



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

3 Mar 2024

Lent 3 / BB Enrolment & Dedication Service

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Ps Barnabas Sim

Sermon: "Dying Yet Living Again"

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22**

UPCOMING

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| 5 Mar (Tues) | SAV Churches Prayer Meeting |
| 7.30pm | Chapel of the Resurrection |
| - | Worship Hall |
| 9pm | #01-14-15 |
| 7 Mar (Thurs) | ComLink - "What's A Cooking?" |
| 9.45am | Easy Penang Assam Laksa |
| - | LKC Hall |
| 11.30am | |
| 9 Mar (Sat) | Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting |
| 7.30am | Ascension Hall |
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| 9am | |
| 16 Mar (Sat) | AWM Fellowship |
| 1pm | Lord, Make My Heart Your Home |
| - | Multi-Purpose Hall |
| 3.30pm | |
| 10 Mar (Sun) | Lent 4 |
| 8am | "Dead in Sin Yet Made Alive" |
| & | Ephesians 2:1-10; |
| 10.30am | John 3:14-21 |
| | Revd Stephen Lim |

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Recently a piece of alarming news came up in the media.

Singapore's resident total fertility rate (TFR) fell below 1 for the first time in 2023, to 0.97. A total fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman is needed to sustain a population.

This means that Singapore is on course to decline as a society or ramp up its immigration in order to sustain its economy and vibrancy. However, the latter is by no means a foolproof solution as other countries facing population decline also embarks on the same plan of action.

Various polls reveal the main reasons for such a phenomenon: from the high costs of raising children to the increased stress and anxiety of the uncertainty of not knowing how the child would grow or develop to the imbalanced gender expectations of childrearing.

While all of these reasons are no doubt valid, I believe that they have not gone deep enough to address the root issue. The fundamental reason is that we as a society are growing increasingly focused on pursuing our self-interests and fulfilling our own pleasures.

And therefore, what we are addressing is a spiritual issue at heart: we have become our own idols. **God is no longer reigning as Lord in our lives; we are.**

If all of life revolves around our own aspirations and desires, then children would rightly and naturally become a distraction at best or an impediment at worst. Time and energy spent on childcare or raising up teenagers would hinder our advancement in our workplaces, limit our social circles or hamper our self-development. Having children would only be helpful if they somehow aid us in our growth and progress.

Yet if we see this issue as a commandment from God to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth" (Genesis 1:28), then perhaps we may not be so quick to dismiss the idea of having children. We would think twice about our decisions to not have children. We would not be overly worried about the potential high costs of childrearing nor be too concerned about the uncertainty of the world our children would grow up in.

We would trust that in God's good plan and purpose for humanity, that he would provide the means and resources for our families as well as fulfil his good will in our children in their generation. They will not be disadvantaged or endangered but rather, standing firm in the will and ways of God, be shining lights for Christ in their generation.

Perhaps this explains why despite the many tax breaks and financial inducements thrown by the Government at families to have children, it has hardly made a dent to the trend of decreasing birthrate. This is because it is not addressing the heart of the matter.

It is only when our whole society turn to the Lord in faith and trust in obedience to his will and his word, then there is true hope of flourishing as a society. Perhaps in this season's focus on the upside down kingdom values of God compared to our world, we may learn to challenge our selfish and self-centred perspectives and live for God's highest purposes.

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](#)



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: 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.

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!

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. Updated ER as of 3 Mar has been posted in Church.
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 CHURCHES PRAYER MEETING

Date: 5 Mar 2024

Time: 7.30pm - 9pm

Venue: Chapel of the Resurrection Worship Hall
#01-14-15.

The SAV Churches will be coming together to pray for the combined outreach to Potong Pasir and Bidadari. There will also be a time of sharing of testimonies of God's miraculous working in our outreach to the community. All are welcome to join.

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

SAV CUP FOOTBALL - TODAY

SAV CUP

COA VS COR VS CHS



3rd March 2024

3.30 PM to 6:30 PM



SAJC FOOTBALL PITCH
15 Sorby Adams Dr, Singapore 35769

Round Robin: 30 mins per game
1 Trophy for Winning Team

The COA soccer team having a friendly soccer tournament with COR and CHS for the inaugural SAV Cup on Sunday, March 3rd, at the SAJC field from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. We invite you to join us for a great time of fellowship and support. We hope to see you there!

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: 16 MAR 2024



**AWM
FELLOWSHIP
2024**

Lord, Make My Heart Your Home

Saturday, 16 Mar 2024

1.00 PM to 3.30 PM

COA Multi Purpose Hall

Cost - Free

Speaker – Rev Susan Quek

*** Registration close – 10 Mar 2024**

Registration: Jenny Ho (97730110)

Prisca Wong (98717769)

Ascension Women Ministry

Church of The Ascension

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY - EASTER PARTY ON 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

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

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

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

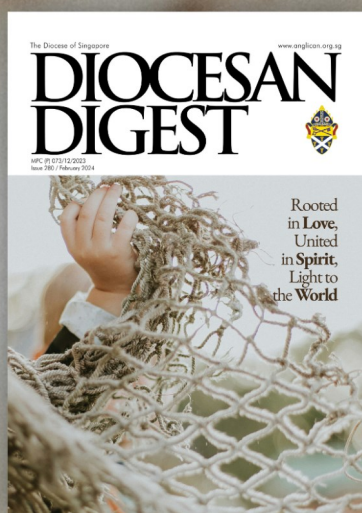
14 Feb	Ash Wednesday	Destitute Yet Glorious	Angelina Lim
18 Feb	1st Sunday in Lent	Losing Yet Gaining It All	Ps Edward Zacheus
25 Feb	2nd Sunday in Lent	Trampled Yet Victorious	Revd Ian Chew
3 Mar	3rd Sunday in Lent	Dying Yet Living Again	Ps Barnabas Sim
10 Mar	4th Sunday in Lent	Dead in Sin Yet Made Alive	Revd Stephen Lim
17 Mar	5th Sunday in Lent	Solitary Yet Fruitful	Revd Timothy Chow
24 Mar	Palm & Passion Sunday	Humiliation Yet Exaltation	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



DIOCESAN DIGEST - FEBRUARY 2024



Diocesan Digest February 2024 is out!

Download your copy from the Diocesan website at www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/

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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: \$15



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 3 - 9 MAR 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH

Vicar:

Revd Canon Steven Asirvatham

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Acting Vicar:

Revd Edison Wilson

Tamil, English and Chinese Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Singapore's resident total fertility rate (TFR) fell below 1 for the first time in 2023, to 0.97. A total fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman is needed to sustain a population. Pray that God will give wisdom for our leaders and citizens to know how to reverse this trend.

Israel and Gaza: Lives were lost in the distribution of food aid this week. Pray for the continued progress of the peace talks in Cairo that the remaining hostages would be released and humanitarian aid be delivered successfully to those in need.

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) AWM Fellowship - 9 Mar 24. Pray for the ladies who attend this meeting will be touched by God's presence.

3) Men's Prayer Meeting - 9 Mar 24. Pray for the men to be strengthened in faithfulness and fellowship through prayer

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 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 the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."
1 Corinthians 1:18