

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

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

#### **COLLECT FOR TODAY**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

#### 31 Mar 2024

**Easter Sunday** 

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "Resurrection to Life Eternal"

Bible Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11;

Jn 20<sup>-</sup>1-18

#### **UPCOMING**

| 6 Apr | Men's Network Monthly Prayer |
|-------|------------------------------|
| (Sat) | Meeting                      |

7.30am Ascension Hall

"God's Promise of Victory for Men"

Phua Kia Wang

**Kardia - Youth Encounter Night** 6 Apr

"Speaking in Boldness" (Sat)

Acts 3-4 7pm Angelina Lim

9pm

7 Apr Easter 2

(Sun) "Walk in the Light and See"

8am 1 Jn 1:1-2:2; & Jn 20:19-31 10.30am Ps Barnabas Sim

10 Apr **Hour of Power** 

(Wed) Via Zoom

8pm

11 Apr Comlink

"What's A Cooking" (Thurs)

Peranakan Delights - Pong Tauhu 9.45am

and Ayam Pongteh

11.30am LKC Hall

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#### **VICAR'S MESSAGE**

Dear COA Family,

Blessed Easter Sunday!

Our celebration of Easter is not just a simple celebration of the fact of the resurrection of Christ but Christ's resurrection after his suffering and death for us and all humankind on the cross.

What is the significance of all of this?

It is that our Lord Jesus showed his great love for us by willingly sacrificing his life for us. It was not an easy journey for him. He had to take on the nature of a created being, live a life of love as an example for us and then take our place of guilt and punishment on our behalf.

His resurrection is then a vindication by God the Father of his obedience and also a victory over sin and death. It is in the midst of great sorrow and trials that our Lord accomplished our salvation. This is why we celebrate Easter Sunday with such great joy and in such great hope!

But it is a great pity I find in many churches that only Easter Sunday is celebrated among all of the other significant happenings in Holy Week. Many of the Christians I spoke to have not even heard of Maundy Thursday or Holy Saturday. They may have known of Good Friday but that is all. Their churches only celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This is a pity because these churches miss out on the context of Jesus' victory over sin and death. He did not simply rise from a commonplace death but achieved it through an entire series of experiences ordained by God. And it is impossible for any church to squeeze all of these experiences into one Sunday service. It will be near schizophrenic of us to cry with sorrow at Christ's crucifixion and then rejoice with delight at his resurrection – all within a one and a half hour of Easter Sunday service!

That is why it is such a good thing and privilege that our church remembers all of the significant events of Christ during Holy Week:

- 1. The demonstration of Jesus love at **Maundy Thursday** when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Lord's Supper for the family of believers. We are reminded to love one another as he has loved us
- 2. The suffering and death of Jesus on the cross on **Good Friday**. We grieve at our Lord's pain and over our own wretchedness of sinfulness and faithlessness
- The silence of God on Holy Saturday. We await with patient endurance the deliverance of God just as Jesus did. He did not rise immediately after death but stayed dead for three days
   The victory of Jesus over sin and death on Easter Sunday. We rejoice with unbridled joy that
- Jesus' eternal life will also be our life as we put our trust in him

I pray that for us who have participated in all of these services over the last few days – you would be deeply impacted and blessed. Our faith will be strengthened as our roots in the life of Christ grows through entering Christ's life. Our understanding and appreciation for his sacrifice is expanded.

For those of us who could not make it for our services, I urge you not only to view our recorded services but make it a point to participate in such services in future. They are a privilege that is not afforded in many other churches in Singapore. We in the Anglican Church should be so thankful and grateful that the services of the

Holy Week are part of our heritage and practice to help us grow in the life of Christ – which is our hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Have a blessed Easter season ahead!

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<br>(Level 2)      |
| English Contemporary Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sun                          | 10:30am | Sanctuary<br>(Level 2)      |
| <b>Mandarin</b><br>Holy Communion<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun | 10:30am | Ascension Hall<br>(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 <a href="mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg">admin@ascension.org.sg</a> or click on the link and kindly fill in the form to help us keep in touch with you. Click <a href="mailto:here">here</a>.

If you are driving to church:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <a href="https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9">https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9</a> (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 <a href="mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg">admin@ascension.org.sg</a>

#### **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.





#### **COA - TELEGRAM**

#### We are on Telegram!

Subscribe to Church of The Ascension to receive updates on our latest announcements, events, programmes and more. Click on the link or scan the QR code to subscribe <a href="https://t.me/Ascensionaires">https://t.me/Ascensionaires</a>

#### Follow us and stay in touch!



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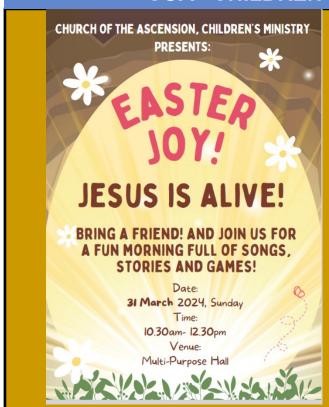
#### **CHILDREN MINISTRY**

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





#### **COA - CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS:**



WE ARE HAVING AN EASTER PARTY TODAY; COME JOIN US!

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: MPH (Multi-Purpose 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.
- 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: <a href="mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg">admin@ascension.org.sg</a> 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).

#### **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 @ POTONG PASIR-- VOLUNTEERS

There is an increasing number of elderly residents in KWSH @ Potong Pasir 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.

#### **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'.



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

Date: 31 March 2024 (Today)

Venue: LKC Hall

**Time**: 12pm - 1.30pm

#### **HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)**

Date: Wed 10 Apr 2023 Time: 8pm - 9pm

Join us as one Ascension family to pray and seek the Lord. The online Prayer Meeting will be conducted via Zoom:

(Click here for the link.)

Meeting ID: 822 3756 7980

Passcode: matt1820



#### **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.



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



#### **CHURCH CAMP: 1 - 4 JUN 2024**



# WHAT'S A COOKING? Peranakan Delights

Pong Tauhu

Ayam Pongteh







Date: 11 Apr & 18 Apr 2024 (Thurs)

Time: 9.45am to 11.30am

Cost: \$12 per person

Venue: LKC Hall, COA

Closing Date: 5 Apr 2024

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.

#### **KARDIA - YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**







#### **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**

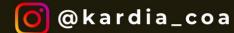
2nd and/or 3rd Sunday of the month, After 10.30am service.

#### **Sports Games**

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



CONTACT 81390411 (ANGEL) FOR ANY QUERIES :D



## The Upside-down Kingdom of God

14 Feb Ash Wednesday

18 Feb 1st Sunday in Lent

25 Feb 2nd Sunday in Lent

3 Mar 3rd Sunday in Lent

10 Mar 4th Sunday in Lent

17 Mar 5th Sunday in Lent

24 Mar Palm & Passion Sunday

28 Mar Maundy Thursday

29 Mar Good Friday

31 Mar Easter Sunday

Destitute Yet Glorious

Losing Yet Gaining It All

Trampled Yet Victorious

Dying Yet Living Again

Dead in Sin Yet Made Alive

Solitary Yet Fruitful

Humiliation Yet Exhaltation

Servitude Yet Authority

Redemption & Restoration

Resurrection to Life Eternal

Angelina Lim

Ps Edward Zaccheus

Revd Ian Chew

Ps Barnabas Sim

Revd Stephen Lim

Revd Timothy Chow

Revd Ian Chew

Ps Alex Wong

Lay Readers

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 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

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

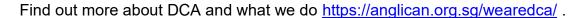


#### **VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

Have the gift of administration? Want to be part of God's mission for the Church? The Diocesan Central Administration (DCA) is looking for administration professionals with a burden to serve God with their skills. Join us in building the administration infrastructure for all the Anglican parishes in Singapore. Join us to Empower, Enable and Equip our churches for tomorrow!

We are recruiting for Heads of Departments, Senior Executives and Executives for

- 1) Finance
- 2) HR
- 3) IT
- 4) Corporate Communications
- 5) Property & Facilities Management
- 6) Operations & Events Management
- 7) Secretariat & Compliance
- 8) Membership & Licensing



Interested applicants may submit their CV via https://form.jotform.com/Diocese Central/careers-at-dca.





#### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

**Holy Trinity Church** 

**Acting Vicar:** 

**English and Chinese Congregation:** 

Rt Revd Low Jee King Clergy, staff and parishioners

#### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Singapore has been named the happiest nation in Asia for the second year in a row by the annual World Happiness Report. Pray that Singaporeans will not base their happiness on material pursuits but on the sure hope of God's gift of salvation for everyone.

World: In this Holy Week and Passover season, pray that the peace of Jesus Christ will come about in the Middle East, hostages will be set free and food distributed to the hungry.

#### 3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray for God's blessings on us to celebrate and share the good news of Jesus in this Easter Season.
- 2) Pray for God's leading on the church in the year ahead at the upcoming AGM.
- 3) Pray for a good sign-up for our Church Camp on 1-4 June 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 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 infectión

Felicia Koh - tiny cysť 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