



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT

Almighty God, You have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of Your Son into our hearts whereby we call You Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to Your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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.

16 Jun 2024

Trinity 3/ Father's Day

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Ps Edward Zaccheus

Sermon: "Sowers of the Kingdom"

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17;
Mark 4:26-34**

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UPCOMING

**23 Jun
(Sun)
8am
&
10.30am**

Trinity 4
"The True Marks of the Ministry"
2 Corinthians 6.1-13;
Mark 4.35-41
Revd Ian Chew

**28 Jun
(Fri)
10.30am**

**Elder Fellowship Holy
Communion Service**
"The Spectre of Unfruitfulness
(What would that look like? And
are there degrees of fruitfulness/
unfruitfulness?)"
Revd Ian Chew

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dearly Beloved COA Family,

Last week I shared about the reality of spiritual warfare in our lives.

An arena of spiritual warfare is in our minds. This is a place where the devil seeks to plant deceptive and harmful thoughts so that our minds are controlled by a different narrative. And once our minds are controlled, they become the devil's playground.

What kinds of thoughts does the devil seek to inject?

Firstly, he pit us against one another. He fills our minds with unkind and hateful thoughts of one another. In other words, he fills our minds with accusations against others. It is not for nothing that John the Apostle calls him the accuser: *"(T)he accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down"* (Rev 12:10). When our minds are filled with accusations against others, we begin to see each other as enemies rather than the devil as our enemy.

Secondly, he fills our minds with worries that destroy our trust in God. He makes us think that God either does not care or is unable to look after us or protect us. Yet Jesus commands us in the Scriptures: *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear... But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well"* (Matthew 6:25-32).

Thirdly, he fills our minds with fears that calamities will happen against us. These may be memories of past fears or dread of future ones. As he sows these terrors in our minds, he knows that they will cripple us and keep us from accomplishing God's will. This is why the Apostle Paul writes: *"God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control"* (2 Timothy 1:7). The Holy Spirit releases us from fear, which is promoted by the devil, in order to empower us to do His will.

Why am I writing all of this to you at this time?

I am writing *"in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes"* (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Let us all be fully aware of all that our enemy does in our minds so that we will not be taken captive by unholy, harmful or wrong thoughts.

Instead, the Bible tells us in Philippians:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things... And the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8-9).

Let us fill our minds with the remembrance of God's words and songs of praise and thanksgivings to Christ our Lord and so shut the door firmly against the devil's flaming arrows in our minds.

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



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CHILDREN MINISTRY

*There will be no Little Gems and Kids for Christ Sunday School classes in June.

Classes will resume on 7 July.

Enquires: [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 in informing Elaine or Clare before placing any food at the 'Refreshment Corner'.



PHASE 2B REGISTRATION EXERCISE FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IN 2025 FOR ANGLICAN SCHOOLS

MOE has announced the dates for Phase 2B of the Primary One registration:

From: Monday 22 July 2024, 9am

To: Tuesday 23 July 2024, 4.30pm

Parents will need to:

1. Submit the endorsed Form A for the Vicar's or authorised person's endorsement by 30 Jun 2024 with the following supporting documents:
 - a. Child/Ward's Birth Certificate
 - b. Parent/s Confirmation & Baptism Certificate/s
2. Submit the endorsed Form A together with other necessary documents, as indicated on the MOE website, when Phase 2B is launched on the dates indicated above. Submission is to be made through the FormSG using SingPass.

For more information, please visit the following MOE website:

<https://www.moe.gov.sg/primary/p1-registration/how-to-register>.

ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Date: Friday, 28 Jun 2024

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH)

Sermon: The Spectre of Unfruitfulness (What would that look like? And are there degrees of fruitfulness/unfruitfulness?)

Speaker: Revd Ian Chew



Lunch will be provided after Service at LKC Hall.

Do join us if you are 60 or older. Please contact the Church Office for registration and more information.

VICAR ON LEAVE

Revd Ian will be on leave from 5 - 20 June. For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203 or approach our pastoral staff.

CLOSURE OF CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on 18 Jun 24 (in lieu of Hari Raya Haji). It will reopen on 19 Jun 24 (Wednesday). For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS (YA) DINNER

*OPEN TO YOUNG ADULTS AGED 21 & ABOVE

YA DINNER

-The Vicar's Visit

28 JUNE 2024
FRIDAY, 7PM-9PM
\$10

Different Taste Cafe & Restaurant
@ 111 Frankel Ave, 458229

***KINDLY RSVP BY 24 JUNE 2024 (MONDAY)**



SCAN TO
SIGN UP!



RESTORING EMOTIONAL WHOLENESS SEMINAR

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



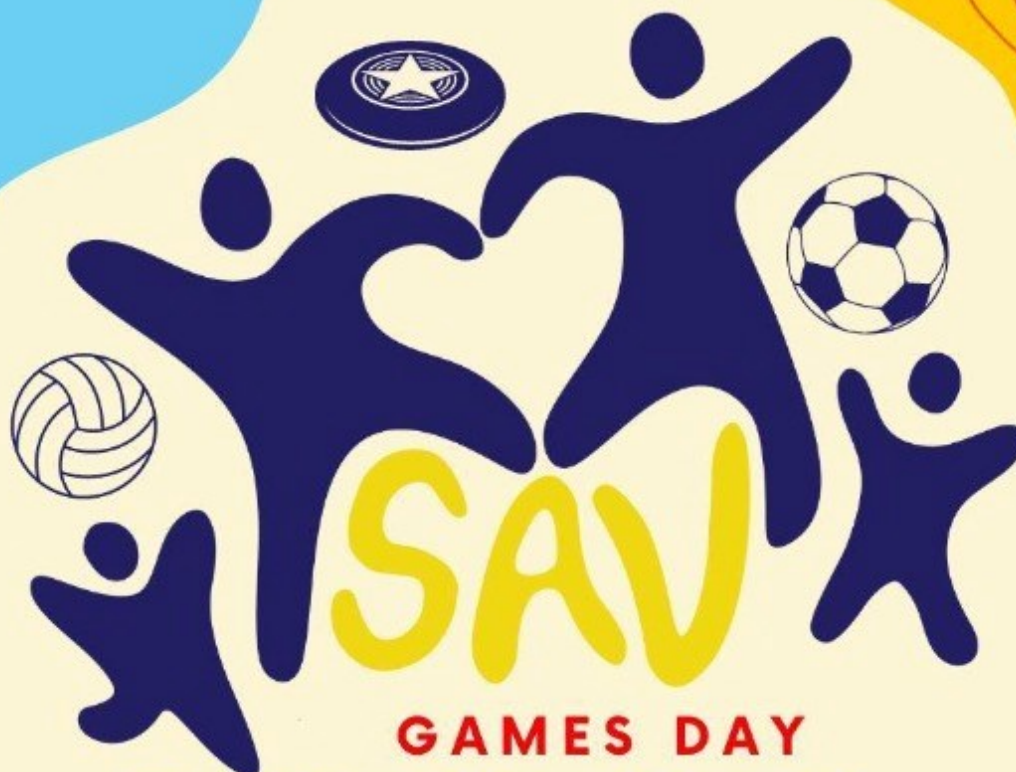
SAV WORSHIP SERVICE



30 June, Sunday | 10am
SAJC Cultural Centre
(Overflow in CHS Sanctuary)
Lunch and activities after service



SAV GAMES DAY (AFTER SAV WORSHIP SERVICE)



GAMES DAY
30 JUNE (SUN) | 1PM-3PM
SAJC BASKETBALL COURT / FIELD



Come join us for some fun and games with the other SAV parishes after the combined worship service on 30 June 2024.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

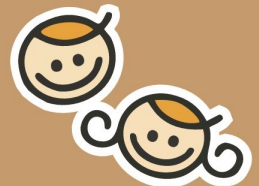
Venue: SAJC Basketball Court / Field

Sign up to play Frisbee, Captain's Ball, or Football. There will also be a junior Captain's Ball game for children aged 12 and below. We hope that by playing together, members from the three parishes will get to know one another more!

Sign up for the games by 25 June: tinyurl.com/savgamesday

Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry

07/07	Comfort of God in Ministry 2 Cor 1:1-24	Revd Ian Chew
14/07	Fragrance of Christ in Ministry 2 Cor 2:1-17	Ps Edward Zaccheus
21/07	Freedom of Spirit in Ministry 2 Cor 3:1-18	Revd Ian Chew
28/07	Treasure in Jars of Clay in Ministry 2 Cor 4:1-18	Ps Robert Rice
04/08	Compelling Love of Christ in Ministry 2 Cor 5:1-21	Revd Ian Chew
11/08	Danger of Compromise in Ministry 2 Cor 6:1-18	Ps Barnabas Sim
18/08	Repentance of Godly Sorrow in Ministry 2 Cor 7:1-16	Revd Ian Chew
25/08	Proof of Love in Ministry 2 Cor 8:1-24	Ps Edward Zaccheus
01/09	Generosity of Heart in Ministry 2 Cor 9:1-15	Revd Ian Chew
08/09	Seal of Approval in Ministry 2 Cor 10:1-18	Ps Jocelyn Choo
15/09	Marks of Apostleship in Ministry 2 Cor 11:1-33	Revd Ian Chew
22/09	Grace of God for Ministry 2 Cor 12:1-21	Ps Barnabas Sim
29/09	Test of Truth in Ministry 2 Cor 13:1-14	Revd Ian Chew



MEN

WOMEN

ELDER
FELLOWSHIP



*"My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness."*
2 Cor 12:9



BAPTISM CLASS 2024



BAPTISM CLASS

14 JULY	SALVATION
21 JULY	APOSTLES' CREED 1
28 JULY	APOSTLES' CREED 2
4 AUGUST	LORD'S PRAYER 1
11 AUGUST	LORD'S PRAYER 2
17 AUGUST	BAPTISM RETREAT
25 AUGUST	BAPTISM SERVICE

**REGISTER WITH THE CHURCH
OFFICE TODAY!**



Please register your interest via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/coa-baptism-reg>

TALK ON

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

WHAT IS ADVANCE CARE PLANNING (ACP)?

ACP allows you to make decisions about your future healthcare preferences in the event you become unable to communicate your wishes. This ensures your preferences are respected and your loved ones do not need to carry the burden in decision making during difficult times.

SPEAKER: Ms Josephine Ong, Senior Case Manager, Anglican Cluster Operator, assisted by a team of professionals.



13 July 2024 (Sat)
10.30am-12pm
Multi-Purpose Hall
Lunch will be provided!

Contact Church Office to register and/or for enquiries.



ALPHA 2024

Explore Life, Faith & Meaning

14th July - 15th Sept 2024

Every **Sunday, 12.30pm - 2pm**
Lunch is provided!

Venue: 1 Francis Thomas Drive,
#01-06, Singapore 359340

- 14-Jul Is There More To Life Than This?
- 21-Jul Who Is Jesus?
- 28-Jul Why Did Jesus Die?
- 4-Aug How Can I Have Faith?
- 11-Aug Why and How Do I Pray?
- 18-Aug Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- 25-Aug How Does God Guide Us?
- 31-Aug* **Alpha Weekend** – Holy Spirit
- 8-Sep How Can I Resist Evil
- 15-Sep Why and How Should I Tell Others?

**Alpha Weekend will be held on Saturday (31 Aug), 9:30 am – 3 pm*



**SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER TODAY**

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/
COA-ALPHA-REG](https://tinyurl.com/COA-ALPHA-REG)



Questions? Please contact alpha@ascension.org.sg



Alpha Registration Form

Please register your interest via this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/COA-Alpha-Reg>

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Marriage Preparation Course 2024

By Revd Ian and Esther Chew

- 13 Aug The Divine Love Triangle*
20 Aug God's blueprint for marriage Part I
27 Aug God's blueprint for marriage Part II
10 Sep Effective Communication with Each Other
17 Sep The Art of Disagreement
24 Sep Managing the Household

**All sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings with a combination of in-person and zoom meetings.*

*"This (marriage) is a great mystery,
but it is an illustration of the way Christ
and the church are one."
Ephesians 5:32*

Marriage Preparatory Course :

Please register your interest via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/COA-Marriage-Prep-Course>

YOUTH
MINISTRY

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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

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK SEASON 2 HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE IN POTW?

ParishoftheWeek Season 2 is launching on 24 June 2024. Parish of the Week is a 2-year campaign (2023-2024) where one Anglican parish is featured per week. In 2023, 11 parishes were featured, including COA. This season, the diocese will feature the remaining 16 Anglican parishes.

Wondering how you can participate in #ParishoftheWeek Season 2? SHARE, RUN, PRAY! Find out more about what it means to Share, Run, and Pray from Revd Choo on the Diocesan Social Media (FB & IG) @dioceseofsingapore and website at anglican.org.sg/potw

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) ONLINE 2024 - TERM 3



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



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

Old Testament

6: The Writings (1) : Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job, Song of Solomon

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

10 lessons: 4 Jul – 5 Sep
7:30pm – 9:00pm



Exam (optional): 15 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/2a9eadty>

New Testament

13: The Non-Pauline Epistles Hebrews to Jude

Instructors: Mr. Kwan Fook Seng,
Ps Loke Chi Shyan, Mr. James Tan,
Mrs. Bernice Gan

10 lessons: 4 Jul – 5 Sep
7:30pm – 9:00pm



Exam (optional): 15 Sep

<https://tinyurl.com/3hvs6b4a>

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. Registration details can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://anglican.org.sg/events/>

CERTIFICATE OF CHRISTIAN DISABILITY MINISTRY - INCLUSIVE

The Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN) is offering an excellent opportunity for Sunday School teachers and Youth Leaders to be equipped in including, teaching, managing and serving children and youth with special needs (including but not limited to Autism).

This course is recommended for Clergy, Children and Youth Ministry Workers and Leaders.

Learning Outcome

- Learn the theology of Christian inclusive education;
- Recognise if a member has special needs and how to broach the issue with the person's family;
- Design learning environments that are inclusive of people with / without disabilities;
- Manage challenging behaviour of persons with disabilities in the classroom in a loving manner;

Adapt mainstream Sunday school curricula for the classroom

Date: 13 & 20 July 2024

Time: 9am - 4pm

Venue: Zion Gospel Mission Church

114 Lavender Street, CT Hub 2 #13-71, Singapore 338729 (Access via Lift Lobby 2)

Registration Deadline: 30 June 2024

**Sessions will be conducted in-person only.*

For more information and to register for the course, please visit this [link](#)



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 16 - 22 JUN 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Vicar:

English, Chinese and Tamil Congregations:
Little Seeds Preschool (St Paul's Church)

Revd Jeremy Ponniah

Clergy, staff and parishioners
Principal, staff and students

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: PM Lawrence Wong busy attending high-level and regional meetings in the coming months while preparing for the next General Election. Pray for PM Wong to have godly wisdom to tackle both foreign and domestic fronts.

Middle-East: Gaza War still rages on even as truce is called. WHO said many are facing "catastrophic hunger and famine-like conditions". Pray for an expeditious ceasefire and improved access to food and healthcare to those in need.

3) PARISH:

- 1) Father's Day Service on 16 Jun'24 (**Today**). Father's Day Blessings to all the fathers and grandfathers and spiritual fathers.
- 2) Baptism course starting 14 Jul: Pray for God's Spirit to lead those considering signing up for the upcoming baptism class.
- 3) Restoring Emotional Wellness seminar on 29 Jun: Pray for God's wisdom and leading be upon Bp Raphael as he teaches on how to have a Christ-centred perspective in restoring emotional wholeness. Pray also for participants to be able to have good handles in working through issues of grief, deep-seated hurts, and anger from a Christ-centred perspective.

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 diagnosis
Zephan Heng - ALP level to drop and no issues with liver or bones.
Steven Syn - restoration of consciousness and health
Rosalynn Lim - full recovery from brain tumor operation
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
2 Corinthians 5:17*