



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, who sent Your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of Your Church: open our hearts to the riches of Your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy 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.

**28 Jul 2024**

**Trinity 9**

**8am & 10.30am**

**Preacher: Ps Robert Rice**

**Sermon: "Treasures in Jars of Clay in Ministry"**

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:1-18;  
John 6:1-21**

## UPCOMING

**3 Aug (Sat) 8am** **COA National Day Prayer Walk**  
MPH

**4 Aug (Sun) 8am & 10.30am** **Trinity 10**  
"Compelling Love of Christ in Ministry"  
2 Corinthians 5:1-21;  
John 6:24-35  
Revd Ian Chew

**4 Aug (Sun) 12.30pm** **Baptism Class**  
"The Lord's Prayer 1"  
Conference Room

**4 Aug (Sun) 12.30pm** **Alpha#4**  
"How Can I Have Faith?"  
Youth Room #01-06  
DOS Building

## Connect with the Ascension Family

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Event Calendar: [ascension.org.sg/cc](http://ascension.org.sg/cc)

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Just last Wednesday, on 24 July, I attended the National Council of Churches Singapore (NCCS) 50th anniversary dinner. It was a wonderful celebratory dinner with more than 200 pastors from different churches of different denominations. Senior Minister Lee Hsien Loong was the guest of honour for the dinner together with other government ministers. It was a significant milestone in the growth of God's Church in Singapore.

Yet what struck me throughout the dinner was how God had planted and made possible the idea for NCCS to be established and His continued grace to enable NCCS to grow from its humble beginnings.

Before World War II, the different Christian denominations and churches had operated largely on their own, independently from one another. You could not speak much of a unified Christian voice in colonial Singapore.

Yet everything changed during the war. Imprisoned together in Changi by their Japanese captors, the leaders of the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian churches clung together on the Lord Jesus for sustenance. The Holy Communion shared among them consisting of a few grains of rice and water was especially powerful in ministering God's presence to them. They vowed to put aside their differences and work together for extension of the gospel in brotherly unity after their release.

As a result, in 1948, a new ecumenical body called the Malayan Christian Council was formed to promote Christian unity among the churches by the same leaders. After Singapore's independence from Malaysia, Singapore's very own council was constituted as NCCS on 24 July 1974. It has since grown to act as the link between the church in general and the Singapore government on many issues such as religious harmony and the repeal of 377A. It had also spearheaded the organisation of large-scale Christian events, like the Jubilee Day of Prayer in 2015 and the Celebration of Hope in 2019.

As you can see, it was from the small seed of fellowship of Christian leaders in prison that God brought about the unity of the churches. It was also from the small fellowship of pastors that God brought about the extensive working of the churches together in our day and age to support one another, engage society and spread the good news.

This reminds me of the teaching of Christ in Luke 13:18-19:

*"What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds perched in its branches."*

Let us never despise or look down on the small and insignificant endeavours that we do for God. By the Holy Spirit's power and grace, they will grow to be very fruitful and effective in future for his kingdom. So let us persevere in sowing the seeds of the Kingdom of God wherever we go!

Have a blessed week ahead,

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
<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> Holy Communion 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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



## TELEGRAM

### We are on Telegram!

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Apple/iOS: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/telegram-messenger/id686449807>

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

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

Little Gems: Sunday School room (L1)  
Kids For Christ : MPH (LL1)

Enquires: [Shirley Kwek](#)  
Please click on to this [Link](#), for more information.



## 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'.



## 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.



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to Diana Leong and Yuri, Leong Kum Cheong and Joscelyne, on the demise of mother and mother-in-law, Mdm Koo Chooi Lean, who returned to the Lord on 25 July 2024. Let's continue to keep our brothers and sisters and their loved ones in our prayers during this time of bereavement.

## ALPHA COURSE

# 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)

Please register your interest via this link:  
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## BAPTISM CLASS 2024



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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>

## COMLINK - WHAT'S A COOKING

# What's a Cooking ? Special Yam Png Kueh



**DATE:** 15 AUG 2024 (THURS)

**TIME:** 9.45AM TO 11.30AM

**COST:** \$6 PER PERSON

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

**CLOSING DATE:** 9 AUG 24

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

# Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry

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



*Church of the Ascension*

# *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*

Please register your interest via this link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/COA-Marriage-Prep-Course>



# YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: SEEK YE FIRST

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION PRESENTS:



# SYF

## Seek Ye First



SCAN TO  
REGISTER HERE!

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**  
23rd Aug -24th Aug (Fri-Sat)

PraiseHaven Retreat Centre  
500 Upper Bukit Timah Rd, S678106

# YOUTH CAMP 2024

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SPEAKER:

**PASTOR  
SAMUEL PHUN**

SENIOR PASTOR  
RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH



**15-18 DEC** SUN - WED

**SAVE THE DATES NOW!**

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

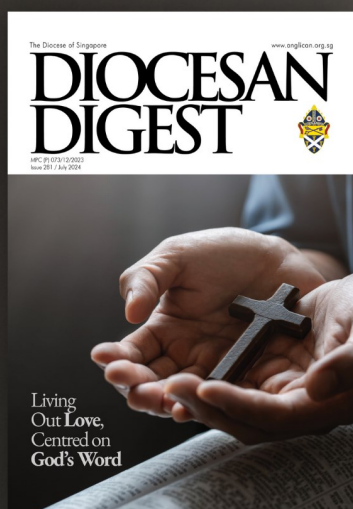
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## #PARISHOFTHEWEEK - ST JAMES CHURCH

We are well into the 2nd season of #ParishoftheWeek! This week, the featured Parish is St James Church (SJC) from Area Group 4. Find out more about SJC and how you can pray for them via [anglican.org.sg/potw](http://anglican.org.sg/potw) or by following the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.

## DIOCESAN DIGEST - JULY 2024



### Diocesan Digest July 2024 is out!

Download your copy from the Diocesan website at [anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/](http://anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/)

The latest issue of the Diocesan Digest is out! In this issue, our feature article 'Unreasonable Hospitality' focuses on the importance of being hospitable in the Kingdom of God. Download your copy at [www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/](http://www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/)

## DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE

**Topic:** God's Heart for Israel (Exploring Romans 9-11)

This short course delves into the timeless narrative of Israel within God's salvation plan - past, present and future - revealing God's unwavering pursuit of redemption for all humanity.

- Understanding Israel's Past
- Israel's present rejection and Gentile inclusion
- God's unfolding plan for Israel's future
- Fullness of God's purposes

**Speaker:** Revd Gary Chng

**Dates:** 6 - 27 August 2024 (Tuesdays)

**Time:** 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Via Zoom)

**Cost:** \$12

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/44l6n6P> (Closes on 1 August)

Interested participants may find out more on the Diocesan website at [www.anglican.org.sg/events](http://www.anglican.org.sg/events)

## DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE

### Diocesan Apologetics Course

## The Problem of Evil and the Christian Doctrine of Sin

- ▶ Teacher: Dr Andrew Loke
- ▶ Dates: Aug 7, 14, 21, 28, Sept 4, 11, 18 & 25 (Wed)
- ▶ Time: 7.30-9.30 pm Via Zoom Cost: SGD \$20.00
- ▶ To register: <https://bit.ly/3xqqNPL>
- ▶ Questions? Email [lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com](mailto:lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com)

#### Some Topics

- ▶ 1. What is good and evil?
- ▶ 2. The Book of Job and Skeptical Theism
- ▶ 3. How did evil originate in a world created by a perfect God

**Registration closes on 3 Aug.** Click [here](#) to register  
Interested participants may find out more on the Diocesan website at  
[www.anglican.org.sg/events](http://www.anglican.org.sg/events)

## TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - OPEN HOUSE 2024

Registration for Trinity Theological College's (TTC) open house has now begun.

As the oldest seminary in Singapore, TTC has been engaged in equipping Christians for ministry since its founding in 1948. Come down to the Open House and discover how TTC can help equip you for more effective ministry.

**Date:** 21 August 2024

**Time:** 8.30 am - 2 pm

**Venue:** Trinity Theological College, 490 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678093

**Registration:** [ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse](http://ttc.edu.sg/english/OpenHouse) (Closes on **18 August**)





*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 28 JUL - 3 AUG 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### ST JAMES CHURCH

Vicar:

English and Chinese Congregations:

St James Church kindergarten (Leedon):

St James Church Kindergarten (Gilstead):

Canon Chua Siang Guan

Clergy, Staff and parishioners

Principal, staff and students

Principal, Staff, and Students

- 1) For every St Jamer to prepare their hearts as they seek God for the vision for St James Church 50th Anniversary (SJC50) in 2027.
- 2) Development of a vibrant seniors' ministry.
- 3) Engagement of young people for leadership renewal and participation.
- 4) Revamping of preschool chaplaincy from kindergarten to childcare.
- 5) Unity in the Chinese Congregation as one body, adopting a true disciple's heart, mind and soul to fulfill God's Great Commandment and Commission.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: CNA reports more than 500 people on the waiting list for an organ transplant in Singapore. Pray for those searching for donors to find a compatible match speedily and for more people to be open to the idea of organ donation.

East Asia: Typhoon Gaemi has hit Taiwan and China, causing floods and landslides. Pray for speedy recovery and rescue efforts in the aftermath of the storm. Pray also for recovery for the injured and for those who have lost loved ones.

### 3) PARISH:

- 1) Jul - Sept 24 Sermon Series: Pray for every member to have the desire to fulfill God's purpose in various aspects of ministry.
- 2) Boys' Brigade Juniors' Programme  
Character Quest 2024: Pray for wisdom and protection on 7J's 17 Primary 5 Boys taking part in this national competition on 3 August as they practise what they have learnt about Extraordinary Compassion.
- 3) COA Walk Prayer on 3 Aug: Pray for God's Spirit leading and wisdom as we pray and bless our Potong Pasir and Bidadari communities. Pray also for good weather and protection.

### 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  
Lim Cheng Ho (Kim's father) - healing, strong health and recovery, enhancement to mobility and consistent food intake.

#### For healing

Annie - 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. Starting radiation treatment in Nov.

*"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."*

2 Corinthians 4:7-16