



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us Your mercy; that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

23 Jun 2024

Trinity 4

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "The True Marks of the Ministry"

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;
Mark 4:35-41**

UPCOMING

28 Jun (Fri) 10.30am	Elder Fellowship Holy Communion Service "The Spectre of Unfruitfulness" Revd Ian Chew
29 Jun (Sat) 9am	Restoring Emotional Wholeness Seminar Rt Revd Raphael Samuel Ascension Hall
30 Jun (Sun) 10am	Trinity 5 Combined SAV Family Day SAJC Cultural Centre
1pm	SAV Games Day SAJC Basketball Court/ Field
6 Jul (Sat) 7.30am	Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting Revd Ian Chew Ascension Hall

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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Today's devotion is a follow-up on the significance of the church season of **Ordinary Time**. Ordinary Time is not ordinary but it is significant and each day a precious opportunity for us to walk in the power of the Spirit!

Have you ever felt inadequate or unqualified for serving God?

Have you ever been plagued by the thought that due to your past you are not worthy to be used for God's purposes?

Look no further than the life example of Rahab (see Joshua 2).

Rahab not only was a citizen of the city of Jericho, a Gentile living in a pagan city, she was also a woman by herself. There was no mention at all about a husband or any man in her life. Women in ancient times were not accorded with recognition or rights. Most galling of all, she was a prostitute. The Bible had no qualms in listing all of her imperfections. In many of our eyes today, she was as far from being qualified to serve God's purposes as possible.

Yet Scriptures not only did not condemn her, but spoke very highly of her! She was mentioned in three separate occasions, which is no mean feat:

1. **The apostle James commended her for being brave in doing what was right:** *"In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?"* (James 2:25).
2. **The writer of Hebrews commended her for her faith:** *"By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient"* (Hebrews 11:31).
3. **Matthew the Gospel writer listed her as the ancestor of Jesus our Lord:** *"Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse"* (Matthew 1:5).

And why was she commended so highly?

She simply **took the step of faith** when the chance arose to identify fully with God's people rather than her own. She acted with courage, decisiveness and fortitude when she had to hide the spies and lie to the soldiers. She did not let the opportunity to help the spies escape slip but grasped it with both hands.

What can we learn from this?

Rahab, the most unqualified to serve God in many people's perspectives, was elevated by God to be one of the most prominent women of faith in the Scriptures. She was even granted the privilege not only to be part of God's people, to have a family but also became the great-great-great... grandmother of Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world! God had transformed her shame and disgrace to honour and praise.

Are you still feeling unqualified or inadequate due to your weaknesses or your past?

God, who set his favour on Rahab, can also equip and use you mightily by the power of His Holy Spirit. You only need to lay aside every weight of shame and guilt and purpose to walk each day by faith in concrete and practical ways. He will exchange your ashes for His beauty.

This is also the beauty of Ordinary Time. This season reminds us that everything is possible by the power of the Holy Spirit who works in us and through us. Let us live each day with faith, being willing and courageous to make full use of every opportunity that comes our way to glorify God!

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

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.



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

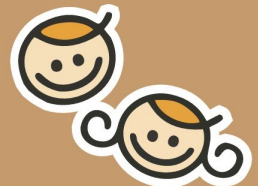
Venue: SAJC Basketball Court / Field

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*



MEN'S NETWORK MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting

Vicar's Special Message For A New Season Psalm 121

Speaker: Revd. Ian Chew

6/7/24 (Sat) | 7.30am | Ascension Hall
All men are invited



WHAT'S A COOKING ?



Thai Olive Rice & Salad

Date: 11 July 2024 (Thurs)

Time: 9.45am to 11.30am

Cost: \$6 per person

Venue: LKC Hall, Church of
the Ascension

Register By: 5 July 24

**To register, please call Church of the Ascension at
6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday)**

The organiser reserves the right to cancel the event should unforeseen circumstances occur.

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.



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>

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>

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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

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CONTACT 81390411 (ANGEL)
FOR ANY QUERIES :D

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#PARISHOFTHEWEEK SEASON 2 - UNITY THROUGH POTW?

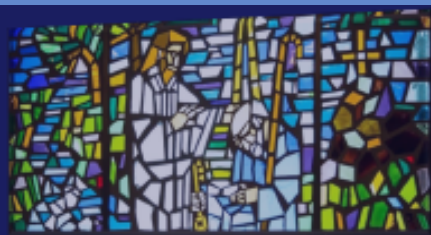
ParishoftheWeek Season 2 is launching on 24 June 2024. Parish of the Week is a 2-year campaign (2023-2024) where one Anglican parish is featured per week. In 2023, 11 parishes were featured, including COA. This season, the diocese will feature the remaining 16 Anglican parishes.

How does #ParishoftheWeek fit into the work of the Church? Find out more as Revd Christopher Ho shares his heart for #ParishoftheWeek 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. David Lee, Mr Alfred Chan, Dr Lee Chien Earn, Revd. Hambali Leonardi, Revd. Steven Seah

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



Exam (optional): 14 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): 14 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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2024

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.*



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 23 - 29 JUN 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

YISHUN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Vicar:

English, Chinese and Tamil Congregations:
Little Seeds Preschool (Praiseland)

Revd Daniel Teo

Clergy, staff and parishioners
Principal, staff and students

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: A Dutch dredger hit a Singapore bunker on Jun 15 causing an oil spill that washed up along the coast of a number of beaches. Pray for expeditious and thorough clean-up efforts and protection for the workers.

World: A heat wave has been affecting parts of the world like China, Northern India and the Middle-East. Pray for wisdom for the countries' leaders to deal with the rising temperature and help alleviate conditions for the people.

3) PARISH:

- 1) Pray for teachers, students, and parents as a new school term starts. Pray also for the Primary 6s as they gear up in preparation for their PSLEs.
- 2) Pray for a blessed time of fellowship for COA, CHS, and COR at the Combined SAV Service & Games Day next Sunday. Pray also for good weather for the day.
- 3) Jul - Sept 24 Sermon Series: Pray for every member to have the desire to fulfill God's purpose in various aspects of ministry.

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
Willy Wong - healing from cancer. Cancer cells will not spread to bones
Lim Cheng Ho - went for an emergency surgery (Kim's father) on his large intestines. Admitted to NUH. Pray for God's healing upon him.
Soo Ngook Khinn - Now recovering at AMK (Sien Yee's father) community hospital. Pray full recovery and God to reveal more of Himself to Mr Soo.