9PM

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral, Pavilion

Panel: Mr Keith Chua, Mr Sim Guan Seng, Revd Dr Jeremy-Joe Tan

Event Synopsis:

Wonder how our Christian faith and value intersect with business, ethics, and leadership?

Come join us as we dialogue with Christian leaders from the marketplace where they share their experiences, challenges, and strategies for making an impact as a Christian in a secular environment.



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 10 - 16 SEPT 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MONTH: ANGLICAN PRESCHOOL SERVICES (APS)

- God will grow our children into their God-given identity, and their families will come to know the love of God through our preschools.
- Christian teachers and staff will join our preschool ministry to impact lives for Christ.
- God will continue to impart wisdom and guidance to the leaders in APS, as we navigate the evolving early childhood education landscape.
- God will continue to provide financially; to sustain the operations of this ministry.
- Believers will recognise the importance of Christian preschools in Singapore, and join us in growing it together.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's protection on our people against the dengue outbreak, especially those in the affected areas.

World: The world is in the midst of climate change and one of the chief causes is air pollution. Pray that leaders and governments of the world will regulate carbon emissions and clearing of forests through burning. Pray for God's protection for the people in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore from resultant haze.

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.
- New Believers' Class: Starting on 17 Sep. Pray that many will sign up and all participants will grow deeper in their faith.
- Kardia Youth Leader Retreat: Pray for our Kardia youth leaders who are having their retreat on 16-17 Sep. Pray for God's refreshing on them and wisdom for them to discern his will for the ministry in the year to come.

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 he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.'"

Matthew 22:37-38