



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT

God our redeemer, You have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your Son: grant that as by His death He has recalled us to life, so by His continual presence in us He may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

5 May 2024

Easter 6/ Mother's Day Service

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Ps Jocelyn Choo

Sermon: "Our Identity in Christ"

**Bible Reading: 1 John 3:16-24;
John 15:9-17**

UPCOMING

**7 May
(Tue)
7.30pm**

SAV Prayer Meeting
Level 1
MPH

**8 May
(Wed)
8pm**

Hour of Power
Via Zoom

**12 May
(Sun)
10am**

**Easter 7/Ascension Sunday
Combined Service**
"Our Unity in Christ"
1 John 5:9-13;
John 17:6-19
Revd Ian Chew

**16 May
(Thu)
9.45am**

Comlink
Stretchercise
LKC Hall

**18 May
(Sat)
2pm**

Cell Leaders Meeting
AH

**29 Jun
(Sat)
9am**

**Restoring Emotional &
Wholeness Seminar**
Rt Rev Raphael Samuel
AH

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Happy Mother's Day in advance to all of our mothers – whether you are a physical or a spiritual mother!

As you faithfully care for your children, know that you are fulfilling God's will for your lives in a profound way. This is because God frequently refers his care for his people to a mother caring for her children (see Isaiah 49:15-16; 66:13 and Luke 13:34).

Yet, Mother's Day also highlights the important role of parents in bringing up the young in our midst, especially in the context of our current digitalised and connected society.

A book I am currently reading shines the spotlight on the insidious sexual conditioning of our children from a young age¹.

Sexual conditioning refers to the early exposure of the children to inappropriate sexual behaviour and pornography by friends or relatives. In today's world where the mass media is increasingly sexualised and easily accessible by ever younger children, the teaching of moral defences and the benefits of chastity has to be done sooner in more consistent and effective ways. This is made all the more urgent by the presence of unscrupulous marketing techniques targeting children so that they grow up to be adults with sexual behaviours and norms consistent with a godless society.

Just recently, a mother shared with me the horror story of her son being exposed to pornography at the tender age of 9. Her son had gone to a friend's house for a play date, and during their time together, his friend introduced him to pornographic websites by typing a simple search title in Google search. The boy, being repulsed by what he saw, went back and reported the incident to his mother.

The next day, the mother contacted the mother of her son's friend to inform her of this incident. What was shocking was that the mother not only did not react negatively to the news, she defended her son by saying that pornography is normal in society and boys will be exposed to it sooner or later. In other words, there are very different standards of parenting and morality even among parents.

What can we do about this scourge in our society as a church?

I believe here is where we as parents must step in to take up the responsibility of teaching and training our children from a young age. This is the only defence against the unrelenting onslaught of the world's values on our children. We will not be able to police our children on a 24/7 basis.

The Bible recognises this importance from a very early stage when the people of Israel first organised themselves as a society. Moses reminded the people specifically:

"And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise" Deuteronomy 6:6-7.

Proverbs also tells us about the effectiveness of involved parenting: ***"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it"*** Proverbs 22:6.

As parents, we cannot abdicate this role of education in God's ways to the schools or to others. The school system covers sexuality education from a secular perspective and at a cursory level. Sunday School lessons take place only once a week for two hours. No one else would also know the needs of your child nor have the time with or influence over your child like you do.

And we as a church will help you and journey alongside with you in this most important endeavour. We are working with organisations like Focus on the Family to look into our family life ministry to build it up. One such tool you can use is a series designed to help parents talk with young children about sex from a biblical perspective: <https://programmes.family.org.sg/talk-about-sex-video-series/>

Let us pray for one another and trust the Lord to lead and guide us in this endeavour that we may be fully fruitful and effective in our mission of training up our young.

Blessings,

Revd Ian Chew

¹Shen, Bryan. The Unaffirmed Core. Singapore: Armour Publishing, 2022.



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



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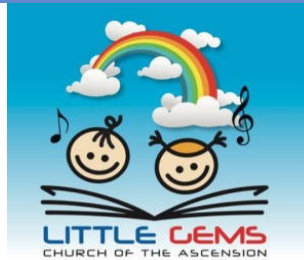
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CHILDREN MINISTRY

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



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.



VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for a suitable candidate to fill the following position:

COA Finance Officer (part-time). Interested applicants, please click on the below URL

<https://ascension.org.sg/finance-officer-opening/> and send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

1. Thank you

To all Ascensionaires who attended and participated in the Annual General Meeting on 28 April.

2. PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL 2024/2025

Vicar's Warden - Loh Kok Chi

People's Warden - Goh Chee Kong

Honorary Treasurer - Teresa Khoo

Honorary Secretary - Marcus Sia

Synod Representatives:

Andrew Cheang

Vincent Lim

Victor Ong

Committee Members:

Priscilla Chin

Jenny Quek

Winston Tay

Randy Eng

Paul Chua

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(Co-opted)

Please continue to pray for the new PCC in the year ahead.

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MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE



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**5 MAY 2024, SUNDAY
8AM & 10.30AM**

"Our Identity In Christ"

Speaker: Ps Jocelyn Choo

SAV PRAYER MEETING

JOIN US FOR



SAV prayer meeting



7 MAY 2024 TUES | 07:30PM - 09.00PM
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION | LEVEL 1 MPH

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed, 8 May 2024

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



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.

COA 72ND ANNIVERSARY: 10AM COMBINED SERVICE

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'S
72ND ANNIVERSARY

**OUR UNITY
IN CHRIST**

REV IAN CHEW

MAY

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SUNDAY



ASCENSION

Sunday

**10AM COMBINED
BILINGUAL SERVICE**

"STRETCHERCISE"



DATE: 16 MAY 24 (THURS)

TIME: 9.45 AM TO 11 AM

COST: \$2 PER PERSON

**VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF
THE ASCENSION**

CLOSING DATE: 14 MAY 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 OCCUR.**



RESTORING EMOTIONAL + WHOLENESS

A CHRIST-CENTERED PERSPECTIVE

**RT REV RAPHAEL SAMUEL
(BISHOP EMERITUS OF BOLIVIA)**

This seminar will help participants to begin working through the issues of grief, deep-seated hurts and anger from a Christ-Centered perspective.

Rt Revd Raphael Samuel graduated from Trinity Theological College, Singapore and completed his post-graduate theological studies in Pastoral Counseling. Together with his wife Michelle, they have served actively in ministry for nearly 40 years in Singapore, Bolivia and South America.

29 JUN 2024

Saturday

9am-12.30pm

COA Ascension 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.

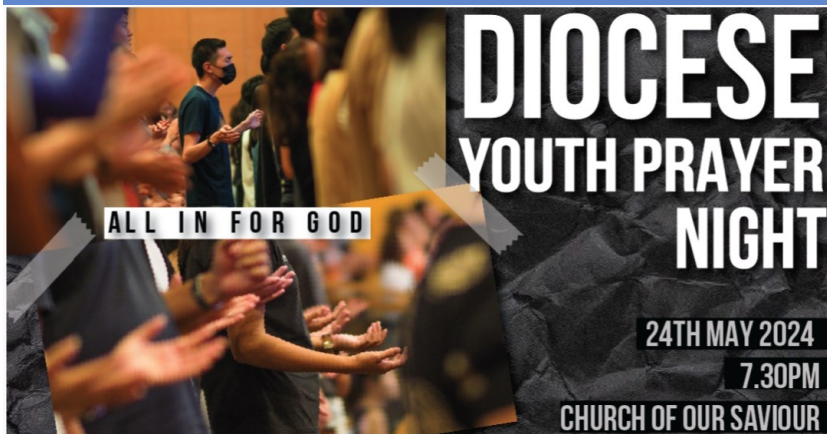
Sports Games

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

CONTACT 81390411 (ANGEL)
FOR ANY QUERIES :D

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DIOCESE YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT



Let us come together as a family of God at COOS to pray with and for our young people. We want to intercede for our young people, ignite their passion for Christ, and propel them to go all in for Jesus!

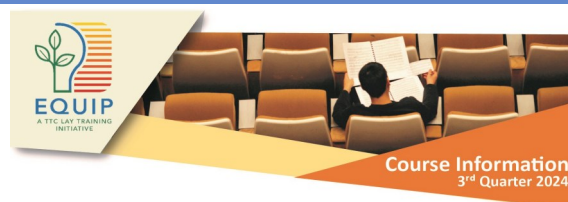
Date: 24 May 2024 (Fri)

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Church of Our Saviour, Auditorium

EQUIP COURSES BY TTC - 3RD QUARTER 2024

EQUIP is a lay training initiative of Trinity Theological College (TTC). 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. The Drama of the History of Christianity (via Zoom)

Instructor: Dr Leow Theng Huat

Dates: 8 Jul - 19 Aug (Mondays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)

2. Theology of Mission (via Zoom)

Instructor: Rev Dr Andrew Peh

Dates: 9 Jul - 20 Aug (Tuesdays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)

3. New Testament Survey (via Zoom)

Instructor: Rev Dr Leonard Wee

Dates: 10 Jul - 21 Aug (Wednesdays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)

4. Moral Character of a Christian Leader (via Zoom)

Instructor: Rev Dr Daniel Koh

Dates: 11 Jul - 22 Aug (Thursdays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Fees: \$100 (free for TTC alumni and TTC Matriculated Students)

5. Mobilising Churches for Mission (in-person at TTC)

Instructor: Rev Manik Corea

Dates: 17 - 31 Aug 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/>



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 5 - 11 MAY 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

Acting Vicar:

English Congregations (Traditional and Contemporary):

Revd Jonathan Wong

Clergy, staff and parishioners

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Thank God for the peace and safety we enjoy in our country. Pray that the violent protests that are taking place among campuses in the West will not spread to Singapore but that we will learn to respond to the differences and challenges in our society with respect to the rule of law.

World: For the highway collapse in southern China's Guangdong province, pray effectiveness of the rescue teams in locating survivors and speedy recovery of the injured parties involved in this incident.

3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray for God's leading, guidance and wisdom for the PCC as they embark on a new term in 2024/25.
- 2) Pray for God's blessings on our Ascension Day Service next week, that we will all remember God's goodness together and hold fast to his word for the future.
- 3) Pray for the speakers and leaders of the Church Camp to be anointed with wisdom to share 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

For 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
Rosalynn Lim - Full recovery from brain tumor operation
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

"Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"