



Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving presence: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; 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.

**21 Jan 2024**  
**Epiphany 3**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Ps Henson Lim

**Sermon:** "Fruitfulness in our Ministry"

**Bible Reading:** Colossians  
4:2-18;  
John 2:1-11

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

## UPCOMING

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

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

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

**28 Jan (Sun) 8am and 10:30am** **Epiphany 4/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple**  
"Fruitfulness in our Personal Lives"  
Galatians 5:13-26;  
John 15:1-8  
Jennifer Heng

**3 Feb (Sat) 8am - 9.30am** **Men's Network - SAJS Prayer Walk**  
Multi-purpose Hall (MPH)

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

What is faith?

This question is actually very important because we are told in the Bible that without faith, "*it is impossible to please God*" (Hebrews 11:6).

Yet the whole concept of faith is much more mysterious and deeper in meaning than most people can grasp.

The first and obvious meaning of having faith is "**to believe**". The Greek word for faith is *pistis*, which means to believe or to trust something or someone. This is a correct and important meaning as we are called to believe in the saving grace and power of the Lord Jesus Christ so that we can become children of God (John 1:12).

Yet faith is more than just a cognitive belief in the truths of the Bible or the fact of the resurrection of Christ. It encompasses a deep trust in our hearts in the Person and work of Jesus in our lives as well as a continual growing in our relationship with Him.

Just this week, I was speaking with a Chaplain of a nursing home specialising in care for psychiatric patients. All of the residents in the home are suffering from mental illness. Yet in spite of their limited abilities to understand concepts, they are able to know deeply in their hearts that prayers by the Chaplain for them are important. As a result, they treasure being able to attend the weekly services and find partaking in the Holy Communion a most faith-building endeavour.

Can we say that they have no faith because they are unable to grasp cognitive truths? Definitely not! In fact, they may be possessing even greater faith in God than most rational and thinking people.

So, what is that they have that can be termed as "faith"? I believe that it is the deep assurance in their hearts of the reality and presence of God in their lives that guides their walk with God. And this deep assurance transcends pure rational thought.

Hebrews 11:1 confirms this understanding of faith. It defines faith as "*the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen.*"

If this is the case, then ultimately, true faith is the gift of God the Father through His Holy Spirit in our lives to be fully assured of the saving power of Jesus the Son of God for us. It is not of our own strength or doing to achieve it – which is why no one can boast before God. God is the one who graciously provides all things for us and our salvation.

May we grow in true faith and trust in Christ our Lord by depending on the Holy Spirit for the daily renewal of our faith, and be daily filled with thanksgiving on our lips and in our hearts for the gracious and good gifts of the Father 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
English Traditional Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
English Contemporary Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
Mandarin 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

## 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](mailto: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

Sunday school classes start at 10.30am.  
The children will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

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/>



## PARENT-TEACHER BRIEFING: 28 JAN 2024

We will be having a Parent-Teacher briefing for Little Gems and Kids for Christ parents.

**Date:** 28 Jan 2024, Sunday

**Time:** After 10.30am service

**Venue:** Sanctuary

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## 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 (9451 1625) 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'.



## INSTALLATION OF THE 7TH ARCHBISHOP OF PSEA : 23 JAN 2024

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

23 / 01 / 24  
TUESDAY AT 4PM

LIVESTREAM LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/ABP\\_PSEA24](https://bit.ly/abp_psea24)



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 [Installation Service of the 7th Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia] at the following link: [https://youtu.be/ebXBI\\_aNehQ](https://youtu.be/ebXBI_aNehQ)

## 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>

## 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)

## 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.



## MEN'S NETWORK - SAJS PRAYER WALK: 3 FEB 2024



“...praying at all times in the Spirit,  
with all prayer and supplication.  
To that end, keep alert with all  
perseverance, making supplication  
for all the saints”



Ephesians 6:18

# SAJS PRAYER WALK

3rd Feb (Sat) 2024  
8:00am - 9:30am  
Church of the Ascension  
Multi-purpose Hall

## COLLECTION OF PALM CROSSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, falls on 14 February this year. At the Ash Wednesday Service, ashes are usually signed on the observers' foreheads to remind us to “remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. This is known as the Imposition of Ashes. The ashes are usually made by burning palm crosses and branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.

We invite you to please bring your old palm crosses and branches and deposit them in the basket near the sanctuary by 11 February (Sunday).

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*

**Rev'd Ian Chew**

**7 JAN, SUN**

*Fruitfulness in our Family*

**Rev'd Sam Kuna**

**14 JAN, SUN**

*Fruitfulness in our Work*

**Lawrence Lee**

**21 JAN, SUN**

*Fruitfulness in our Ministry*

**P's 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*

**Rev'd 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**

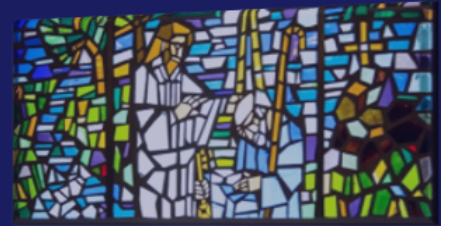
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# ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) - 2024 - TERM 1



## 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: 21 - 27 JAN 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### Archbishop's Installation Service 23 Jan 2024

Pray for Archbishop-elect Dr Titus Chung as he prepares to take office in 2024, that he will:

- be guided by the Holy Spirit as he leads the Province,
- receive strong support from the Provincial Leaders, and
- receive God's protection over himself and his family.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: There has been increased scrutiny on the morals, ethics and behaviours of our leaders following the recent scandals involving our Government ministers. Pray for our leaders to be upright and to possess hearts of integrity and compassion. This is so that they can lead the country well and be good role models to the young.

Middle East: Conflicts are escalating between the countries of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Israel. Pray for God's peace to prevail and God's protection of the lives of the civilians in these countries.

### 3) PARISH

- 1) Pray for our outreach activities and services in Jan - Comlink (25 Jan) and Elder Fellowship (26 Jan) - to be well attended and blessed.
- 2) Pray that we will continue to learn and apply the lessons from the sermon series and cell Bible studies to grow in fruitfulness in our lives.
- 3) Pray for God's anointing, strength and wisdom on all of our cell leaders as they embark on a year of caring for the members and leading the flock to grow in fruitfulness.

### 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

#### 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 level to drop and no issues with liver or bones.  
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