



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT FOR TODAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of His victory; 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.

**24 Mar 2024**

**Palm and Passion Sunday**

**8am & 10.30am**

**Preacher: Revd Ian Chew**

**Sermon: "Humiliation Yet Exaltation"**

**Bible Reading: Philippians 2:5-11;  
Mark 11:1-11**

## UPCOMING

**28 Mar (Thur) 8pm** **Maundy Thursday**  
"Servitude Yet Authority"  
1 Cor 11:23-26;  
Jn 13:1-17, 31b-35  
Ps Alex Wong

**29 Mar (Fri) 9am** **Good Friday**  
"Redemption & Restoration"  
Heb 10:16-25;  
Jn 18:1-19:42  
Lay Readers

**30 Mar (Sat) 10.30am** **Baptism Service**  
"Safely Through Water"  
1 Pet 3:18-22  
Ps Barnabas Sim

**31 Mar (Sun) 8am & 10.30am** **Easter Sunday**  
"Resurrection to Life Eternal"  
1 Cor 15:1-11;  
Jn 20:1-18  
Revd Ian Chew

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

In Acts 8, we read a wonderful account of an astounding revival in the early church after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.

*“Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. **And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip**, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city” Acts 8:5-8.*

The entire city of Samaria believed Philip's preaching of the salvation of Christ to them. There must have been thousands of men, women and children touched by the gospel then. What a revival! What amazing sights they must have witnessed seeing many healed and delivered from demons! What joy they must have experienced as a result of many sinners turning to faith in Jesus Christ and repenting of their sins!

The revival must have resulted in a total transformation of the life of the city.

Yet what impressed me about this account was that the revival almost never happened.

Earlier during the ministry of Jesus on earth, he had sent messengers to the Samaritans to receive him on his way to Jerusalem. However, the people refused and rejected him. As a result, his disciples were indignant on his behalf.

Jesus' disciples James and John then asked him, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” (Luke 9:54).

Instead of acceding to their request, Jesus rebuked them for their suggestion. He knew that the time for their repentance was not ripe yet. And he refused to be offended by the disrespect that was shown to him by the Samaritans. He then left for the next village.

**Jesus' act of mercy and forgiveness towards the Samaritans, despite being slighted by them, paved the way for the Samaritans to later turn to him wholeheartedly in the book of Acts.**

Beloved, how is our attitude today when someone insults us, rejects us or speaks badly about us when we want the best for them by sharing the gospel with them?

Do we take offence easily? Do we harbour the hurt and hope that they get hurt in similar measure in return? Do we resolve never to share the good news with them? These are all understandable human emotions.

Yet, in this season of Lent, God is calling us to respond according to the ways of his kingdom and love. He is calling us to be willing to forgive when ignored by others. He is calling us to show mercy instead when affronted. He is calling us to lay down our rights when we feel that they are trampled upon.

The upshot is this – as we do this, we are instead sowing the seeds for a miraculous revival that the Lord will bring to their lives in His time. May we all be instruments of good for the Lord and not for evil.

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

Sunday school classes start at 10.30am.  
The children will be dismissed at 12.30pm.

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 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>

## KWONG WAI SHIU HOSPITAL -- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There is an increasing number of elderly residents in KWS Hospital requesting to come to church on Sundays at 10.30am. We need volunteers (especially men) to wheel them on wheelchairs to church at 10am.

If you are keen to be a volunteer for the above ministry, please contact the church office to sign up.

## BAPTISM COURSE (FEB-MAR 2024)

**Date:** 18 Feb – 30 Mar 2024

**Time:** 12:30pm-1:30pm

**Venue:** COA Conference Room (L2)

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. God works through baptism too to deepen our faith in him.

**Baptism Service:** Saturday,  
30 March 2024, 10:30am  
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!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES - 2024



# PALM SUNDAY

24 MAR 2024, 8AM & 10.30AM

*Humiliation Yet Exaltation*

Revd Ian Chew



# MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 MAR 2024, 8PM

*Servitude Yet Authority*

Ps Alex Wong



## *Holy Week Services*



# GOOD FRIDAY

29 MAR 2024, 9AM

*Redemption & Restoration*

Lay Readers



# EASTER SUNDAY

31 MAR 2024, 8AM & 10.30AM

*Resurrection to Life Eternal*

Revd Ian Chew

## 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) has been updated and posted in Church as of 3 Mar 2024. 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. A copy will be made available on 7 April 2024.

Please note the following which will take place on 7 April 2024:

1. Posting of the Notice and Agenda in LKC Hall Foyer.
2. Opening of Nominations for PCC members/People's Warden and provision of forms for those who wish to nominate.
3. Distribution of AGM reports (for ER members only).

## AWM FELLOWSHIP: EASTER SUNDAY BRING-A-PLATE

**Date:** 31 March 2024

**Venue:** LKC Hall

**Time:** 12pm - 1.30pm

**\*Bring-a-plate contributions, please contact Jenny Ho (97730110) or Prisca (98717769) for logistic purposes.**

## COA MEMORIAL SERVICE: 7 APR 2024

**Date:** 7 April 2024

**Time:** 2pm

**Venue:** AH

The church will hold a memorial service in memory of our deceased. We invite members who are remembering their loved ones to attend and welcome them to bring their family members who are non-believers, offering a chance to hear and listen to the gospel message and testimonies.



**Application Deadline:** 31 March 2024

### Requirements:

1. Deceased must be Christian
2. Participating members must attend the service in person on the day

For Registration:

Please click on this link:

<https://forms.gle/m6Ky3xATTdYN5ouu5> or scan QR code.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - EASTER PARTY 31 MAR 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
PRESENTS:

**EASTER  
JOY!**

**JESUS IS ALIVE!**

**BRING A FRIEND! AND JOIN US FOR  
A FUN MORNING FULL OF SONGS,  
STORIES AND GAMES!**

Date:

**31 March 2024, Sunday**

Time:

**10.30am- 12.30pm**

Venue:

**Multi-Purpose Hall**

**BB WEEK (7J SG COY): 3 MAR - 7 APR 2024**



**BB WEEK**  
**3 MAR - 7 APR**  
**2024**  
**SHAPING A SURE FUTURE**

THE BOYS' BRIGADE



SCAN TO GIVE TO THE 7J SG COY IN SAJS

**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



**CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION & PAYMENT : SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2024**



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

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

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
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*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*



## DOS EASTER EVE MEMORIAL SERVICES 2024

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March 2024

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Venue 1: Choa Chu Kang Christian Cemetery** (see map on notice board at LKC Hall)

**Clergy-in-charge:** Revd Eric Yong & Revd Lew Kiat Lern

**Venue 2: All Saints' Memorial Chapel @ 5 Poh Huat Road, Singapore 546703**

**Clergy-in-charge:** Revd Lui Choo Huat & Revd Dino V Thangamany

Please record the names of your loved ones on the **Easter Eve Memorial Service List** at the foyer (registration form at the frontdesk) beside the main church entrance by **Sunday, 24 March**.

## DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES: THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

### THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE

on the authority, the formation, the character, and the focus of Scripture

Teaching Team: Revd Daniel Tong, Revd King Chiew Kwang & Revd William Chee

Dates: 2 – 23 April, 2024      Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm

Via Zoom      Cost: \$12.00

To register: <https://bit.ly/3P5NzCn>

Contact person: Lucilla Teoh, [lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com](mailto:lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com)

**PRESENTED BY DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE AND ST PETER'S HALL**

## YOUNG ADULT DIALOGUE SURVEY BY DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD (DYB)

The Diocesan Youth Board (DYB) is seeking the responses of young adults in the Diocese of Singapore to be better equipped in organising events that are more relevant and relatable to their demographic (below 35 years old).

Link to survey: <https://bit.ly/yasurvey2024>



# DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) 2024 - TERM 2



## Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



Click or Scan the QR codes below to register for the modules!

### Old Testament **5: The Minor Prophets**

**Instructors:** Revd Hambali Leonardi,  
Ds Grace Tan, Mr James Tan,  
Dr Gilbert Tan, Ms Vivien Chen

**9 lessons:** 4 Apr – 30 May  
7:30pm – 9:00pm

\*Note: No lesson on 28 Mar  
(Maundy Thursday)

**Exam (optional): 8 Jun**

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBS-Module5-Reg>



### New Testament **12: The Pauline Epistles (3) Ephesians to Philemon**

**Instructors:** Mr Kwan Fook Seng,  
Ms Brenda Goh, Mr Keith Leong,  
Mrs Bernice Gan, Ps Evangeline Khoo

**9 lessons:** 4 Apr – 30 May  
7:30pm – 9:00pm

\*Note: No lesson on 28 Mar  
(Maundy Thursday)

**Exam (optional): 8 Jun**

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBS-Module12Reg>



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IS HIRING**



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 24 - 30 MAR 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

#### CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

Vicar:

English and Chinese Congregation:

Venerable Daniel Wee

Clergy, staff and parishioners

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

**Singapore:** A Singapore study has found that children who have unhealthy lifestyle patterns from a young age have a higher risk of diseases like prehypertension. Pray that our children's lifestyles will encompass a healthy diet, good exercise, and a reduction of screen time for them to grow to be both physically and emotionally healthy adults.

**World:** Pray for God's blessings and guidance on the new government in Indonesia led by President Mr Prabowo Subianto to move the country in the ways of justice and of peace for the good of its citizens.

### 3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray that our hearts will be kept close to God in the coming Holy Week and that our focus will be upon him.
- 2) Holy Week Services: Pray for openness and readiness of heart to participate in the services and hear God's word through the messages.
- 3) Pray for God's blessings on the 13 baptism candidates on 30 Mar (Sat) to be protected and grow in their faith. Members who will be baptised:-  
Adults - Michelle Chow; Goh U Jin Kenny; Koh Jing Ning Alyssa; Jesslyn Trixie Ogmund; Lim Won Wern, Lu Di; Mira Semiarjo; Rebeka Setiana Rachman; Tang Mei Chee Michelle.  
Children/ Infant - Jodi Micaiah Wee Yu Ting; Joy Maiah Wee Qi Hui; Kieren Priest, Teo Zhi Quan Reagan.

### 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  
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 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  
Javier Chua - Type 1 Diabetes

*"And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name."*

Philippians 2:8-9