



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; 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.

18 Feb 2024

Lent 1

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Ps Edward Zaccheus

Sermon: "Losing Yet Gaining It All"

**Bible Reading: Romans 4:13-25;
Luke 14:25-35**

UPCOMING

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

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

25 Feb (Sun) 8am & 10.30am **Lent 2**
"Trampled Yet Victorious"
1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15
Revd Ian Chew

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

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Just this past week, we observed Ash Wednesday, which was the start of a period of forty days we call Lent. It is a season of deliberate self-denial, repentance from sins and fasting in order to make space to focus our heart's attention on God.

Why do we observe a 40-day period for Lent?

Firstly, it is because 40 is not a random number but a biblically ordained period of time to seek the Lord.

- In Genesis 7:12, we read that God sent the flood on earth for 40 days and 40 nights. It symbolised a time of judgment, mourning and cleansing of all that is evil on the earth. It also symbolised a time of deliverance for God's people from the destruction that the world faced. Noah and his family had to endure that tumultuous time to enter into the new covenant that God would subsequently make with him and all humankind.
- In Numbers 14:20-35, we read of God's judgment on the Israelites as a result of their unbelief. They had to spend 40 years wandering in the desert until the entire generation who rebelled against God had died in the wilderness. Yet the 40 years also saw God's marvellous provision of food, water, clothing and protection from harm for the entire nation. The younger generation had to endure and realise that they were not to live on bread alone but on God's spoken word of promise to them.
- In 1 Samuel 7-8-16, we read of how Israel's enemy, the Philistines, opposed them for 40 days through their champion Goliath. Each day, they endured his taunts and insults. God wonderfully delivered them through His servant David after that period of fear and trepidation.
- Finally, in Matthew 4, we read of how Jesus was tested by the devil for 40 days in the wilderness. He did not consume a morsel of food for that entire period, yet by God's word was able to resist the devil's temptations. It was a necessary period of time for him to endure in order to be perfected in faith.

Secondly, it is because it takes time for patience and endurance to be developed in our lives. Faith does not come about instantaneously but only through a period of testing and refining. We cannot and must not cut-short the process of growth or it will all be in vain. The Apostle James wrote: "*Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything*" (James 1:4).

So why am I sharing this with all of us?

During this season of Lent, we may face the temptation to cut short the time of fasting as it is long and tedious. We may be enticed to end our fasts early because we think that we have achieved the outcomes of our fast. May we refrain from such actions!

Instead, let us remember that this season of 40 days is ordained by the Lord for the perfecting of our faith and trust in the Spirit to complete his work in our lives. Let us instead encourage and journey with one another as one family to go through this season together. We will then be able to fully celebrate God's deliverance in the season of Easter.

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



STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS (TITHING & THANKSGIVING)

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

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/>



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>

BAPTISM COURSES

Baptism Course (Feb-Mar 2024)

Date: 18 Feb – 30 Mar 2024,

Time: 12:30pm-2pm

Venue: Church of the Ascension

Baptism is one of the most significant milestones in a believer's walk with God. It is a public declaration of our personal decision to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Baptism Service: Saturday, 30 March 2024, 10:00am
To register, please click on the QR code or the link [here](#).



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!

CHURCH CAMP: 1 - 4 JUN 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
CAMP 2024

Fulfilling God's Purposes Together

1-4 JUNE 2024
AMERALD RESORT, DESARU
REGISTER TODAY!

SPEAKERS:
REV TIMOTHY CHOW
REV PETER CHU
PASTOR CHERYL



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 with your full name to make a request.

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



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/>

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/



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 18 - 24 FEB 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER

Acting Vicar:

English and Mandarin Congregations:

St Hilda's Primary School:

St Hilda's Secondary School:

Revd Glenn Chan

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Principal and staff

Principal and staff

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: The number of drug abusers arrested in Singapore last year increased by 10 per cent compared to 2022, with nearly 30 per cent of those arrested being under the age of 30. More than 40 per cent of abusers say they had started taking drugs before the age of 18. Pray for God's protection of our youths from drug abuse and for deliverance for those who are addicted.

World: The United Nations chief warned that climate chaos and food crises are increasing threats to global peace and climate disasters imperil food production. Pray for God's protection from natural disasters and provision of food to the needy.

3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray that we will continue to seek the Lord fervently and draw close to Him during this season of Lent.
- 2) 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**.
- 3) Pray for the youths who are starting Senior Sunday School on 25 Feb that they will grow in their faith from studying God's word.

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

Jonathan Sng - Shoulder operation