



Church Of The Ascension

GROWING deeper

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**

Almighty God, You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of Your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that You have prepared for those who truly love You; 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.

**5 Nov 2023**  
**All Saints' Sunday/4th Sunday before Advent**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher: Revd Jeremy-Joe Tan**

**Sermon:** "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Sardis - What is Your Reputation Worth?"

**Bible Reading:** Revelation 3:1-6  
 John 17:6-16

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

**UPCOMING**

<b>8 Nov (Wed)</b> 8pm - 9pm	<b>Hour of Power</b> Via Zoom
<b>12 Nov (Sun)</b> 8am and 10:30am	<b>3rd Sunday before Advent</b> "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Philadelphia - What are Open Doors?" Revelation 3:7-13 Ps Jaime Harris
<b>16 Nov (Thur)</b> 9:45am - 11:30am	<b>Comlink</b> Year-end party -- DIY image transfer stickers for glass containers LKC Hall
<b>19 Nov (Sun)</b> 8am and 10:30am	<b>2nd Sunday before Advent</b> "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Laodicea - Which Perspective is Right?" Revelation 3:14-21 Revd Ian Chew
<b>25 Nov (Sat)</b> 2pm - 5pm	<b>AWM Thanksgiving 2023</b> Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) Speaker: Mrs Soon Guat Eng

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Recently while I was visiting a hospital to minister to the elderly there, I was threatened by the security: "If you proselytise to the patients, we will bar you from entering this hospital in future!" I assured them that I was only there to pray for the Christian patients.

Subsequently, I counselled and prayed for God's peace and joy to fill one of the elderly patients. She had lost all hope to live and wanted to die due to her multiple health ailments. However, she was encouraged and helped very much by my prayers for her. We established a wonderful friendship and she would share much of her life with me.

Yet when her niece learnt that I, a Protestant minister, was praying for her (a Roman Catholic), she was incensed. She called the hospital to threaten that the next time I approach her auntie to counsel and pray for her, she would take drastic action against the hospital. Naturally, I was warned again to stop meeting up with her. And I felt sad that I could not continue to encourage the patient.

From these incidents, you can safely say that I am not Mr Popular. There are strong reactions, even hateful feelings that were generated in people's hearts against me.

How do I respond to such reactions? Well, the word of God is of great instruction and comfort to me.

Jesus says, *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you"* (John 15:18-19).

The first thing that we learn is that it is not uncommon for us to be hated as disciples of Christ. The world has always hated Christ and will hate us too. So we shouldn't be too surprised.

Some Christians have expressed their surprise to me that they are unwelcomed by their friends even though they have tried to love others with the love of Christ. Jesus tells us of the root cause: darkness will always hate the light. This truth will never change.

The second thing we learn is that we should choose to receive the acceptance and praise from God alone. Be satisfied with God's approval and you will not be affected by the opinions of men. I have long ago learned to not take the responses of humans to heart but to focus on pleasing the Lord Jesus alone. I know that I will receive the reward that he has prepared for me.

If we adopt this mindset, it will help us not to be too discouraged by the responses of others towards us but help us persevere in pleasing the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

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'.



## HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 8 Nov 2023

Time: 8pm - 9pm

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



## 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 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)





## YEAR END PARTY !!

### DIY IMAGE TRANSFER STICKERS FOR GLASS CONTAINERS

Date: 16 Nov 2023 (Thurs)

Time: 9.45am to 11.30am

Cost : \$10 per person  
(includes refreshments)

Venue: LKC Hall, COA

Closing Date : 9 Nov 2023

To register, please call the 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.

## AWM - THANKSGIVING 2023 : 25 NOV

### *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



## 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."

**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)

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

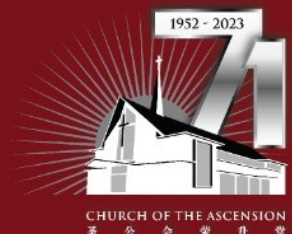
Programme:

Christmas Market & Dinner: 6pm-7.30pm

Sanctuary Program: 8pm-9.30pm

TICKETS

\$5



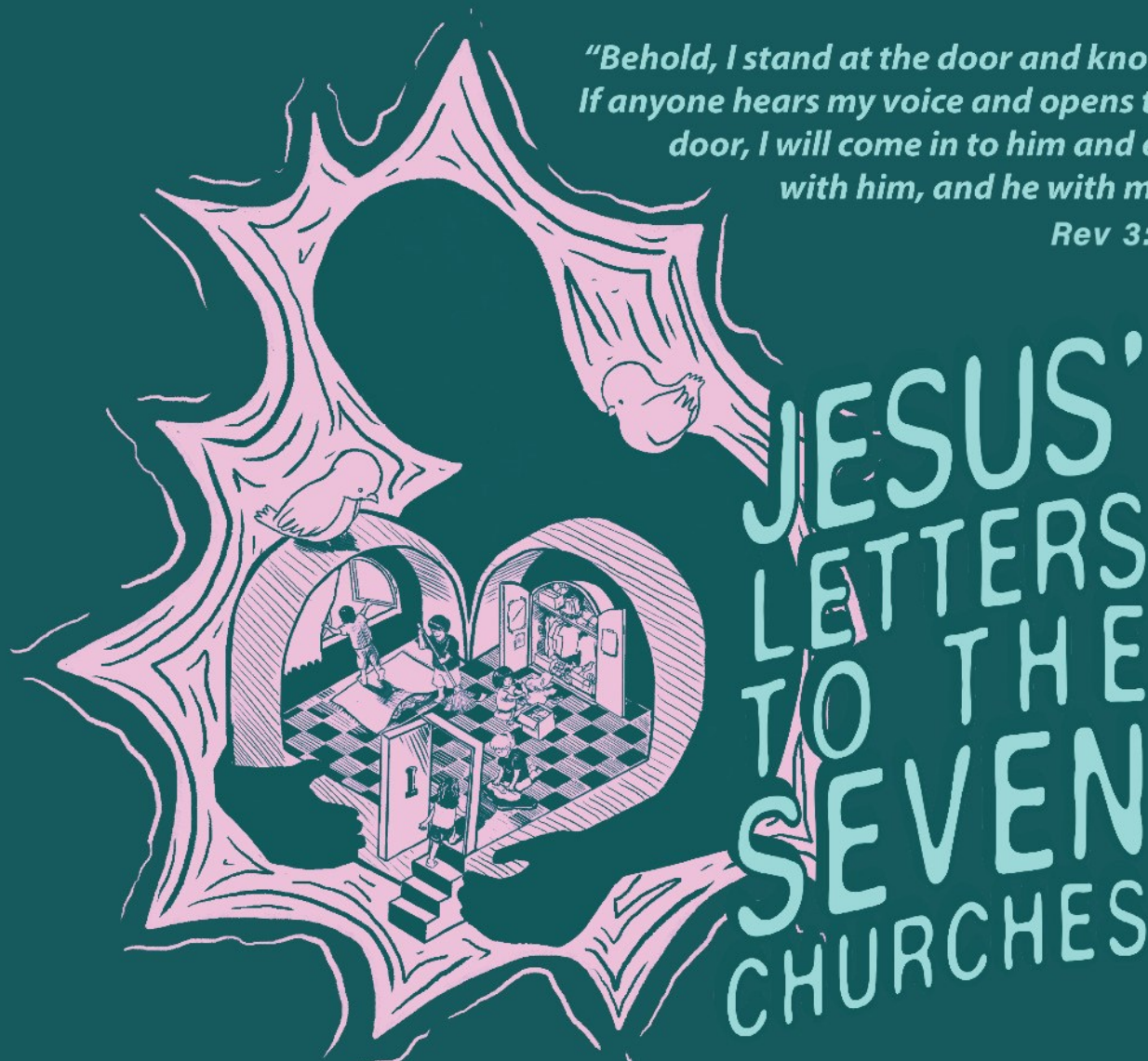
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圣公会荣升堂



## 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



CHURCH CAMP 2024

*Church of the Ascension*  
**Church Camp  
2024**

**FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSES  
TOGETHER**

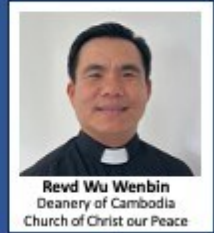
**DATE: 1ST - 4TH JUNE**

**VENUE: AMERALD RESORT  
HOTEL, DESARU**

**SPEAKER: REVD TIMOTHY CHOW**

*More details to come*

# DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE ORDINATION SERVICE 2023



12 November 2023  
Sunday, 5.00pm  
St Andrew's Cathedral  
Cathedral New Sanctuary (CNS)

Scan the QR code for  
free **tickets**:



Livestream Link:  
<http://bit.ly/OrdinationService2023>

## 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.

Publicity Materials: [DYB SERVE ACADEMY 2024](#)

helping them to encounter God

## #PARISHOFTHEWEEK – ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

- 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 All Saints' Church (ASC). You can view a video about ASC 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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*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 5 - 11 NOV 2023

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Acting Vicar:

Revd Brandon Loy

English & Mandarin Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

#### 1) Leadership Renewal

As the church intentionally disciples and mentors members, pray that new leaders will arise.

#### 2) Church Unity

Pray that All Saints' Church will be united as One Body, honouring Christ as the head of the Church.

#### 3) School Chaplaincy Partnership

All Saints' Church serves as the school chaplaincy team to Anglican High School. Pray for the partnership between the school and chaplaincy ministry.

#### 4) Christian Witness in the community

All Saints' Church has a great harvest field right at their doorstep. Pray that they will continue to be a light to the community in Bedok.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: The biggest money-laundering case in our nation has been found to have links to Chinese gamblers. Pray that our country will not be used for money laundering but that our authorities will have the wisdom and courage to stem out such practices.

Israel: The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has resulted in a large increase of antisemitic and anti-Arab attacks in many countries around the world. Pray for the Lord's protection of communities and peace to prevail in the world.

### 3) PARISH

- Pray for our Lay Readers who lead in the public worship of our church. Pray that they will be refreshed and anointed to lead and that new people will be raised up to lead in public worship.
- Youth Camp (28-31 Dec). Pray for the Lord to endow our youth camp committee with wisdom and bless the sharing of the word. Pray for our youths to sign up for the camp and to invite their friends to join the camp as well.
- Carols By Candlelight (CBC) on 16 Dec 23. Pray for God's wisdom for the organising committee to plan for the event, enthusiasm for members to volunteer for and support it, and favour on our family and friends to come and celebrate the joys of Christmas.

### 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

*"The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels."*

Revelation 3:5