



Church Of The Ascension

GROWING deeper

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Walk in Christ, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith.

Colossians 2:6-7

Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

26 Nov 2023

Christ the King Sunday/ Sunday before Advent

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Ps Barnabas Sim

Sermon: "See, the King Comes!"

Bible Reading: Ephesians 1:15-end;  
Matthew 25:31-end

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

## UPCOMING

1 Dec  
(Fri)  
8pm

**Advent Carol Service**

Anglican Chamber Ensemble (ACE)

*\*School gate will be opened from 630pm to 1030pm*

3 Dec  
(Sun)  
8am and  
10:30am

**Advent 1**

"Maranatha! Be Awake Church!"

1 Cor 1:3-9;

Mark 13:24-37

Ps Edward Zaccheus



## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

We have come to an end of our sermon series for the year: Encountering Jesus in the Old Testament, Seven "I Am" Sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John and Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation. (If you have missed any of the sermons, please do check them out on our Youtube channel.)

I hope that you have been blessed by them just as I have been greatly blessed just to lead you all through all of these series in growing deeper in our faith in Christ.

Yet there is one series that I would like to prepare for if we had the time. It is **The Seven Uncomfortable (or Politically Incorrect) Sayings of Christ**. Now that would be really interesting and would, I believe, result in much learning for all of us!

For example, one such saying is found in the Gospel of Matthew. A Canaanite woman had approached Jesus to ask him to pray for her demon-possessed daughter to be healed. Instead of responding positively, Jesus replied, **"It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs"** (Matthew 15:26). The non-Jewish people were considered dogs by the Jews, which was a derogatory term.

Yet far from being deterred, the Canaanite woman continued, "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Her response pleased the Lord. She not only received healing from Jesus for her daughter, but was praised for her great faith.

Another example of a controversial saying by Jesus was his reply to people wanting to follow him. One disciple had requested, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." This seemed a most legitimate request and even displayed the godly value of filial piety.

Instead, Jesus responded, **"Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead"** (Matthew 8:22).

Now if these words were to be said to anyone of us today, we would bristle at these words. How could Jesus be so insensitive to someone of a different racial group, or to someone who had just lost his loved one? These words do not sound loving, compassionate or even right... and would be most unfitting for Jesus.

Yet the Lord always has something deeper to address and teach the people (and us as well) through these words. And his purpose is to address the root issues and bring about lasting change and fruit in our lives. This will only serve to bring about the greatest benefit for our lives.

So, beloved, let us not be easily offended by the words of Jesus or the words of his servants when they bring us God's words. They may sound insensitive or even harsh, but let us listen to the voice of the Spirit addressing us through these words. As we humble ourselves to respond in positive faith, the Lord will do a deep work in our lives and bring about great blessings for us.

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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Today will be the last day for Sunday school.  
Recess will begin from 3 Dec to 31 Dec.

Please take note that there will be No  
Sunday School for LG and KFC for the  
whole of December.



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 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/](https://ascension.org.sg/finance_officer/) and send your resume to [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to:

- Jennifer Chean (church staff), on the passing of her brother, Ps Joseph Chean, who was called home to be with the Lord on 15 Nov 2023, and
- Uttom John Sikder, on the passing of his father, Mr Porimol Sikder, who was called home to be with the Lord on 16 Nov 2023.

Let's keep Jennifer and John and their respective families in our prayers.



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

Save The Date

THE INSTALLATION OF  
THE 7<sup>TH</sup> ARCHBISHOP  
OF THE PROVINCE OF  
SOUTH EAST ASIA

23<sup>RD</sup> 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.

## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE: 1 DEC 2023

*Featuring the Anglican Chamber Ensemble*

# Advent CAROL SERVICE

1 DECEMBER 2023, FRIDAY  
8PM, SANCTUARY



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





## 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*



## INFANT BAPTISM ON CHRISTMAS DAY



Parents who would like to have their infants baptised could register their interest using this [link](#)

## KARDIA YOUTH CAMP : 28 - 31 DEC 2023

KARDIA YOUTH CAMP 2023

CAMP  
**KAIROS**  
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."

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

**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!**



## DYB SERVE ACADEMY 2024

"SERVE Academy", organised by the Diocesan Youth Board, is a 5D4N residential programme to equip and train young leaders, aged 15 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 closes on **6 December 2023**. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/SERVEACADEMY2024>



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 26 NOV - 2 DEC 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### DEANERY OF NEPAL

Acting Dean:

Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng

Pray for:

- 1) More souls to come and believe in Jesus.
- 2) Worship halls to be provided for all congregations.
- 3) Church buildings and land to be acquired for the city churches.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Pray for God's blessings on all families as we enter into a season of year-end holidays. Pray for protection during travels, refreshment of spirit and an opportunity to know God during this time.

World: Pray for God's preservation of lives in the various conflicts around the world. Pray for the successful release of all hostages in the Israel-Gaza conflict and the protection of lives in the escalating civil war in Myanmar.

### 3) PARISH

- 1) Pray for our cell groups that as we break for the December holidays, all of our leaders and members will be refreshed during this time. Pray that everyone will stay close to the Lord and read his word at this time.
- 2) Advent Carol Service 1 Dec 2023: Pray for good response to the Service and that it will be a great blessing for all who attend to be deepened in faith and strengthened with hope for the coming of Jesus.
- 3) Pray for a communal sense of renewal, unity and hope during the season of Advent.

### 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

*"And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."  
Ephesians 1:22-23*