



**Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung**

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive His glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**11 Feb 2024**

**Sunday next before Lent**

**8am**

**Preacher: Revd Ian Chew**

**Sermon: "Fruitfulness in our Witness"**

**Bible Reading: 2 Cor 4:3-6;  
John 15:1-10**

## UPCOMING

**14 Feb (Wed) 8pm** **Ash Wednesday**  
"Destitute Yet Glorious"  
2 Cor 5:20b-6:10;  
Matthew 6:1-6  
Angelina Lim

**18 Feb (Sun) 8am & 10.30am** **Lent 1**  
"Losing Yet Gaining It All"  
Romans 4:13-25;  
Luke 14:25-35  
Ps Edward Zaccheus

**22 Feb (Thur) 9.30am - 12.30pm** **Comlink - "What's A Cooking?"**  
**Lunar New Year Lo Hei**  
LKC Hall, level 1

**23 Feb (Fri) 10.30am - 12.30pm** **Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service**  
"What Fruitfulness is like in our Relationship with God"  
Colossians 3:22-24  
Revd Huang Huijen

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



The Vicar and Staff would like  
to wish everyone a very Blessed  
Chinese New Year!

新年蒙福!

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Blessed Lunar New Year!

What is one blessing this year that I can leave with you that is most meaningful and helpful for you?

I believe that it is the prayer of Moses, the man of God:

***“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”*** (Psalm 90:12).

Just this week alone, I had been to four separate wakes and funeral and had to conduct three of the services. Two of the deceased were elderly persons, one of them middle-aged and one a young man in his twenties. They all died of different causes, most from sickness; and the young man from a tragic accident.

Yet all of them have one thing in common to remind us: life on earth is unpredictable, fragile and time-bound. No one can say for certain that they will definitely live to ripe old age. If anyone thinks that their life will certainly last for a long time, they are living a delusion.

Even for those who can live till a hundred years of age, Moses correctly points out in Psalm 90 that their lives are like the new grass of morning: “In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered” (Psalm 90:6). In the light of eternity, a hundred years is but a drop of water in the ocean of time.

So, the key thing for us each day is to live our lives in wisdom that makes our lives most purposeful and meaningful, because they will soon pass away. We can do so by reading and knowing God’s word, continuing constantly in prayer for our family and loved ones and serving God and others through the ministry and work that He has apportioned for us.

Such a blessing may seem like a wet blanket or a depressing thing to say at the cusp of celebrating a new year. No one, especially for the Chinese, wants to be reminded of their mortality at the New Year.

But it is different for us Christians. We know God’s ultimate purpose for us is to be prepared to live with Him in eternity. And anything that prepares us for that will be serving as the greatest benefit for us.

So Moses the man of God is right and his words are fully appropriate for us at this Lunar New Year.

*Help us, O Lord, to remember our mortality and the truth and immortality of Your words, so that we may live for You in wisdom, effectiveness and fruitfulness all the days of the coming year and the rest of our lives. Help us in this so that we may obtain the eternal reward that You have prepared for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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



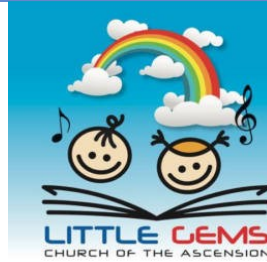
## STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS (TITHING & THANKSGIVING)

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

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

There will be no Sunday School on 11 Feb 2024 (CNY).

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/>



## 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)

## CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on 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.

## CONDOLENCES AND APPRECIATION

Benjamin and family would like to thank COA pastors and church members for your support and prayers during the recent bereavement of Verona Leong Mei Fong, who passed on 3 Feb 24.



## ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Date:** 23 Feb 2024, Friday  
**Time:** 10:30am - 12:30pm  
**Venue:** Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)  
**Sermon:** "What Fruitfulness is like in our Relationship with God"  
Colossians 3:22-24  
**Speaker:** Revd Huang Huijen  
Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. The AGM will be held on **28 April 2024, at 11.30am**. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.
2. The Electoral Roll (ER) is being updated and revised for AGM and will be made available soon. To be on the ER, you have to be baptised, confirmed, over the age of 17 and actively supporting the church. Please email Clare if you have any enquiry concerning the AGM.
3. Members on the ER are encouraged to opt for a soft copy (pdf) instead of a printed copy of the AGM report. If you require a hard copy, please email: [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg) with your full name to make a request.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE : 14 FEB 2024



# ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

*THE BEGINNING OF LENT*

**8PM, 14 FEBRUARY 2024**

BAPTISM CLASS: 18 FEB - 30 MAR

# BAPTISM CLASS



**18 FEB**

**SALVATION**

**25 FEB**

**APOSTLES' CREED 1**

**3 MAR**

**APOSTLES' CREED 2**

**10 MAR**

**LORD'S PRAYER 1**

**17 MAR**

**LORD'S PRAYER 2**

**23 MAR**

**BAPTISM RETREAT**

**30 MAR**

**BAPTISM SERVICE**

**REGISTER NOW WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE!**

YOUTH  
MINISTRY

KARDIA

Church of the  
ASCENSION



### Combined Fellowship

Last Sunday of the month,  
1.30pm-3pm at Multi-Purpose Hall (L1)

### Youth Encounter Night

First Saturday of the month,  
7pm-9pm at Youth Room/ Ascension Hall

### Cell Groups

2nd and/or 3rd Sunday of the month,  
After 10.30am service.

### Sports Games

2nd and 4th Saturday of the month,  
4pm-6pm at SASS Indoor Sports Hall

CONTACT 81390411 (ANGEL)  
FOR ANY QUERIES :D

 @kardia\_coa

# 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.**



**AWM FELLOWSHIP — 9 MAR 2024**



**AWM  
FELLOWSHIP  
2024**

# **Lord, Make My Heart Your Home**

**Saturday, 9 Mar 2024**

**1.00 PM to 3.30 PM**

**COA Multi Purpose Hall**

**Cost - Free**

**Speaker – Rev Susan Quek**

**\* Registration close – 3 Mar 2024**

**Registration: Jenny Ho (97730110)**

**Prisca Wong (98717769)**

**Ascension Women Ministry**

**Church of The Ascension**

# The Upside-down Kingdom of God

14 Feb	Ash Wednesday	Destitute Yet Glorious	Angelina Lim
18 Feb	1st Sunday in Lent	Losing Yet Gaining It All	Ps Edward Zacheus
25 Feb	2nd Sunday in Lent	Trampled Yet Victorious	Revd Ian Chew
3 Mar	3rd Sunday in Lent	Dying Yet Living Again	Ps Barnabas Sim
10 Mar	4th Sunday in Lent	Dead in Sin Yet Made Alive	Revd Stephen Lim
17 Mar	5th Sunday in Lent	Solitary Yet Fruitful	Revd Timothy Chow
24 Mar	Palm & Passion Sunday	Humiliation Yet Exhaltation	Revd Ian Chew
28 Mar	Maundy Thursday	Servitude Yet Authority	Ps Alex Wong
29 Mar	Good Friday	Redemption & Restoration	Lay Readers
31 Mar	Easter Sunday	Resurrection to Life Eternal	Revd Ian Chew

*Unless a grain of wheat falls into  
the earth and dies, it remains alone;  
but if it dies, it bears much fruit*

*John 12:24*



## CHURCH CAMP 2024



Theme: Fulfilling God's Purposes Together  
Church Camp Speakers: Rev Timothy Chow,  
Rev Peter Chu & Pastor Cheryl

Venue: Amerald Resort, Desaru

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Registration Begins on **18 Feb 2024**



For more details, please approach the  
registration booth

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## SING WITH PRAISE “欣然为主歌唱” 音乐晚会

Church of the True Light, in collaboration with 喜乐人声合唱团 and The Christian Orchestra (TXO), is organising a fundraising concert for Church of the Epiphany to support their church re-building fund.

Come and witness the passion and dedication of talented musicians as they touch your heart and enrich your spirit with an unforgettable performance.

**Date:** 2 March 2024

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.30pm

**Venue:** Cathedral New Sanctuary

Join us, raise your voice for hope, and secure your limited tickets.

Visit our website to find out more at [anglican.org.sg/events/](http://anglican.org.sg/events/)



## EQUIP COURSES BY TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - 2ND QUARTER 2024

EQUIP is a lay training initiative of Trinity Theological College. EQUIP courses are designed with lay Christians in mind and offer theological education for Christians who desire to be well-equipped to live out their faith in Jesus Christ and for effective and faithful ministry.

The following courses are open for registration;

1. Introducing World Religions: Asian Religions and Christian Faith (via Zoom)  
Instructor: Revd Dr Andrew Peh  
Dates: 18 Mar - 29 Apr 2024 (Mondays)  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)
2. 100,000 Sundays: The History of Christian Worship and Its Ongoing Relevance for Today (via Zoom)  
Instructor: Ms Debbie Wong  
Dates: 19 Mar - 30 Apr 2024 (Tuesdays)  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)
3. A Christian Perspective on Happiness and Freedom (via Zoom)  
Instructor: Ms Khaw Siew Ping  
Dates: 20 Mar - 15 May 2024 (Wednesdays)  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)
4. Old Testament Survey (via Zoom)  
Instructor: Dr Yee Chin Hong  
Dates: 21 Mar - 9 May 2024 (Thursdays)  
Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm  
Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)
5. The Church That Listens: Counselling Essentials for Ministry (in-person)  
Instructor: Mr Gary Koh  
Dates: 13 - 27 Mar 2024 (Saturdays)  
Time: 8.30am - 1pm  
Fees: \$150 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)

More information and registration details can be found on our website

<https://anglican.org.sg/events/>





*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 11 - 17 FEB 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Acting Vicar:

English & Mandarin Congregations:

Little Seeds Preschool (Kiddy Ark):

Revd Brandon Loy

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Centre Leader and staff

Anglican High School:

Principal and staff

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: The government is set to increase the pool of public sector psychologists by 40% to meet demand for mental health services and upskill more frontline staff and volunteers by 2030 to support people with mental health needs. Pray that with the increase of health care professionals, the medical institutions will be able to cope with the increasing needs of people with such issues.

World: Pray for all families throughout the world to be able to celebrate a meaningful reunion, thanksgiving and renewal of relationships during this festive season. Pray for the Chinese people travelling back to their homeland to be kept safe and protected during their travels.

### 3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray that our hearts will be prepared for the upcoming season of Lent to seek the Lord fervently and draw close to Him during this season.
- 2) Pray that the Ash Wednesday Service will be well attended and most meaningful to all who attend.
- 3) Pray that those who have made the decision to go for water baptism, will sign up for Baptism Class which commences on 18 Feb 24.

### 4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

#### For health and recovery

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

*"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."*

2 Corinthians 4:6