



Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, in Christ You make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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.

14 Jan 2024
Epiphany 2

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Lawrence Lee

Sermon: "Fruitfulness in our Work"

Bible Reading: Romans 11:1-6,
11-16;
John 15:1-11

Connect with the Ascension Family

13 Francis Thomas Drive S(359339)
T(65) 6283 3988 F: (65) 6283 3220



Email: admin@ascension.org.sg

Website: www.ascension.org.sg

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

UPCOMING

21 Jan 24 **Epiphany 3**
(Sun) "Fruitfulness in our Ministry"
8am and Colossians 4:2-18 and
10:30am John 2:1-11
Ps Henson Lim

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

25 Jan 24 **ComLink - "What's A**
(Thu) **Cooking?"**
9:45am - Big Plate Chicken
11:30am LKC Hall

26 Jan 24 **Elder Fellowship Holy**
(Fri) **Communion Service**
10:30am - Multi-Purpose Hall
12:30am Revd Ian Chew

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Here is the last of my 3-part series of sharing on giving thanks for things we may have taken for granted.

God's Saving Grace In Our Lives

I personally do not think that we come even close to fully appreciating what God has done for us in saving us from our sins and the eternal punishment that had awaited us. Perhaps we will never be able to grasp the full measure of his grace towards us in our lifetime here on earth. But that does not mean that we should give up learning more and giving more thanks more for what Christ has done for us.

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**” (v4-7).

One of the chief reasons for God saving us is explained by Paul: so that in our lives after our earthly lives, we will grow in our knowledge of the indescribable grace God has for us. And this grace is shown to us through his kindness towards us in what Christ Jesus did for us when we were all still sinners and enemies of God.

This alone ought to dispel all the wrong teachings and thoughts in some of our minds that God is an angry and vindictive cosmic taskmaster who is out to “get us” for every mistake.

Instead, the opposite is true.

God is our loving heavenly Father who is infinitely kind towards us. He possesses great mercy towards us and helps us when we are weak. He sends His Son to rescue us from our darkness and sends His Spirit to teach and empower us. There is no good thing that our Father would withhold from us. He intends to display his kindness towards us throughout all eternity!

This alone should **inspire unceasing praises and thanksgiving from our hearts to God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ**. Even if our day went fully bad and every conceivable wrong that could go wrong did in fact go wrong, we could and should still give thanks at the end of the day for the great salvation that Christ has wrought for us.

It is the most precious gift in all the earth and like the man with the pearl of great price – having Jesus is possessing all the riches on this earth. He is worth giving up all that we have!

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
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



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.

Please view this video [Role of the Archbishop in the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia] at the following link: <https://youtu.be/05NOV2AVGvY>

EVENT CALENDAR 2024

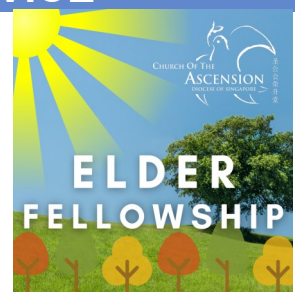
The COA 2024 Event calendar is available for download. Please use the below link for the event calendar: <http://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: 26 Jan 2024, Friday
Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)
Speaker: Revd Ian Chew

Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.

Do join us if you are 60 or older. Please contact the Church Office for registration and more information.



CHILDREN MINISTRY

Classes resume **today**; looking forward to seeing everyone!

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



CHILDREN MINISTRY - SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2024

All parents are kindly reminded to register their child/children using the link below or scan the QR code.

<https://ascension.org.sg/children/>



TOUR OF NEW LSP (COA) PREMISES: 28 JAN 2024

Interested to find out more about the renovations done to Little Seeds Preschool (Church of the Ascension), formerly known as Ascension Kindergarten, since its upgrading to become a Childcare Centre? Then, come and join our organised tour of the premises!

Date: 28 Jan (Sun)

Time: 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Led by Dianne and Principal Wong Wei Sum.

Please register with the church office. Registration closes on 25 Jan.

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

WHAT'S A COOKING?



BIG PLATE CHICKEN

Date: 25 Jan 2024 (Thurs)

Time: 9.45am to 11.30am

Cost: \$6 per person

Venue: LKC Hall, Church of the Ascension

Register by: 19 Jan 24

To register, please call 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.

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

Ps 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**

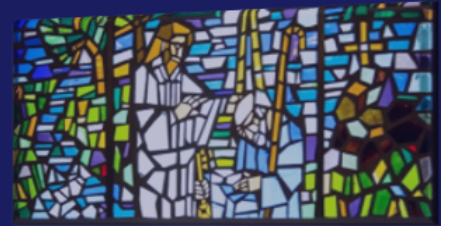
SPEAKER: REVD TIMOTHY CHOW

More details to come

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



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



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



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

CMJ CONFERENCE (FREE): 26 - 27 JAN 2024

26-27
JANUARY



VENUE

ST JAMES' CHURCH
(SANCTUARY 1)

1 LEEDON ROAD SINGAPORE 267828

CMJ CONFERENCE

TIMELESS WISDOM: NAVIGATING TODAY WITH ANCIENT JEWISH INSIGHTS

SPEAKERS: REVD CANON DARYL FENTON & REVD DAVID PILEGGI

Cost: Free

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/SJC-CMJConf>



The sages recorded in the Jewish scripture, some more ancient than Confucius, set out the precepts and practices ordained by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their historians and poets described Israel's successes and failures at abiding by those precepts. After 1,000 years of teaching and practice, a new prophet arose in Israel, the promised Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. Steeped in the traditions and practical truth of this ancient Jewish teaching, he declared the ultimate purposes of those ancient truths. That teaching, and its Jewish roots, became the foundation of 2,000 years of Christian teaching and culture. This is the ancient wisdom that can guide us through these troubled times.



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 14 - 20 JAN 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

1. PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

Diocese of Sabah:

Most Revd Datuk Melter Tais
(Archbishop of the Province of
South East Asia)

Diocese of Kuching:

Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute

Diocese of West Malaysia:

Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow

Diocese of Singapore:

Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung
(Archbishop-elect of the Province of
South East Asia)

2. Pray for Archbishop-elect Dr Titus Chung as he prepares to take office in 2024.

3. Pray for the organising committee as they prepare for the Installation Service on
23 Jan 24:

- Guidance and wisdom in planning and organising the Installation Service and Thanksgiving Dinner
- Unity in spirit as the committee work together
- Provision of resources

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: A recent survey shows that Singaporeans have become less happy compared to ten years ago. Materialism has not brought about fulfillment. Pray that all of our families will look to God for meaning and purpose in life instead.

Taiwan: Taiwan election takes place on 13 Jan 24. The youths are concerned about the cross-strait relations, housing justice, costs of living and the Taiwanese identity. Pray that with this coming election the elected government would be able to tackle the above issues.

3) PARISH

1) Pray for God's blessings on our Sunday School program and teachers as classes resume
Today.

2) Pray for our outreach activities and services in Jan - Comlink (25 Jan) and Elder Fellowship (26 Jan) -
to be well attended and blessed:

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) -

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 - Will start on new medication. It
will not have any negative effect
but positive ones.
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

"Continue to live in me, and I will continue to live in you. A branch cannot make fruit by itself. It can make fruit only if it continues to be part of the vine. You are like that. You cannot make fruit unless you continue to live in me."

John 15:4