



Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in Your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

31 Dec 2023
1st Sunday after Christmas

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The Call to Fruitfulness"

Bible Reading: Psalm 1;
 John 15:1-16

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

UPCOMING

6 Jan 24 (Sat) **Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting**
 7:30am - 9am
 Rev Ian Chew
 Ascension Hall (AH)

7 Jan 24 (Sun) **Epiphany 1/ Baptism of Christ**
 8am and 10:30am
 "Fruitfulness in our Families"
 2 Timothy 3:1-17;
 Mark 1:4-11
 Revd Sam Kuna

10 Jan 24 (Wed) **Hour of Power**
 7:30pm - 9pm
 Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

23 Jan 24 (Tues) **Installation Service of the 7th Archbishop of the Province of South East Asia**
 4pm

The Vicar and staff would like to wish everyone a
Blessed New Year!

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

As we come to the end of the year and embark on a new year, it is an opportune time for us to give thanks to God for his blessings of us throughout the year. I will therefore write a three-part devotion on how we can grow in thanksgiving.

I have heard this said to me by some people, "I have nothing to thank God for!" Is what they are saying true? Are their lives so terrible that there is nothing to thank God for?

This week, the Lord has been showing me that we must be thankful, **especially for the things that we have taken for granted**. This is because there is so much that we have taken for granted. And we fail to glorify God when we do not give him the due praise for what He has done for us.

So, what have we taken for granted? Let me share three areas (hence, my three-part devotion):

1. **Protection for our lives** so that we are safe and secure

We often give thanks for the spectacular – like how God delivered us from a dangerous situation. But how many of us have thanked God for keeping us from harm? This is not so obvious but very important as well.

A testimony was told by a missionary who had ministered the gospel in Central America under the control of drug cartels. One day, he was in Hong Kong for a conference and during his lunch, he noticed a man who was staring at him intently.

When he confronted the man, the man replied, "I used to work as a contract killer in Central America for the cartels and you were one of my targets. But on the night I was supposed to kill you, I couldn't pull the trigger. Something was preventing me from doing so. So I threw away the gun and fled because I knew that if I did not succeed in killing you, the gang would come after me. I escaped to Asia and miraculously came to know Christ. You may not believe it but this is the story I want to tell you."

As you can see, even though the missionary did not know it, God was protecting him from danger.

In the same way, God protects us from harm – even the harm that we do not know existed. I suspect that when we meet with God, we will learn of all the countless areas He has watched over us. Let us therefore be diligent in thanking God for our safety and security every day.

God bless,

Revd Ian

(Parts 2 and 3 will be shared next week)



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

REQUEST FOR HOUSE/OFFICE BLESSING

If you need help with House or Office Blessing, please contact the Church Office or send an email to admin@ascension.org.sg

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

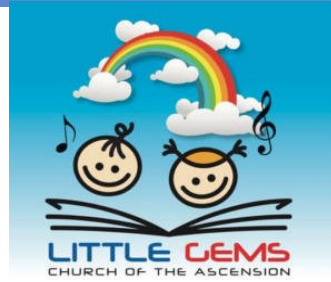
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



CHILDREN MINISTRY

Please take note that there will be **no Sunday School** on **7 Jan 2024**. Classes will resume on **14 Jan 2024**.

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:

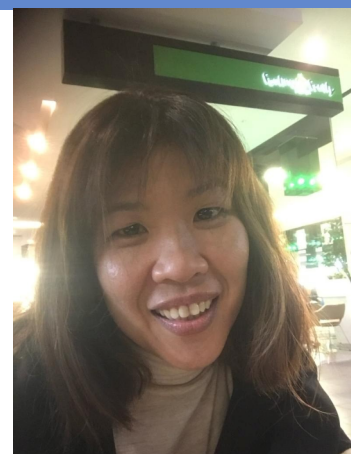
- COA Finance Officer (part-time). Interested applicants, please click on the below URL https://ascension.org.sg/finance_officer/ and send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

EVENT CALENDAR 2024

The COA 2024 Event calendar is available for download. Please use the below link for the event calendar: <http://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

WELCOME NEW CHAPLAINCY STAFF - COA

We warmly welcome Ps Jocelyn Choo to join the Church of the Ascension Staff Team. She will be taking up the role of Associate Chaplain of St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied) from 1 January 2024. Please do extend your well wishes to her and pray that the Lord will grant her wisdom and strengthen her for the work of the ministry.



MEN'S NETWORK MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING - 6 JAN 2023

Men Ministry

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Speaker
Revd Ian Chew

Saturday 6 Jan 2024
7.30am | Ascension Hall

All are welcome



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.

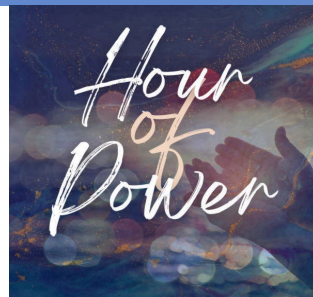
HOUR OF POWER

Date: Wed 10 Jan 2024

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Venue: Multi-purpose Hall

Come and join us as one Ascension family to pray and seek the Lord.



CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on 2 Jan 24 (PH -- New Year's Day) and reopen on 3 Jan 24 (Wednesday).

For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

HOST PARENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN SA HALL 2024

A new batch of 82 Sec 1 and 3 students have just arrived at SA Hall. If you are interested to sign up as a Host Parent for the students, please do contact the Church Office to apply or inquire for more information. Host Parents are required to care for 2-3 students per Family - for a period of 2 years.

GROWING IN

FRUITFULNESS

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. - John 15:16

31 DEC, SUN

The Call to Fruitfulness

Revd Ian Chew

7 JAN, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Family

Revd Sam Kuna

14 JAN, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Work

Lawrence Lee

21 JAN, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Ministry

Pt Henson Lim

28 JAN, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Personal Lives

Jennifer Heng

4 FEB, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Finances

Barney Lau

11 FEB, SUN

Fruitfulness in our Witness

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

ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) - 2024 - TERM 1



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



All lessons
will be
conducted
via Zoom.
Registration
details can
be found on
the
Diocesan
website
[here](#)

Old Testament

1A Overview of the Old Testament (Free of Charge)

Instructor: Ms. Vivien Chen

1 lesson: 4 Jan 2024 7.30pm - 9pm



4B The Prophets : Jeremiah & Ezekiel

Instructors: Revd. Hambali Leonardi
Revd. Aaron Cheng

10 lessons: 11 Jan - 14 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 23 March



New Testament

1B Overview of the New Testament (Free of Charge)

Instructor: Mr. Keith Leong

1 lesson: 4 Jan 2024 7.30pm - 9pm



11 The Pauline Epistles: 1 & 2 Corinthians

Instructors: Ds. Bessie Lee
Ms. Vivien Chen

10 lessons: 11 Jan - 14 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 23 March





Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 31 DEC 2023 - 6 JAN 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Vicar:

English, Mandarin and Tamil Congregations:

St Andrew's Secondary School:

Revd Joseph You

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Principal and staff

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Reports show that some youths are starting to pick up vaping as early as primary school and with some vape sellers targeting young people. Pray that schools and the authorities are able to tackle the issue.

World: Pray for the peace of Jesus Christ to reign over the conflicts taking place in many parts of the world. Pray that all the people will know and believe in the Prince of Peace in this Christmas season.

3) PARISH

- 1) As we enter into the new year, may we embrace the theme of "Growing in Fruitfulness". May we learn to grow in fruitfulness in every aspect of our lives.
- 2) Pray for teachers, parents and students as they prepare for the new school year.
- 3) Pray for God's leading and blessings on the management team of St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied) as they embark on crucial preparations to set up operations in the nursing home.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

Evelyn Tan, Joanne Lau, Noah Ng Hong Xu

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. 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 consciousness and

health

Janet Hale - relief from pain in her body.

Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss of red

blood cells

Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

Verona Leong - clearing of blockage in intestines

"So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God."

Galatians 4:7