



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

O God, for as much as without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

15 Oct 2023
Trinity 19

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: God's Agency Through His People - COA's Mission

Bible Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-6:2
John 3:1-8

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

UPCOMING

19 Oct (Thurs) **Comlink**
9:45am - 11:30am
Understanding & Dealing with Anger in a Healthy Way
Mrs Persis Lim

22 Oct (Sun) **Trinity 20**
8am & 10:30am
Raising a Godly Generation
Dr Carol Loi

27 Oct (Fri) **Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service**
10:30pm-12:30pm
Multi-Purpose Hall
Revd Soon Soo Kee

29 Oct (Sun) **5th Sunday before Advent**
8am
1 Thess 2:1-8,
Matthew 22:34-36
Esther Wong

10:30am **Combined Confirmation Service**
The Spirit is God's Empowering Presence
Ezek 37:1-10,
Lk 24:44-49
Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

In such times of horror and sorrow for the atrocities that are perpetuated by evil people around the world, I had actually written a reflection on what had taken place and how we should respond.

However, I have decided not to publish it as, on second thoughts, whatever I had to say seemed so inappropriate and inadequate.

It was at this time that the Lord graciously provided his word in Psalm 94 which is so apt and provides us, I believe, with the words to pray and hope in:

*O LORD, God of vengeance,
O God of vengeance, shine forth!*

*Rise up, O judge of the earth;
repay to the proud what they deserve!*

*O LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked exult?*

*They pour out their arrogant words;
all the evildoers boast.*

*They crush your people, O LORD,
and afflict your heritage.*

*They kill the widow and the sojourner,
and murder the fatherless;*

*and they say, "The LORD does not see;
the God of Jacob does not perceive."*

*Understand, O dullest of the people!
Fools, when will you be wise?*

*He who planted the ear, does he not hear?
He who formed the eye, does he not see?*

*He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?
He who teaches man knowledge—*

*the LORD—knows the thoughts of man,
that they are but a breath.*

***For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;***

***for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.***

Thanks be to God for his wonderful words of hope at this time.

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 SESSION

For those who have signed up for the Holy Land Study Tour (19 Nov - 1 Dec).

Date: 22 Oct

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Venue: Ascension Hall, Level 3

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 27 Oct 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.



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 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 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)

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

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT : 16 DEC 2023

Carols by Candlelight 2023

A Starry & Spotty Christmas

Based on "You are Special" by Max Lucado



Date: 16 December 2023

Location: Church of the Ascension

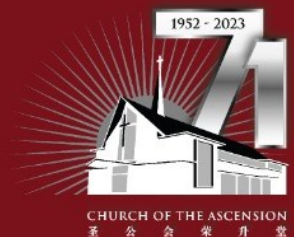
Programme:

Christmas Market & Dinner: 6pm-7.30pm

Sanctuary Program: 8pm-9.30pm

TICKETS

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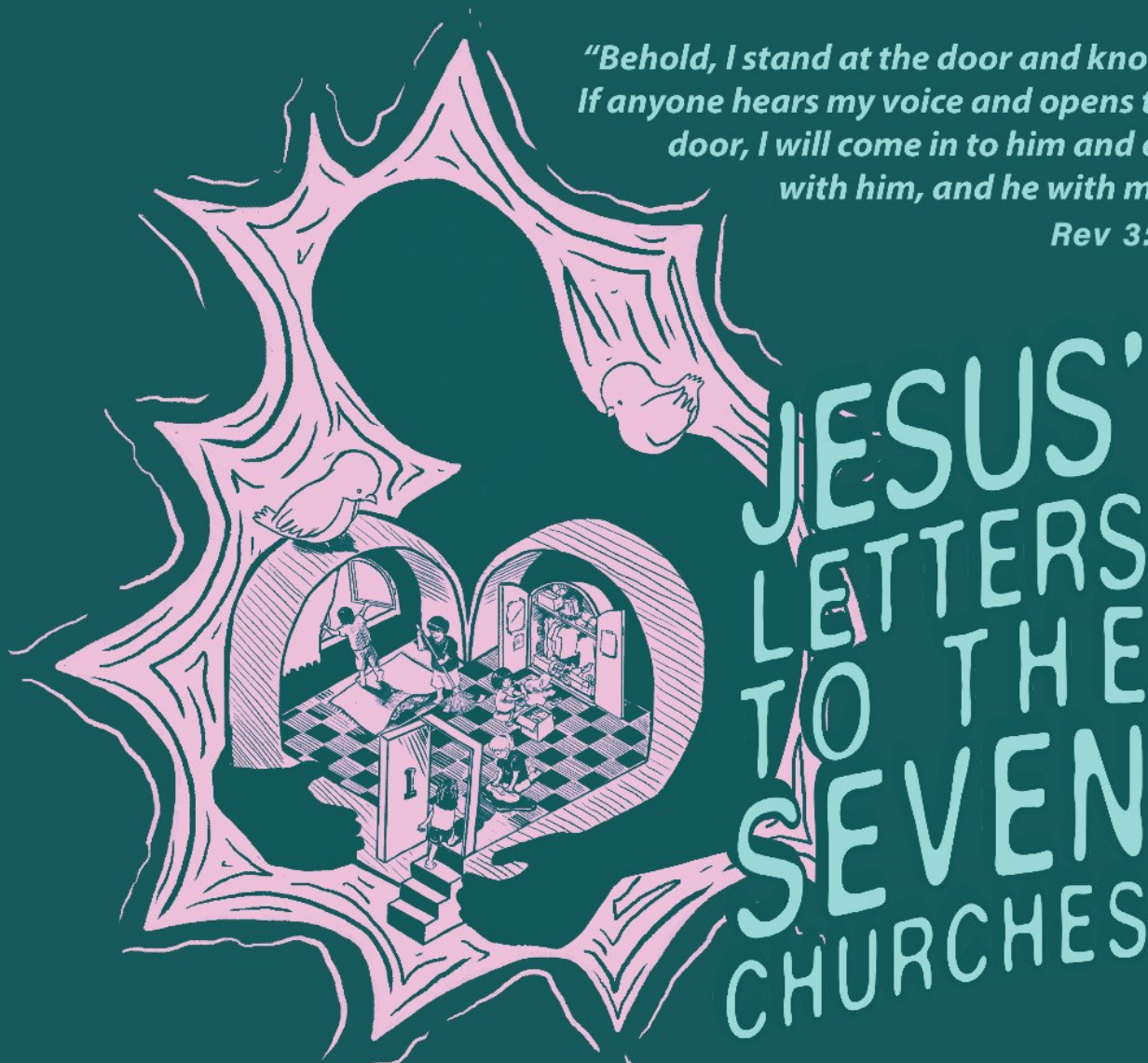


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
圣公会 荣升堂

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

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST (DDPF)



THE DIOCESE
of SINGAPORE

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST

HOLDING FAST FORGING AHEAD

SATURDAY, 4 NOV 2023

9:30AM-11AM

CATHEDRAL NEW SANCTUARY
ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Diocesan Day of Prayer and Fast

It is that time of the year to come together and pray as one Diocesan family. This year's DDPF theme is "Holding Fast, Forging Ahead". In "Holding Fast," we seek God's guidance to uphold our values and mandate. In "Forging Ahead," we deepen our relationship with God through discipleship. Let's come together to pray, equip the saints and grow in faith (Ephesians 4:12-13). Let us come together to pray and fast as one Diocesan Family.

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHAPEL (SACC)

- 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 St. Andrew's Community Chapel (SACC). You can view a video about SACC via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.
- For YouTube Link, please click [here](#).

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

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.

CALL TO PRAYER FOR GAZA AND ISRAEL



THE PROVINCE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

11 October 2023

CALL TO PRAYER

The recent developments in Gaza and Israel have profoundly shocked the international community in many different ways. We observe that the ongoing conflicts in the region have inflicted deep suffering and devastating consequences upon the people, amidst complex territorial disputes and longstanding hostility. In the process, many lives have been affected and tragically lost. We are calling the Church to intercede fervently and pray for healing over the afflicted, restoration and for a peaceful solution to the deteriorating crisis.

Dear Lord, Creator of all human beings. We are all fearfully and wonderfully created in Your own image and likeness. We agree with Your words that human lives are precious in Your sight. We are deeply saddened by the effects of wars and conflict in Gaza and Israel, killing many lives, displacing many families, destroying many homes. We pray for those who have lost their loved ones in this current conflict. Lord, in their grief, comfort them with Your peace which surpasses all understanding. Heal their souls from bitterness and envelop them with Your love. Insulate their hearts from hatred, and grant them the grace so needful to move on in their lives. Defend them, O Lord, those who are defenseless. Protect the people living in the region from the harm of war.

We pray for the supply of all that are needed: food, medical aids, financial assistance, acts of kindness and mercy, shelters for those who have lost their homes, and the peaceful passage of humanitarian personnel into the region. O Lord, we pray that the international community will contribute to the de-escalating of tension among parties in conflict. Lord, would you intervene in situations where they are beyond the reach of human efforts, that a long term peaceful solution can be achieved. Make us, Your Church, O Lord an instrument of Your peace, where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is offence, pardon; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy, where there is pain, consolation.

Lord, look upon all those who are suffering with Your compassion. Save us Lord, and help them those who are helpless. In the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May the Lord guide you by His Holy Spirit as you remember Gaza and Israel in your prayers.

With every blessing in Christ,

The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

(Primate of the Church of the Province of South East Asia, Bishop of Sabah)

The Rt Revd Datuk Donald Jute

(Bishop of Kuching)

The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon

(Bishop of Singapore)

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow

(Bishop of West Malaysia)



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 15 - 21 OCT 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHAPEL

Vicar:

Revd Daniel Tong

English and Chinese congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

1) Community outreach at Tampines Mart

As part of the church's Community Outreach, SACC rented a place at Tampines Mart, "The Friend Space", to reach out to the residents in the vicinity. Pray for the church as they reach out to the community in Tampines.

2) Church plant at Battambang, Cambodia

SACC has been partnering with a church in Pursat, Cambodia to establish a new church plant in Battambang. Pray that the Lord will provide the resources that SACC needs.

3) Manpower recruitment and renewal

Pray for successful recruitment of manpower to support SACC's Administration, Pastoral and Chaplaincy work, and Befrienders ministry in SACH.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: A recent study found that 1 in 10 teens suffers from mental health disorder. Pray that our teens would seek professional help early, parents would be supportive of their teens' needs and that God will protect our families.

Israel: Pray for de-escalation of hostilities on both sides and God's protection of the lives of all civilians caught up in the conflict. Pray too for God's deliverance of all the hostages and comfort for the families who have lost loved ones.

3) PARISH

- Pray that God will continue to lead us in our outreach to the open doors of schools, nursing homes and overseas missions so that we can be most effective and fruitful in our efforts.
- Pray for our students who are taking their year-end examinations in Oct. Pray for God's strength and wisdom to be with them and for peace on the families.
- Confirmation Service on 29 Oct 23. Pray for the 27 candidates at the upcoming Service that their hearts will be prepared to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and that they will continue to grow in faith and service for God.

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

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God... Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 Cor 5:20; 6:2