



**Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung** **Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

**COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,  
 whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our  
 flesh: grant that we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts, by  
 Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You,  
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**28 Jan 2024**  
**Epiphany 4/ Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher: Jennifer Heng**

**Sermon: "Fruitfulness in our Personal Lives"**

**Bible Reading: Galatians 5:13-26;  
 John 15:1-8**

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

**UPCOMING**

<b>3 Feb (Sat)</b> 8am - 9.30am	<b>Men's Network - SAJS Prayer Walk</b> Multi-purpose Hall (MPH)
<b>4 Feb (Sun)</b> 8am and 10.30am	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b> "Fruitfulness in our Finances" Barney Lau
<b>11 Feb (Sun)</b> 8am	<b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> "Fruitfulness in our Witness" 2 Cor 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9 Revd Ian Chew *No 10.30am Service
<b>14 Feb (Wed)</b> 8pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> "For Christ's Sake" 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10 Angelina Lim

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

A short verse in Paul's letter to the Corinthians aptly describes how we should live: "*For we live by faith, not by sight*" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

**This tells us that living by what we see is sometimes totally opposite of living in faith in God.**

An instructive story that I just read this week was about Abraham and Lot in Genesis 13. Both had grown so rich that they had to separate and go their own ways. Being the big-hearted man that he was, Abraham allowed his nephew Lot to make the first choice of area to settle in.

Lot surveyed the land before him and saw that the plains of Jordan were beautiful and rich in resources. This was because all of the water from the hills flowed down to the valley below. That would be a perfect place to sustain his livestock and grow even richer than he was currently.

Yet there was a caveat. The people living in the plains were godless and wicked. His adherence to God's laws and ways would be severely tested. Would he choose a life of luxury in a sinful environment or choose to forego wealth accumulation to live according to God's ways? In the end he chose the former.

We all know the outcome of his choice. Eventually, he lost everything when all of his possessions were burnt up together with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Not only that, his wife turned into a pillar of salt when she yearned for the riches they had left behind. By choosing wealth as his greatest priority he had lost all that he had originally and ended up a bitter man with a heart full of regrets.

Beloved, do you resonate with this story? Are you tempted by the wealth and pleasures that the world offers which might compromise your faith? I pray that we would always guard our hearts and be careful about the choices we make.

**One way we can do that is to always question what we see as good.**

Is our perspective of what is right and good always so? What does God's word say about that? What does God's Spirit say to us about that?

I have learnt in my years of Christian living to always possess a healthy sense of doubt towards my own perspectives and opinions. For example, is the attendance of many people in a church service or meeting always indicative that I am fulfilling God's will? Is the receipt of more financial giving in church always a sign of God's blessings and favour upon us? Am I truly living by the world's standards or God's measure of success?

**Ultimately, faith is fully trusting what God says and obeying his call for us.**

This, as the Bible tells us, can often be contrary to what we see or perceive. A healthy dose of self-doubt and honest reflection is important to help us be open to God's true ways for us. Being always faithful in whatever He gives us is what counts.

After all, *we live by faith and not by sight.*

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 <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



## STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS (TITHING & THANKSGIVING)

The yearly statements are ready. Please contact Clare if you require a copy of your contributions.



# INSTALLATION SERVICE OF 7TH ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROVINCE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN SOUTH EAST ASIA -- VIDEO



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

23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2024  
TUESDAY AT 4PM  
ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung was installed as the 7<sup>th</sup> Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia on 23 January 2024.

If you have missed the Installation Service, you can still watch the service on YouTube:

[https://bit.ly/abp\\_psea24](https://bit.ly/abp_psea24)

## CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on the following days:

- 1) 9 Feb 24 (CNY eve - from 1pm)
- 2) 13 Feb 24 (In lieu of CNY holiday on Monday)

Office will reopen on 14 Feb 24 (Wednesday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

## ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Date:** 23 Feb 2024, Friday

**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm

**Venue:** Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

**Speaker:**

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

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 (today)

**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 2024 (today)

**Time:** 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Led by Dianne Seet-Swee, Senior Director of APS and Principal Wong Wei Sum.

## 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 cooperation informing Elaine or Clare before placing any food contribution at the 'Refreshment Corner'.



## 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:

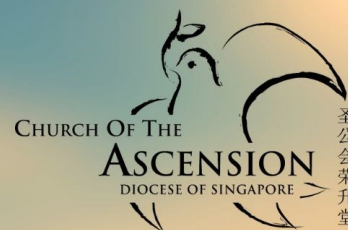
COA Finance Officer (part-time). Interested applicants, please click on the below URL

[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)

## 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 at the doors of the sanctuary by 11 February (Sunday).



CNY SUNDAY SERVICE : 11 FEB 2024

11 February 2024

*Blessed Chinese New Year!*

*growing in fruitfulness*

**WITNESS**

**8AM CNY SUNDAY SERVICE**

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE : 14 FEB 2024



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

*THE BEGINNING OF LENT*

**8PM, 14 FEBRUARY 2024**



# Lunar New Year Lo Hei



**DATE: 22 FEB 2024 (THURS)**

**TIME : 9.45AM TO 11.30AM**

**COST: \$10 PER PERSON  
(INCLUDING LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS)**

**VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF  
THE ASCENSION**

**REGISTER BY :16 FEB 24**

**TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL CHURCH OF THE  
ASCENSION AT 6283-3988 (OFFICE HOURS ONLY,  
CLOSED ON MONDAY).**

**THE ORGANISER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE  
EVENT SHOULD UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR.**



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*

<b>31 DEC, SUN</b>	<i>The Call to Fruitfulness</i>	<b>Rev'd Ian Chew</b>
<b>7 JAN, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Family</i>	<b>Rev'd Sam Kuna</b>
<b>14 JAN, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Work</i>	<b>Lawrence Lee</b>
<b>21 JAN, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Ministry</i>	<b>Pt Henson Lim</b>
<b>28 JAN, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Personal Lives</i>	<b>Jennifer Heng</b>
<b>4 FEB, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Finances</i>	<b>Barney Lau</b>
<b>11 FEB, SUN</b>	<i>Fruitfulness in our Witness</i>	<b>Rev'd Ian Chew</b>

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: 28 JAN - 3 FEB 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

**Bishop of Singapore and Dean  
Acting Vicar**

The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung  
Revd Christopher Chan

- 1) Thank God for the completion of the Nave and pray that members will also be also spiritually renewed in their passion to pursue God and bear fruit that glorifies His name.
- 2) Pray that members will respond to the call for children ministry workers and that God will bless the ministry workers with wisdom, strength, and joy as they invest time and effort in the children.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

**Singapore:** A study published by SingHealth Polyclinics (SHP) in November showed a 60 per cent increase in the number of local women seeking referrals for abortions between 2017 and 2020. More than 10 per cent of the patients had repeated referrals for abortions. Pray for the Lord's strength and help for families facing unplanned pregnancies to make wise decisions with regards to the sanctity of life of the unborn children.

**World:** Pray for God's wisdom and grace on the people of Indonesia and USA as they go through an election year for the leaders of their countries. Pray that the right leaders of goodness, integrity and compassion will be elected.

### 3) PARISH

- 1) As we prepare for the upcoming Chinese New Year, pray that this will be a time of fruitful interactions with our family and friends. Pray for God's love and word of hope to flow from our lives to our loved ones.
- 2) Men's Network SAJS prayer walk: pray for it to be a meaningful and blessed time of asking for God's blessings on the leaders, staff, students and families of school for the year ahead.

### 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. 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

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."  
John 15:5*