



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, You show to those who are in error the light of Your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

25 Feb 2024

Lent 2

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "Trampled Yet Victorious"

**Bible Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Matthew 20:20-28**

UPCOMING

3 Mar (Sun) 8am & 10.30am **Lent 3**
"Dying Yet Living Again"
1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
& John 2:13-22
Ps Barnabas Sim
*BB Enrolment & Dedication Service at 10.30am

3 Mar (Sun) 3.30pm - 6.30pm **SAV Cup Football**
Teams: COA, CHS, COR
Venue: SAJC

7 Mar (Thurs) 9.45am - 11.30am **ComLink - "What's A Cooking?"**
Easy Penang Assam Laksa
LKC Hall

9 Mar (Sat) 7.30am - 9am **Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting**
Ascension Hall

9 Mar (Sat) 1pm - 3.30pm **AWM Fellowship**
Lord, Make My Heart Your Home
Multi-Purpose Hall

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

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

As we journey through the season of Lent, what is one most important lesson for us to learn?

I believe that it is the need to be focused and “present” in our relationship with God and others. This will in turn lead us to be fully attuned to all the duties and roles that God has called us to participate and serve in. And this is important because we can be so easily distracted and preoccupied by many things that we fail to pay attention to what is truly important in our lives.

The story of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:38-42 is a great illustration of this truth.

At the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus was present with them and ready to give them his full attention. However, Martha was distracted with much serving and even requested Jesus to “help her out” in her duties by “releasing” Mary to serve. Jesus wisely refused to do so and proceeded to tell Martha that Mary had chosen what was better, that is, more suited for the occasion and beneficial for her.

As we look at Martha’s actions, we should first realise that she actually had the good intention of being a perfect host. This should lead us to refrain from judging her too harshly. Yet her motivation, while good, was not good enough. There was a better thing to do. That is to give to Jesus her undivided attention while he was present.

Another reason why we should refrain from judging Martha too harshly is because we are all Marthas at some points of our lives.

How many of us, like Martha, are also so consumed with the desire to get things that we are preoccupied and harried and miss out on the more important things? I must confess that I am also one of them.

For example, I find myself sometimes rushing through my daily devotions so that I can “get on” with the work of ministry that I have to do for the day. Or I read through my morning devotion passages with the intention of gleaning something from them to use in my devotional sharing or preaching. I have placed higher priority on the less important call of working for God over the more important one of spending time with him. And I need to repent of it.

And I am sure that we often find ourselves in such situations as well.

We get in contact with others not so much to listen, build up or pray for them but to ask them to do something for us or to ensure that they are getting the work done. We use people to get them to achieve the purposes we are concerned about. We have cheapened the precious gift of human connection in relationships to the utilitarian use of getting stuff done. We need to repent of that too.

Let us be mindful of this temptation in this season of Lent to refrain from being caught up in our own priorities to miss out on God’s will in our lives. His will is to be present in our lives and for us to abide in Him.

May we therefore consciously slow down, say “no” to less consequential duties and activities so that we can spend more consciously focused and unhurried time with the Lord in prayer and others in relationships in this season of Lent.

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 |
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| 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 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

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| 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



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.

SAV CUP FOOTBALL - 3 MAR 2024

Venue: SAJC

Time: 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Teams: COA, CHS, COR

Format: Round robin of 30mins per game

This is the first post covid-19 SAV Cup to be held in SAJC. We hope that by organising this event, the three parishes can collaborate, cooperate and connect through sports.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to Soon Pee Seng and Soon Chin Ai on the demise of their father, Soon Hup Seng who passed away on 24 Feb 2024. Let's keep Pee Seng and Chin Ai and the family in our prayers.

WHAT'S A COOKING?

EASY PENANG ASSAM LAKSA



Date: 7 March 2024 (Thurs)

Time: 9.45am to 11.30am

Cost: \$6 per person

Venue: LKC Hall, Church of the Ascension

Register by: 1 Mar 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.

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

YOUTH
MINISTRY

KARDIA

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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

LENTEN DEVOTION : 14 FEB - 30 MAR 2024



LENTEN DEVOTION

14 FEB '24 - 30 MAR '24

A devotional will be written by a church member everyday and shared through cell group chats and media channels.
(i.e. Telegram, COA Website, Instagram/ Facebook)

The Upside-down Kingdom of God

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| 14 Feb | Ash Wednesday | Destitute Yet Glorious | Angelina Lim |
| 18 Feb | 1st Sunday in Lent | Losing Yet Gaining It All | Ps Edward Zaccheus |
| 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

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: 25 FEB - 2 MAR 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Vicar:

English, Mandarin and Tamil Congregations:

St Andrew's Secondary School:

Revd Joseph You

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Principal and staff

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Flexible work arrangements are increasingly important as more Singaporeans take on caregiving roles. The guidelines for flexible work arrangements (FWAs) will be implemented later this year. Pray that employers and employees will reach a good understanding on work arrangements so that employees can be released for caregiving duties.

Gaza: The UN World Food Programme reported it had halted aid deliveries in North Gaza due to the ongoing hostilities. Pray for progress in the peace talks in Cairo that the remaining hostages would be released and humanitarian aid be delivered to Gaza.

3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray that we will continue to seek the Lord fervently and draw close to Him during this season of Lent.
 - Letting go of all distractions and hindrances in following Christ.
 - Establishing spiritual disciplines in our lives to keep close to God.
 - Sharing with others boldly and freely about God's grace for them.
- 2) Pray that those who have made the decision to go for water baptism, will sign up for Baptism Class which had commenced
- 3) Pray for our BB boys to grow in knowledge and faith in Christ and for their parents to be blessed at our BB Enrolment Service next Sunday.

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 - healing from shoulder operation

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit".

1 Peter 3:18