



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

COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, we beseech You mercifully to hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

24 Sept 2023
Trinity 16

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Stephen Lim

Sermon: "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Pergamum - How Dangerous is Compromise?"

Bible Reading: Revelation 2:12-17
Matthew 7:15-20

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

UPCOMING

24 Sept (Sun) 1pm - 2:30pm	Confirmation Class Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) Anglicanism & Church History
28 Sept (Thur) 9:45am - 11:30am	Comlink "What's A Cooking" Fuqing Sweet Potato Balls LKC Hall
29 Sept (Fri) 10:30am - 12:30pm	Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) Revd Soon Soo Kee
1 Oct (Sun) 8am & 10:30am	Trinity 17 "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Thyatira - Tolerance: Virtue or Vice?" Revelation 2:18-29 Matthew 7:15-27 Ps Edward Zaccheus
7 Oct (Sat) 9am - 5pm	Men's Network Retreat Ascension Hall (AH) Revd Ian Chew

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 (**Today**) & 22 Oct.

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Venue: Ascension Hall, Level 3

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 29 Sept 2023

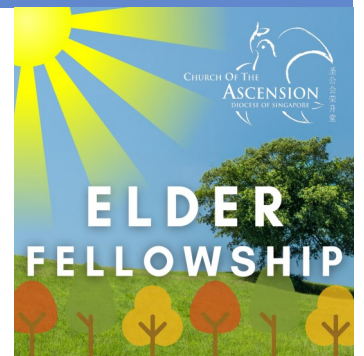
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

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.



VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

We all experience interpersonal conflicts in our lives. According to the Harvard University, there are three types of conflicts. They are task conflicts, relationship conflicts, and value conflicts. Task conflicts refer to specific differences over work matters – like the different roles of members within a team. Relationship conflicts arise from differences in personality, style, or matters of taste. These are more friendship-based and are not based on responsibilities of work. Lastly, there are value conflicts. They come from differences in politics, religion, ethics, norms, and other deeply held beliefs. These may be more deep-seated in nature and therefore more difficult to resolve.

It is important to know the types of conflicts you have so that you know how to resolve them. For example, if you are in a project work team and are arguing with each other over the roles and responsibilities, this is a task conflict. It is helpful to engage in collaborative discussions in such cases so that everyone in the team can come to a common understanding and accept their roles within it.

Yet the bible reveals to us what is the root cause of our conflicts. James 4:1-2 says, *“What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you do not have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you cannot get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them.”*

All conflicts ultimately arise from our self-centred desires for our selfish benefit. We are concerned for our welfare above the needs of others. We ensure that we are recognised for our efforts in the success of our work while ignoring the contributions of others. We want our way while minimizing the desires of others.

Beloved, an important step in resolving conflicts is to be willing to recognize that we are the cause of many of them. We place the blame on others when our expectations are not met. We fail to appreciate the good that others have done.

Therefore, James also tells us to “be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry” (1:19). This is the formula for the prevention of conflicts. It takes effort on our part to listen actively to others, to refrain from responding in trying to justify ourselves, and to not be easily provoked. In other words, it is growing in the fruit of self-control – by restraining ourselves from reacting in a fleshly manner.

When we submit to the Holy Spirit's leading in our lives to deal with our selfish natures first, we will save ourselves from getting into conflicts with others. Instead, we will grow in our friendships and relationships with others and help our families and the church grow together as well.

God bless,

Revd Ian



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 - Anglicanism & Church History

Sunday 1 Oct - The Ten Commandments (1-10)

Sunday 15 Oct - The Work of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 22 Oct - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Saturday 28 Oct (10am-12pm) - Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Service: Sunday 29 Oct 2023, 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 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)

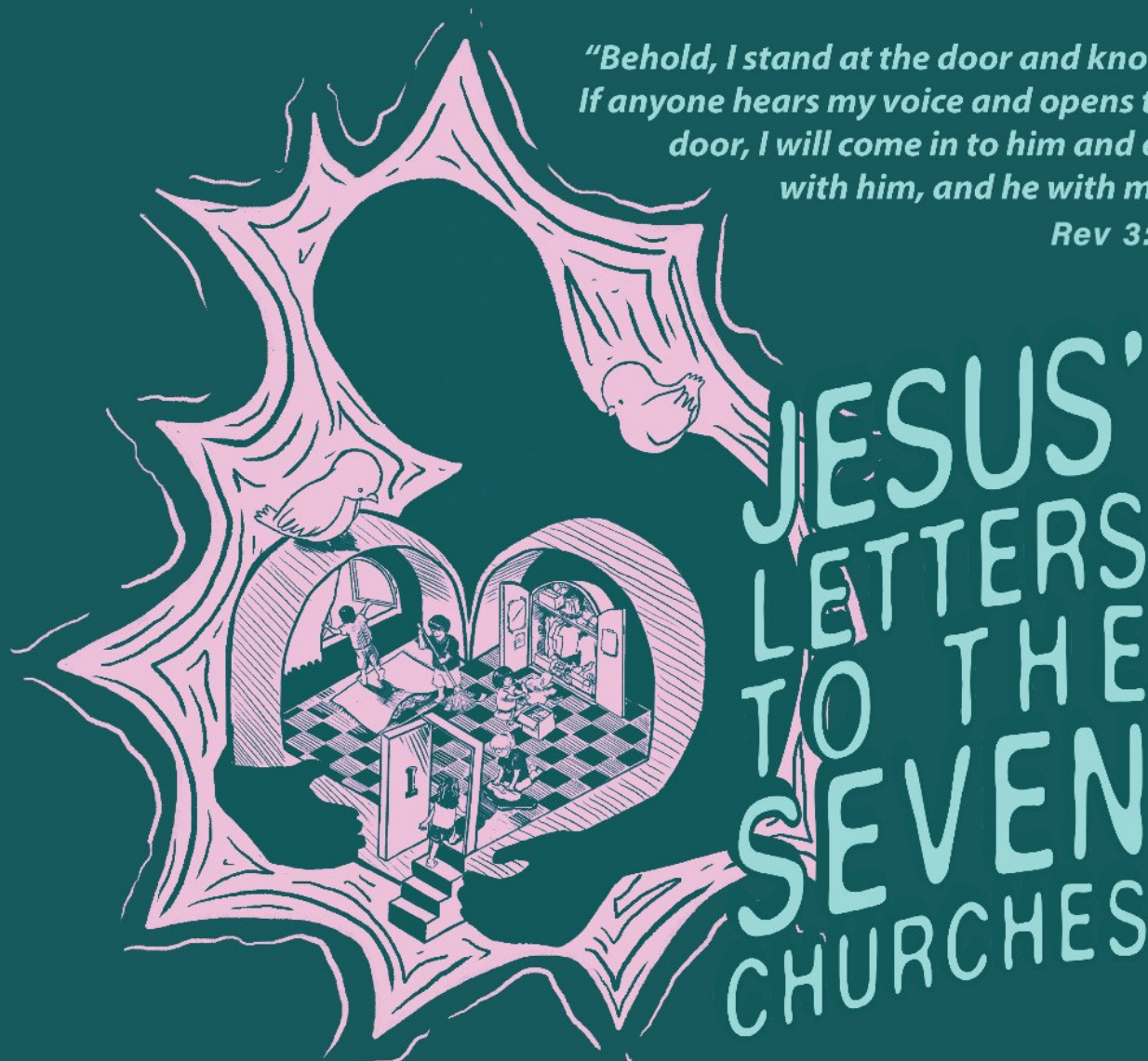
Sunday 19 Nov: Lesson 8 - Beginning Your New Life As Part Of The Church (Part 2)

Please call the church office to sign up.

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

What's a Cooking?

Fuqing Sweet Potato Balls



DATE: 28 SEPT 23 (THURS)
TIME: 9.45 AM TO 11.30 AM
COST: \$6 PER PERSON
VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION

CLOSING DATE : 22 SEPT 23

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

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

MEN'S NETWORK RETREAT 2023 - 7 OCT 2023

Men's Network Retreat 2023

Speaker
Revd Ian Chew

Saturday 7 Oct 2023
9am - 5pm | \$10 per pax

All are welcome | Registration open now

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

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

* You could also use this [link](#) to register online or make payment.

ST ANDREW'S AUTISM CENTRE FUNDRAISING EVENT - WALK OF A LIFETIME

Background

- St Andrew's Autism Centre (SAAC)'s inaugural fundraising event
- In conjunction with SAAC's 18th Anniversary
- Aim to raise \$500,000
- Funds raised will go towards supporting our Dignity of Work Programme, Day Activity Centres, and Adult Home



SAAC - WALK OF A LIFETIME (EVENT DETAILS & REGISTRATION FEES)

Event Details

- Saturday, 14 October 2023**
- St. Andrew's Junior College**
- Time: 4pm – 8pm**
- 2,000 pax**
- Minister Dr. Mohamad Maliki Bin Osman**
Second Minister of Education



Registration Fees

5km Category	Price
Children Below 5 years old	FOC
Children 5 - 12 years old	\$20 per pax
General Public	\$35 per pax
Group Min Group Size: 4	\$30 per pax



SAAC - WALK OF A LIFETIME (HOW TO BE INVOLVED)

How You Can Be Involved:

1. **Register:** Sign up for the walk: <https://walkofalifetime.sg/>
2. **Donate or Fundraise:** If you are not able to join us but would like to contribute to our cause, you can make a direct donation at <https://walkofalifetime.sg/campaign/leaderboard/donate/> or give by creating your own fundraising page on the website and sharing it with friends, family, and colleagues. <https://walkofalifetime.sg/fundraising/>
3. **Spread the Word:** Help us increase awareness about the event and the cause by sharing it on social media and encouraging others to participate or donate.

Understand more about the work of SAAC through this story:

Getting to Class... Chair by Chair

<https://www.saac.org.sg/2023/04/06/getting-to-classchair-by-chair/>

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.

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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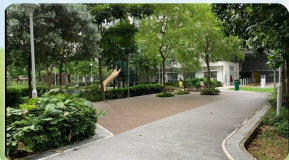
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

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



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 24 - 30 SEPT 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

Diocese of Sabah:

Most Revd Datuk Melter Tais
(Archbishop of the Province of
South East Asia)

Diocese of Kuching:

Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute

Diocese of West Malaysia:

Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow

Diocese of Singapore:

Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Please pray for our Provincial Synod (25 - 27 Oct 23) that we will be able to select the next Archbishop of the Province.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: There has been a rise in the proportion of singles throughout all age groups in the last decade. Pray that our singles will also be valued and cared for as a vital community in our society. Pray also that our singles will fulfil God's purposes for their lives and contribute to the growth and well-being of others.

Asia: A record 71.1 million people worldwide in 2022 fled their native communities in search of safety and shelter, a 20% increase on the year before. Pray for God's protection on their lives and provision of peace and shelter for the families.

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 Course starting on 24 Sep (**Today**). Pray for the participants to grow in knowledge and faith.
- Students taking major examinations especially, our P6 Sunday School students:- Bernice Low, Caline Chen, Darius Tan, Emmanuel Wu, Eunice Tiah, Gerald Tan, Jadon Ong, Jamie Ho, Mabel Huang, Ryker Tan, Xavier Chua, Zach Lim, Zavier Chew, Adam Yeoh and Wynn Lim.

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

"To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."

Revelation 2:17