



Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be Your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as Your adopted children; 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.

**7 Jan 2024**

**Epiphany 1/ Baptism of Christ**

**8am & 10:30am**

**Preacher:** Revd Sam Kuna

**Sermon:** "Fruitfulness in our Families"

**Bible Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:1-17;  
Mark 1:4-11

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

## UPCOMING

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

**14 Jan 24** **Epiphany 2**  
(Sun) "Fruitfulness in our Work"  
8am and Romans 11:1-6, 11-16;  
10:30am John 15:1-11  
Lawrence Lee

**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

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

As we embark on a new year, it is important to develop a heart of thanksgiving. The apostle Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess 5:18). And this is Part 2 of my three-part devotion on how we can grow in thanksgiving.

Just some context on this series – I have been convinced by the Lord that we need to thank God especially in the areas that we have **taken for granted**. This is because we can be such forgetful and unthankful people of the myriad blessings of God in our lives. There is therefore a need to be intentionally thankful.

### 2. Giving Thanks Physical Health and the Use of Our Bodily Functions

It is funny how we realise how important a certain body function is only when we lose the use of them or when they become impaired.

Recently, I visited a member in hospital and was praying for God's healing on her as she had a blocked intestine. Food and fluids that were ingested would get clogged up in her intestine much like how dirt and grime would choke up a water pipe. We prayed for the Lord to clear the blockage. God was merciful and granted daily miracles. We were celebrating the little breakthroughs in her ability to pass motion or even fart daily. This reminded me that we ought not take for granted that the Lord has blessed us with bodily functions for our benefit.

This is also why when I visit new homes to pray for house blessings, I would also spend some time praying for the toilets that our bodies may be refreshed in the toilets and that urinary or bowel movements would be smooth. They may sound unpleasant but God's blessings of us being able to pass our waste out of our body should never be taken for granted!

Extrapolating this, we find that we have numerous things to thank God for – our eyesight, ability to walk, ability to communicate and so on. The list is endless.

So, what are you thankful for today that you may have taken for granted in the past? May the Holy Spirit remind you and help you cultivate a heart of thanksgiving in the coming week.

God bless,  
Revd Ian

(Part 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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> 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



## NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM BISHOP TITUS AND THE DIOCESE

# HAPPY *New* YEAR

May God guide you  
onto a path that leads  
you to His promises.

From Bishop Titus and all  
of us at the Diocesan  
Central Administration



Blessed New Year! May God sustain and guide us in the year ahead.

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

Save The Date

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

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

LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

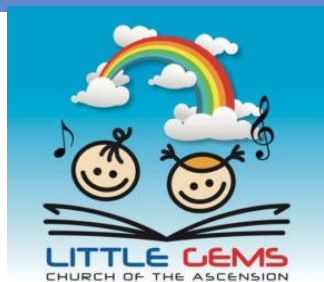


The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung will be installed as the 7th Archbishop of the Province of South East Asia (PSEA) on 23rd January 2024, Tuesday, 4pm at St Andrew's Cathedral.

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

Please take note that there will be **no Sunday School** today. 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/](https://ascension.org.sg/finance_officer/) and send your resume to [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto: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>

## HOUR OF POWER (ONSITE)

**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.



## 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.

# 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*

**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**

*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: 7 - 13 JAN 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

1. Bishop of Singapore – Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung  
Assistant Bishop – Rt Revd Low Jee King  
Archdeacon of Singapore – Ven Daniel Wee  
Archdeacon (Community Services) – Ven Wong Tak Meng  
Director of Missions – Revd Dr Timothy Chong  
Diocesan Officers
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.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Some active ageing centres are planning to double their labour pool and offer more services amid the rising number of seniors in Singapore. Recruitment remains a challenge in the aged care sector, according to centre operators. Pray for more volunteers, especially seniors, to step forward to fill in the gap.

Japan: A powerful earthquake that hit Wajima, Japan on New Year's Day killed at least 48 people, with rescue teams struggling in freezing temperatures to reach isolated areas where many people are feared trapped under toppled buildings. Pray that the rescue teams would be able to withstand the cold weather and rescue those who are trapped in a timely manner.

### 3) PARISH

- 1) Pray for God's leading of us in committing all things to God in prayer. Pray for our on-site Hour of Power that many will come together to pray.
- 2) Pray for God's blessings on our Sunday School program and teachers as they resume classes on 14 Jan.
- 3) 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.

### 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 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

*"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*  
2 Timothy 3:16-17