



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, Your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, Your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

10 Dec 2023
Advent 2

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Soon Soo Kee

Sermon: "Are You Prepared?"

Bible Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a;
Mark 1:1-8



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

UPCOMING

13 Dec (Wed) **Hour of Power**
Via Zoom
8pm - 9pm

16 Dec (Sat) **Carols by Candlelight - A Starry & Spotty Christmas**
6pm

17 Dec (Sun) 8am **Nine Lessons and Carols**
ACE
10:30am **Advent 3**
"I Am (Not)"
1 Thess 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28
Victor Wu

24 Dec (Sun) **Advent 4/ Christmas Eve**
"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel"
8am and 10:30am
Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38
Revd Stephen Lim

25 Dec (Mon) **Christmas Day Infant Baptism Service**
10am
"The Word Made Flesh"
Hebrews 1:1-12;
John 1:1-14
Revd Ian Chew

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

One of the first lessons that we had to teach our children when they started school in Primary One was how to buy food at the canteen.

My son Isaac later shared with me what he found different and interesting about his experience -- he had to exchange money for the food from his desired stall. If he did not have enough money, he would have to borrow money from the General Office (since borrowing money from friends was not allowed). It was unlike at home where he could snack on any of the food available any time he wished. No food could be obtained for free.

It works the same way for all of us as well in physical and spiritual matters.

Purchasing something requires a cost from us. We have to exchange money for the product we desire. It does not come free of charge to us. And to obtain money, we would have to engage in hard work in the first place.

And in matters concerning our faith, after our Lord Jesus had told the Laodicean Church of their true condition, this was his prescription for how to recover from their malaise:

"I counsel you to **buy** from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see" Revelation 3:18.

God's healing for us in such a situation does not come to us without cost on our part.

Yes, salvation comes from God for us and anyone who believes in Jesus for free; yet growth in faith, maturity, righteousness and insight requires us to pay a price. It is the price of obedience and sacrifice.

Just like the attainment of health requires us to exercise regularly and watch our diet, the attainment of spiritual health requires us "to work our salvation with fear and trembling" (Philippians 2:12). We need to walk in the strength, leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit daily to put to death the deeds of our sinful nature and to live for God's purposes and kingdom. There is no short cut.

In this season of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to meet with Christ at his coming, what is that something that the Lord is convincing you to give up in exchange for His eternal blessing? He calls us to **buy from Him** – that is the only way we can receive the cure.

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

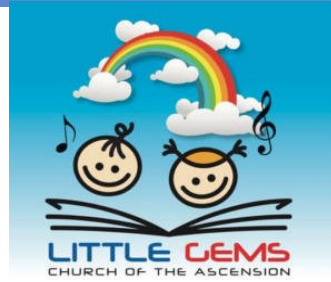
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



CHILDREN MINISTRY

Please take note that there will be no Sunday School today. LG and KFC will be in recess from 3 Dec to 31 Dec.

***LG** will be having their Christmas Party on **24 Dec 23** (Sunday) at 10.30am.



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



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

VICAR AND MISSION TEAM IN THAILAND: 6-12 DEC 2023

Vicar and the Mission Team will be away in Chiangmai, Thailand. Please keep them in prayer for safety and fruitfulness during their trip.

RENOVATION WORKS TO MPH: 1-15 DEC 2023

The Multi-Purpose Hall will be undergoing renovation works for the next two weeks to enable it to serve the church's future needs. Specific works include upgrading of lights, ceiling and walls in the MPH. It will not be available for use during this period. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

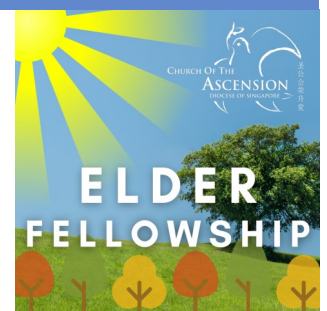
Date: Friday, 29 Dec 2023

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Ascension Hall (AH)

Speaker: Revd Ian Chew

Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.



INSTALLATION OF THE 7TH ARCHBISHOP OF PSEA : 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



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 2023 - BISHOP TITUS' MESSAGE



ADVENT 2023

Message from Bishop Titus



As we enter the season of Advent, let us reflect on Bishop Titus' message.

May we continue to live wisely as we anticipate the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Please click on the this [Link](#) for the English Advent Video 2023.

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

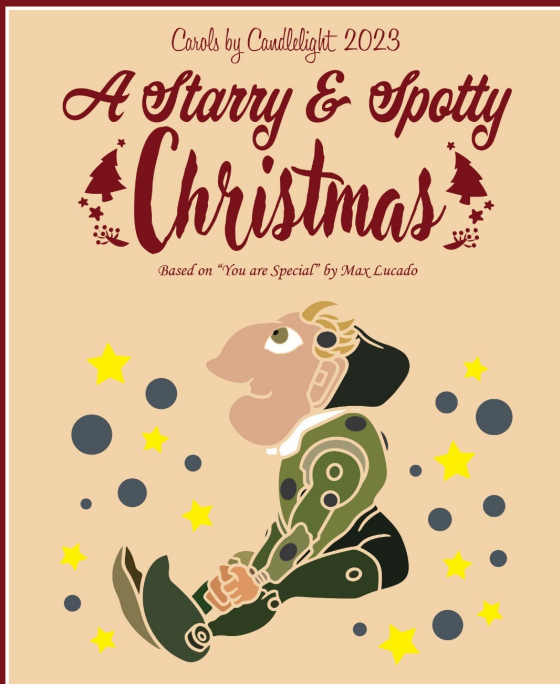
Date: Wed 13 Dec 2023
Time: 8pm - 9pm

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



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT : 16 DEC 2023



Date: 16 December 2023
Location: Church of the Ascension
Programme:
Christmas Market & Dinner: 6pm-7.30pm
Sanctuary Program: 8pm-9.30pm

TICKETS

\$5



CBC tickets are **sold out!** Thanks for the support!
Do take note that there is **no need** for *tickets* to go
to the Sanctuary Program and the Christmas
Market.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS - 8AM SERVICE : 17 DEC 23

8AM SERVICE

NINE LESSONS
& CAROLS

Anglican Chamber Ensemble

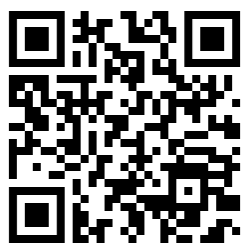
Sunday, 17 December 2023



Wine n Cheese Night



DATE: 23/12/23
SATURDAY
TIME: 1930-2130 HRS
LOCATION: SOMEWHERE IN
SINGAPORE



CHRISTMAS DAY INFANT BAPTISM SERVICE

Christmas

INFANT BAPTISM SERVICE

25 Dec . 10am

"THE WORD MADE FLESH"

Speaker: Revd Ian Chew

Parents who would like to have your infants baptised or elderly folk who wish to undergo baptism by sprinkling can register their interest using this [link](#) or email their enquiries to admin@ascension.org.sg

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

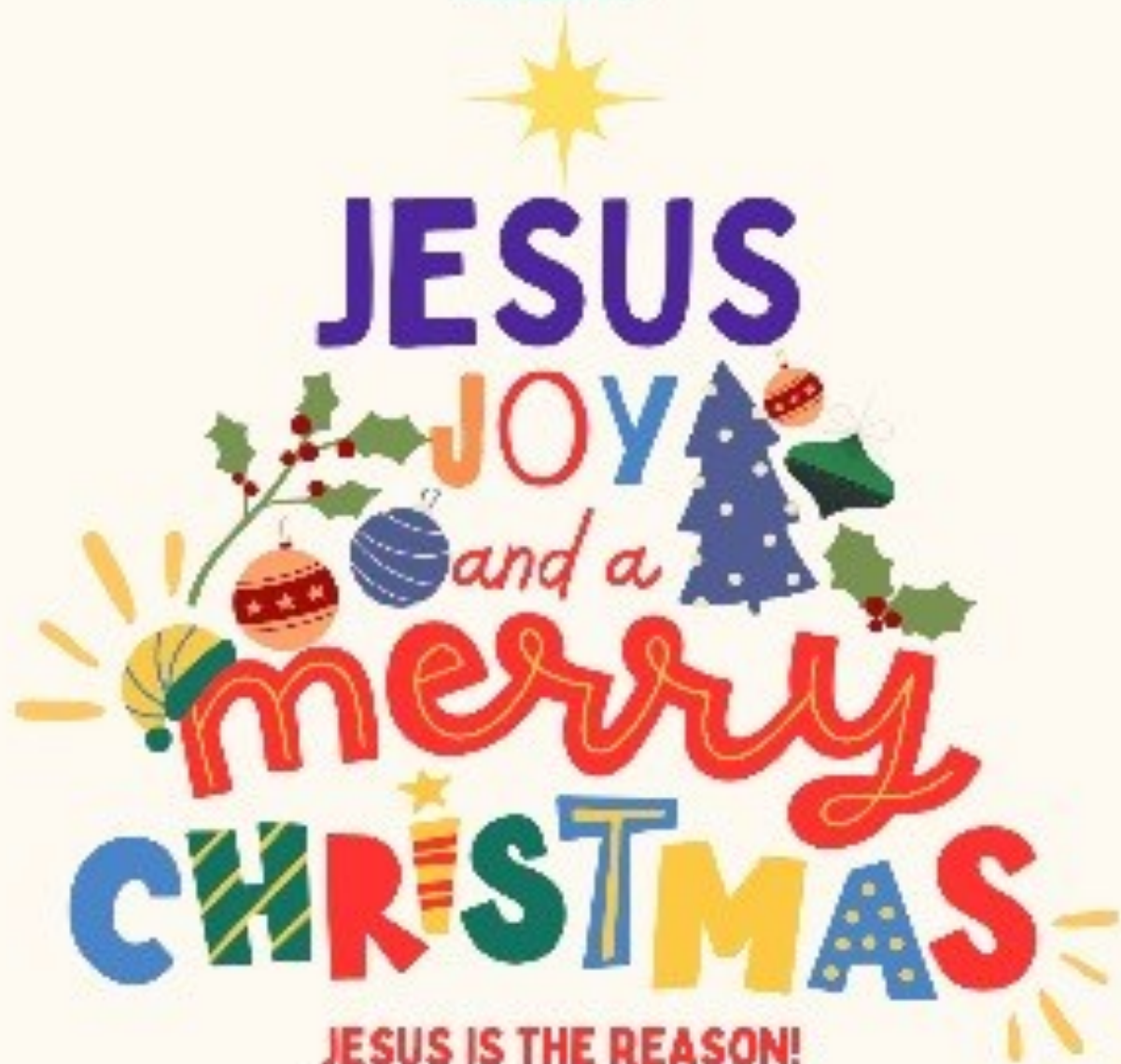
24 Dec (Sun)
Fourth Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel
Revd Stephen Lim

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

LITTLE GEMS CHRISTMAS PARTY: 24 DEC 2023

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, LITTLE GEMS SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTS:



JESUS IS THE REASON!

**JOIN US FOR A FUN MORNING FULL OF SONGS, STORIES AND GAMES!
(FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN 18 MONTHS AND 6 YEARS OLD)**

DATE:

24 DECEMBER 2023, SUNDAY

TIME:

10.30AM- 12.00PM

VENUE:

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, LEVEL 1, SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM

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



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 10 - 16 DEC 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

DEANERY OF THAILAND

Dean:

Home Base Coordinator:

Revd Canon Yee Ching Wah

Revd Tang Wai Lung

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN THAILAND (ACT)

- 1) Pray for the ACT family as we continue to live out the values of Family, Rootedness, and Missions until the whole land is filled with the glory of God.
- 2) Pray for the churches to be focused and committed towards evangelism and discipleship. Pray that they will establish a clear structure for discipleship and find keys to open doors to reach out to their communities.
- 3) Pray for sustained leadership development and renewal, and formation of teams to plant new churches.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: There have been big outbreaks of dengue every year since 2019 in Singapore. Pray for wisdom and success in the use of dengue vaccines to reduce the overall burden of dengue in Singapore.

Gaza: Pray for humanitarian aid to be delivered to the civilians in Gaza and smooth release of all of the hostages held by Hamas. Pray that the people will turn to Christ for hope and salvation. Pray for the protection of all people from the harmful effects of war.

3) PARISH

- 1) Pray for God's protection and blessing on our mission team to Chiangmai, Thailand on 6-12 Dec led by Angelina Lim. Pray that their ministry would be fruitful and effective and that good relations will be established for further partnerships in future.
- 2) Pray for smooth preparation for Carols by Candlelight on 16 Dec and many hearts of our friends will be open to God's love during the service.
- 3) Pray that we will be a voice of advent hope and joy to our neighbours and friends.

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
Wilson Ling (Evelyn Tan's son-in-law) - healing of
the liver cancer.

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. Liver enzymes to be
stable. Wisdom on the doctors to
give the right diagnosis.
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

"Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace."
2 Peter 3:14