



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to Your heavenly city where we shall see You face to face; 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.

1 Oct 2023
Trinity 17

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Ps Edward Zaccheus

Sermon: "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Thyatira - Tolerance: Virtue or Vice?"

Bible Reading: Revelation 2:18-29
Matthew 7:15-27

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

UPCOMING

7 Oct (Sat) 9am - 5pm	Men's Network Retreat Ascension Hall (AH) Revd Ian Chew
8 Oct (Sun) 9am	Trinity 18 SAV Family Day @ SAJC Cultural Centre Community Pastoring Isaiah 65:1 John 1:14 Joseph Chean
11 Oct (Wed) 8pm	Hour of Power Via Zoom
15 Oct (Sun) 8am & 10:30am	Trinity 19 God's Agency Through His People - COA's Mission 2 Cor 5:17-6:2 John 3:1-8 Revd Ian Chew
19 Oct (Thurs) 9:45am - 11:30am	Comlink Understanding & Dealing with Anger in a Healthy Way. Mrs Persis Lim

On 8 Oct, COA will not have any services. Kindly attend the 9am SAV Family Day service at SAJC

Note:
If you're driving, make sure to park your car at SAV and use the Jacob Ballas bridge to cross over to SAJC.



VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Recently, after a late-night meeting in church, I met an old Malay lady struggling to walk up the slope leading to our church. She was hobbling with a walking aid in her right hand and pushing a trolley with her left while using it as a support. She seemed to be breathless just taking slow steps up the slope.

As I was wondering what she was doing in church so late at night, the Holy Spirit prompted me to help her. So, I asked if I could drive her home in the church van, but she declined. She asked instead to be dropped off at the nearest bus stop to take 142. She had difficulty even climbing up into the van.

She told me in halting English of her plight at home during the trip. She not only had to struggle with pain in both of her feet, but she also had to take care of an ailing husband at home. She was very grateful for the ride.

The next day, I inquired among the canteen vendors about her. It turns out that she was working in one of the stalls in the secondary school canteen. And I recalled seeing her hobbling out of school after school hours in the afternoon. I felt sorry and was convicted about my lack of awareness of her struggles even though she was part of the community of St Andrew's Village.

How often are we oblivious to the struggles of people around us whom we encounter but do not know personally? We may see them regularly, even daily, but do not know of their family situations or personal needs. We may be too focused on our needs to notice others around us.

Please do not get me wrong. I am not asking us to be busybodies to involve ourselves in the affairs of others. Yet there is a certain level of care and concern that God calls us to extend to others. This is because of His love of us and them as well.

The Apostle James tells us:

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: **to look after orphans and widows in their distress** and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."* (James 1:27)

In other words, **we do have to take the initiative to get to know the needs of the needy around us** and not turn a blind eye. We need to extend care to them as part of our practice of the Christian religion and not be inward-looking. These are especially precious in God's sight and God specially looks after their welfare.

May the Lord help us to live out our faith in the most meaningful and practical ways this coming week by opening our eyes to the needs of the needy around us!

Blessings,

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



THE RT REVD DR TITUS CHUNG: ARCHBISHOP-ELECT OF THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

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ARCHBISHOP-ELECT

OF THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA



At the recent Extraordinary Provincial Synod, our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Titus Chung has been elected the next Archbishop of the Church of the Province of South East Asia. In February 2024, he will succeed the Most Reverend Datuk Melter Jiki Tais, who would have served as Archbishop of the Province for 4 years.

The Installation Service of the 7th Archbishop of The Province of South East Asia will be set in early 2024 at St Andrew's Cathedral. Further details will be provided in due course.

Let us keep Archbishop-Elect Dr Titus Chung and his family in prayer as he prepares to take on this heavy responsibility.

VICAR AWAY (2 - 5 OCT 2023)

Vicar will be away 2 - 5 Oct to Indonesia for a mission trip with Allan Fong and Ai Ling. Please do keep them in prayer for safety and effectiveness in their ministry.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

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

*There will not be any Sunday School on
8 Oct'23 due to SAV Family Day.

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: 22 Oct

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Venue: Ascension Hall, Level 3

HOUR OF POWER ONLINE 11 OCT 2023

Date: Wed 11 Oct 2023

Time: 8 pm

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: 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 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 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)

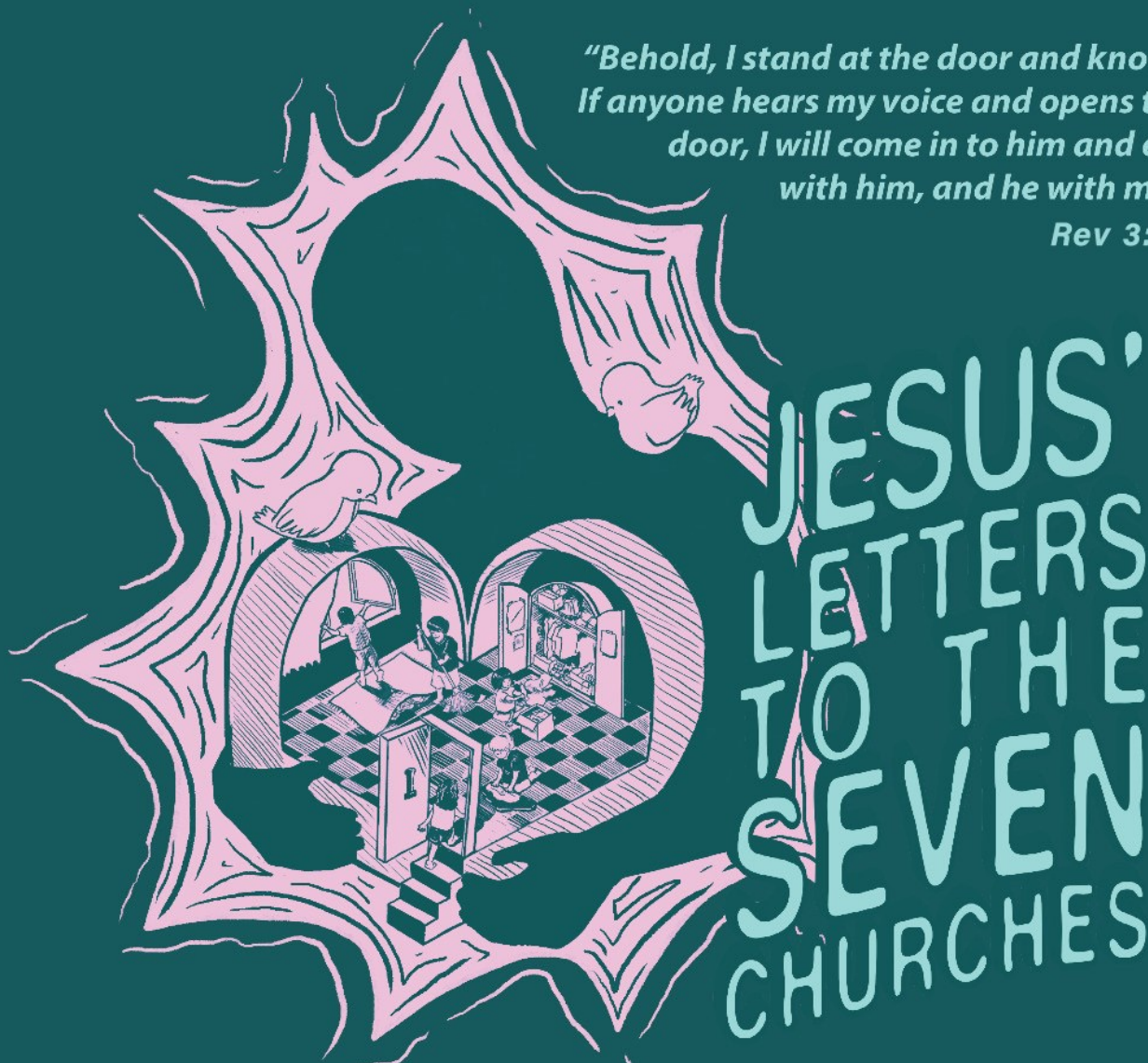
Sunday 19 Nov: Lesson 8 - Beginning Your New Life As Part Of The Church (Part 2)

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

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

COMLINK - UNDERSTANDING & DEALING WITH ANGER IN A HEALTHY WAY : 19 OCT 23

Understanding & Dealing with Anger in a Healthy Way



by Mrs Persis Lim



“Stretchercise”

DATE: 19 OCT 23 (THURS)
TIME: 9.45 AM TO 11.30 AM
COST: \$6 PER PERSON
(INCL LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)
VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION
CLOSING DATE: 13 OCT 23

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

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

About the Speaker:

Persis has two married sons and is blessed with three grandkids. She has a Masters in Social Science (Counselling) from the University of South Australia. She worked as a counsellor in various schools for a number of years. Currently, she is working as a part time school Counsellor in a secondary school.

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)



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BIDADARI KIDS CLUB - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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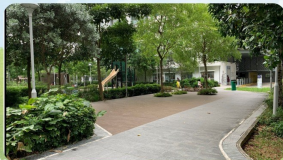
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

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: 1 - 7 OCT 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

Diocese of Singapore:

Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung (Archbishop-elect of the 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

Please pray for our newly elected Archbishop of the Church of the Province of South East Asia, Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung. Pray for God's empowerment to be upon him and his family as he takes on the role of Archbishop.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Price of utilities are set to increase over the next two years. Pray that families, especially those of low-income, would be able to cope with the increases in costs of living.

Asia: Tensions between China and the Philippines have been rising over territorial disputes in the South China Sea. Pray for God's peace to prevail and wisdom and restraint on all parties involved to avoid getting into armed conflict.

3) PARISH

- SAV Family Day - 8 Oct 2023. Pray for good weather, fellowship and safety for all participants. Pray too that our visitors will establish good friendships with our members.
- Pray for our students who are taking their year-end examinations in Oct. Pray for God's strength and wisdom to be with them. Pray for peace on the families with children taking examinations.
- Pray for upcoming baptism service on 14 Oct. Pray that all the candidates will grow in their faith and trust in God through their step of obedience.

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

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."
Matthew 7:24*