



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as He is pure; that when He shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where He is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

19 Nov 2023
2nd Sunday before Advent

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Laodicea - Which Perspective is Right?"

Bible Reading: Revelation 3:14-22;
 John 9:30-41

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

UPCOMING

24 Nov (Fri)
Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service
 10:30am-12:30pm
 Multi-Purpose Hall
 Revd Soon Soo Kee

25 Nov (Sat)
AWM Thanksgiving 2023
 2pm - 5pm
 Multi-Purpose Hall
 Speaker: Mrs Soon Guat Eng

26 Nov (Sun)
Christ the King Sunday/ Sunday before Advent
 8am and 10:30am
 "See, the King Comes!"
 Ephesians 1:15-end;
 Matthew 25:31-end
 Ps Barnabas Sim

VICAR'S MESSAGE

This week's Message is an Excerpt from Bishop Titus' Synod Address on 11 Nov 2023

Brothers and sisters-in-Christ, the peace of the Lord be with you.

Relationships are the glue that holds the church together.

And authentic and strong relationships are not built overnight – they need time to be developed, tested, refined. For the Body to be united, we have to develop authentic relationships across all facets within the church. Just as a net, made up of countless strings, is strengthened when more and more strings are woven and knotted close together, so will we, as a Diocese, grow stronger as we build stronger and more authentic relationships around us. And with the Lord leading, we will grow stronger - within our parishes, area groups, Diocese, and the Province.

Jesus Christ is the perfect example of one who builds authentic relationships. Through the special work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus built relationships centred on love. Certainly, we cannot talk about authentic relationships without talking about love, in particular, the type of love that is articulated in the New Commandment (Matthew 22:36-40). Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves, so what is expected of us all (both clergymen and lay) is not to provide lip-service, but to actually live out the love of God that we have received through our salvation in Jesus Christ. We need to walk the talk, we cannot bury the one talent in the ground (Matthew 25:18), because the love of God is the foundation of our relationships in church.

In less than 23 days' time, we will enter the season of Advent. Let us remember that we are living between the first and second coming of Jesus Christ. All of us have a mission, a mission that is getting increasingly urgent – to fulfil The Great Commission, making disciples of all nations. As we work toward strengthening our relationships within the church, let us not neglect the people outside the church. People who have not heard about the gift that God has given through Christ, nor experience the hope and love freely given by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ, we are living in tumultuous times, unprecedented with many unknowns. What happened recently in the Gaza Strip, without question, is indeed very painful and tragic, likewise the Russian-Ukraine war. We are reminded of what our Lord has said in Matthew 24:7-8 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains".

Trials and tribulations are signs of the end times and the 2nd coming of Christ. Trials and tribulations are also meant to test and teach us (James 1), that we may find out if we are easily disturbed and worried by the things of the world and forget the most important twin-teaching of Jesus, which is the core of our faith, and what it means to be a Christian and a believer.

May I encourage us to continue to keep one another in prayer so that all of us will be steadfast in loving God and will go beyond the walls of the church to where God has called us to serve.

In the Name of Christ. Amen.

The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung
The Bishop of Singapore



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.

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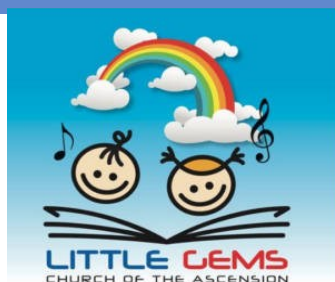
Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



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'.



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

VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for a suitable candidate to fill the following position:

- COA Finance Officer (part-time) Interested applicants, please click on the below URL https://ascension.org.sg/finance_officer/ and send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 24 Nov 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.



INSTALLATION OF THE 7TH ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA: 23 JAN 2024

Save The Date

THE INSTALLATION OF
THE 7TH ARCHBISHOP
OF THE PROVINCE OF
SOUTH EAST ASIA

23RD JANUARY 2024
TUESDAY AT 4PM
ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE



SAVE THE DATE — Installation Service of the 7th Archbishop of PSEA

The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung will be installed as the 7th Archbishop of the Province of South East Asia (PSEA) on 23rd January 2024, Tuesday, 4pm at St Andrew's Cathedral.

KARDIA YOUTH CAMP : 28 - 31 DEC 2023

KARDIA YOUTH CAMP 2023

CAMP
KATHOS
2 Corinthians 5:17

"THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION.
THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME."

CALLING ALL YOUTHS AGED 12 - 20 YEARS OLD!

Date: 28 - 31 December 2023

Location: Church of the Ascension

Cost: \$15 per pax

Registration closes on
26 November 2023

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



If you have any queries, please contact Emma Er (81233217) or Nigel (97538140)

AWM Thanksgiving 2023

“Father God, You are good, and
You deserve all
my praise and
more. Thank You
for the many ways
You have blessed
me and for watch-
ing over me”

Speaker: Mrs Soon Guat Eng

Saturday, 25 Nov 2023
2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Multi-purpose Hall

Fee - Free

Registration: Prisca
Contact: 98717769



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

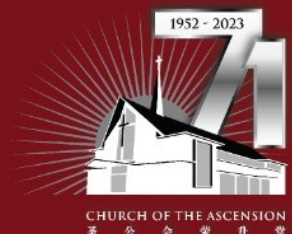
Programme:

Christmas Market & Dinner: 6pm-7.30pm

Sanctuary Program: 8pm-9.30pm

TICKETS

\$5

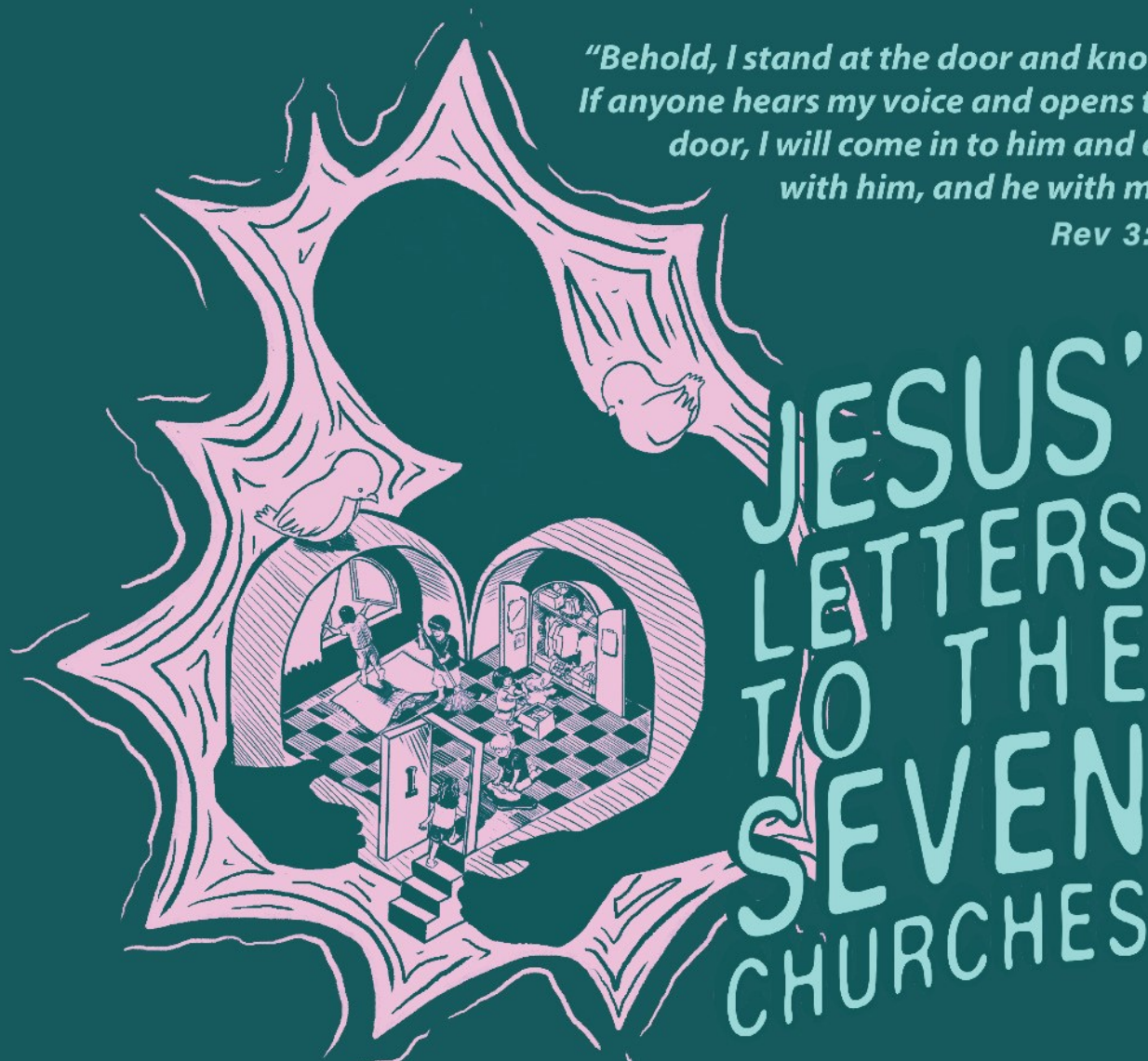


CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
圣公会荣升堂

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

DECEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE



COA Sermon Schedule December 2023

1 Dec (Fri) 8pm

Advent Carol Service

Led by Anglican Chamber Ensemble (ACE)

3 Dec (Sun)

First Sunday in Advent

Maranatha! Be Awake Church!

Ps Edward Zaccheus

10 Dec (Sun)

Second Sunday in Advent

Are You Prepared?

Revd Soon Soo Kee

16 Dec (Sat) 6pm

Carols By Candlelight

A Starry & Spotty Christmas

17 Dec (Sun)

Third Sunday in Advent

8am: 9 Lessons in Carols - ACE

10.30am: I Am (Not) - Victor Wu

24 Dec (Sun)

Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel

Revd Stephen Lim

25 Dec (Mon) 10am

Christmas Day & Infant Baptism Service

The Word Made Flesh

Revd Ian Chew

31 Dec (Sun)

First Sunday of Christmas

The Call to Fruitfulness

Revd Ian Chew

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

THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE 26TH SESSION OF SYNOD - BISHOP TITUS' SYNOD ADDRESS

11TH NOVEMBER 2023

Synod Presidential Address

Rooted in Love,
United in Spirit,
Light to the World

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season! To obtain a copy of the Synod Presidential Address, please click on this [Link](#).

For an excerpt from the Address, read it under this week's VICAR'S MESSAGE.

COMMUNITY PASTORING NIGHT - POSTPONED

This event is postponed to a later date. Please stay tuned for more announcement.

DYB SERVE ACADEMY 2024

“SERVE Academy”, organised by the Diocesan Youth Board, is a 5D4N residential programme to equip and train young leaders, aged 35 years and below. With the focus on helping them to encounter God and fanning their passion for God into flames, the programme aims to excite participants to SERVE and not to be served.

Dates: 8 - 12 January 2024

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/SERVEACADEMY2024>

Registration closes on **6 December 2023**.



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 19 - 25 NOV 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

DEANERY OF VIETNAM

Dean:

Church of Christ Our Hope (Ho Chi Minh)
Church of the True Light (Hanoi)

Revd Jonathan Wong

Clergy, staff and parishioners

- 1) More leaders to be raised (both clergy and lay) for the present future needs of the Deanery.
- 2) Official registration of the Anglican Church of Vietnam as a recognised denomination.
- 3) A permit to meet for the Church of Christ Our Hope in HCMC.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: PSLE results will be released on Nov 22, while the Secondary 1 posting results will be released between Dec 20 and Dec 22. Pray that the parents will not be anxious and put their trust in God to give their children the results and posting that they desire and His best for their future.

Asia: Pray for peace in the intra-national conflicts taking place around the world such as Sudan, Myanmar and Columbia. Pray for the protection of civilian lives and the implementation of effective political solutions that benefit all.

3) PARISH

- Pray for God's blessings on our families as we enter into a season of year-end holidays. Pray for protection during travels, refreshment of spirit and renewal of relationships with God during this time.
- Pray for our seniors to be blessed at the upcoming Elder Fellowship Service on 24 Nov. Pray that they will be strengthened and empowered for God's service.
- Pray for a blessed time of thanksgiving and fellowship for the AWM's Thanksgiving Meeting on 25 Nov.

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 remain harmless.
Pray for protection of the liver.
Zephan Heng - ALP in the liver to be back to
normal level and good report for
test results.
Steven Syn - restoration and stomach.
Janet Hale - relief from pain in her body.
Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss of red
blood cells
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart
Andreatte Loh - Smooth recovery from operation

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Revelation 3:20