



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT

Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You in all things and above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

**7 Jul 2024**

**Trinity 6**

**8am & 10.30am**

**Preacher: Revd Ian Chew**

**Sermon: "Comfort of God in Ministry"**

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-24;  
Mark 6:1-13**

## UPCOMING

**10 Jul  
(Wed)  
8pm**

**Hour of Power**  
Via Zoom

**11 Jul  
(Thu)  
9.45am**

**Comlink**  
"What's A Cooking"  
Thai Olive Rice and Salad  
LKC Hall

**13 Jul  
(Sat)  
10.30am**

**Advance Care Planning (ACP)**  
MPH

**14 Jul  
(Sun)  
8am  
&  
10.30am**

**Trinity 7**  
"Fragrance of Christ in Ministry"  
2 Corinthians 2:1-17  
Ps Edward Zaccheus

**14 Jul  
(Sun)  
12.30pm**

**Alpha #1**  
"Is there more to life than this?"  
Youth Room, #01-06  
DOS Building

**14 Jul  
(Sun)  
12.30pm**

**Baptism Class**  
"Salvation"  
Conference Room

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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

How can we succeed in living well in the world? This question is especially pertinent as we look forward to the second half of 2024 knowing that while the world faces many challenges, God has called us to serve him faithfully in his kingdom.

In Luke 20, Jesus was accosted by spies sent from the chief priest and teachers of the law. Their purpose was to trap him into saying something seditious against the Roman rulers so that they could then hand him over to be tried. However, Jesus wisely avoided their trap by replying:

***“Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s”*** (v25).

Today, Christian teachers and thinkers have used this phrase to identify and distinguish the two kingdoms that we are all living in simultaneously: **the earthly and heavenly kingdom**. God has instituted kings and governments to rule in human society, while his kingdom continues to thrive and expand amidst his people. We are therefore to give our allegiance to both.

H.B. Clark writes, "It is a doctrine of both Mosaic and Christian law that governments are divinely ordained and derive their powers from God. In the Old Testament it is asserted that 'power belongeth unto God,' (Psalms 62:11) that God 'removeth kings and setteth up kings,' (Daniel 2:21) and that 'the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomever He will' (Daniel 4:32). Similarly, in the New Testament, it is stated that '...there is no power but of God, the powers that be are ordained of God' (Romans 13:1)."

At the same time, we are aware of the reality of another kingdom that is higher and supersedes the earthly one – the kingdom of God. Jesus, when threatened with the direst punishment known to man, replied to Pilate, *“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world”* (John 18:36). In other words, he chose to live according to the purpose and mandate of the heavenly kingdom rather than succumb to the earthly one.

Coming back to the original question: how then can we truly succeed in our living? I believe it is **to rightly and wisely obey the laws of both God and society and to contribute to the flourishing of both**.

Are there any government laws that you are not abiding by or any good that you are withholding even knowing that you wouldn't be caught? Refrain from that. The tax that the Jews had to pay to the Roman authorities was a deeply unpopular one and yet Jesus commanded that it be given.

New Testament scholar Willard Swartley writes: “The tax denoted in the text was a specific tax... It was a poll tax, a tax instituted in A.D. 6. A census taken at that time (cf. Lk. 2:2) to determine the resources of the Jews provoked the wrath of the country. Judas of Galilee led a revolt (Acts 5:37), which was suppressed only with some difficulty. Many scholars date the origin of the Zealot party and movement to this incident.”

At the same time, how have you been responding to God's call on your life to live out his commands and purposes? How have you been responding in love to others in your life? How have you stewarded the resources that God has granted to you?

Jesus tells us to ***“seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well”*** (Matthew 6:33).

May the Lord grant you wisdom and grace to navigate both the earthly and heavenly kingdom to thrive in your life!

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                       |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|
| <b>English Traditional</b><br>Holy Communion   | 8:00am  | Sanctuary<br>(Level 2)      |
| <b>English Contemporary</b><br>Holy Communion<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 [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

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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.

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'.



## 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.



## HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

**Date** : Wed 10 Jul 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

**Pas]scode**: matt1820



## KALIMANTAN TRIP: 7 - 10 AUGUST 2024

A trip to Kalimantan has been planned. Members who are interested in joining the trip, please let Allan or Clare know.

\*Please note that there is a **Trip Introduction Briefing**:

**Date** : 21 Jul 2024 (Sun)

**Time** : 9.40-10.20am

**Venue**: Conference Room (Church Office)

## CONDOLENCES AND APPRECIATION

We extend our deepest condolences to our following members and their families:

- Florence on the demise of her father, Mr Lim Hock Soon, who returned to the Lord on 24 Jun.
- Randy and Josephine on the demise of his mother, Mdm Oui Ah Ku, who returned to the Lord on 26 Jun.

Florence and Randy and Josephine and their respective family, would like to thank COA pastors and church members for your support and prayers during the recent bereavement.

- Sien Yee on the demise of her father, Mr Soo Ngook Khinn, who has passed away on 3 July.

Let's keep Sien Yee and her family in our prayers as they tend to the funeral today.

## SANH (ALJUNIED) VOLUNTEER INFO/BRIEFING SESSION

**Date** : 20 Jul 2024 (Saturday)

**Time** : 10 am – 11.30am

**Venue** : COA, MPH

ALL are welcome!

NO registration needed, please email [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg) or call the church office at [62833988](tel:62833988).

## 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: <https://tinyurl.com/COA-Alpha-Reg>  
**Questions? Please contact [alpha@ascension.org.sg](mailto:alpha@ascension.org.sg)**



## COMLINK - WHAT'S A COOKING: THAI OLIVE RICE & SALAD

# WHAT'S A COOKING?

## Thai Olive Rice & Salad



**DATE: 11 JUL 24 (THURS)**

**TIME: 9.45AM TO 12 PM**

**COST : \$6 PER PERSON**

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

**CLOSING DATE : 5 JUL 24**

# Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry

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





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

|                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>14 JULY</b>   | <b>SALVATION</b>         |
| <b>21 JULY</b>   | <b>APOSTLES' CREED 1</b> |
| <b>28 JULY</b>   | <b>APOSTLES' CREED 2</b> |
| <b>4 AUGUST</b>  | <b>LORD'S PRAYER 1</b>   |
| <b>11 AUGUST</b> | <b>LORD'S PRAYER 2</b>   |
| <b>17 AUGUST</b> | <b>BAPTISM RETREAT</b>   |
| <b>25 AUGUST</b> | <b>BAPTISM SERVICE</b>   |

**REGISTER WITH THE CHURCH  
OFFICE TODAY!**



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

*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*



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

 @kardia\_coa

## #PARISHOFTHEWEEK - ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We are into the 2nd season of #ParishoftheWeek! This week, the featured Parish of the Week is St Paul's Church (SPC) from Area Group 4. Find out more about SPC 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.

## MARKETPLACE MOVEMENT & MENTORSHIP (M3)

Marketplace Movement and Mentorship (M3) is excited to bring you an evening of "Encountering an Extraordinary God In Ordinary Lives". Come join us!

**Panel Speakers:** Angeline Neo, Lye Junxu, Daniel Chin, Madeline Wan

**Date:** 12 July 2024

**Time:** 8pm (Light Dinner from 7.15pm)

**Venue:** St James' Church, 1 Leedon Road, Sanctuary 1, Level 3

**Register at** [tinyurl.com/2mkkmswt](http://tinyurl.com/2mkkmswt)



## DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES 2024 - BIBLICAL DEMONOLOGY

### Diocesan Theological Studies 2024 Biblical Demonology

Teacher: Revd Dr Joel Leow

Dates: 17 July - 28 August, 2024 (Wednesdays)

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Cost: \$20

Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd, 2 Dundee Road, Singapore 149454. Nearest MRT station is Queenstown

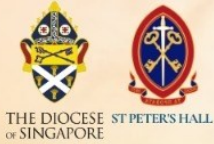
To register: <https://bit.ly/3VJYaX8>

Questions? Email [lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com](mailto:lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com)

Registration closes on **12 July 2024**.

Those who are interested may find out more on the Diocesan website at [www.anglican.org.sg/events](http://www.anglican.org.sg/events)





DIOCESAN SHORT BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

## "God's heart for Israel"

EXPLORING ROMANS 9-11

### ABOUT

Join us on an exploration through Romans 9-11, where the Apostle Paul unveils God's intricate design to save both Jews and Gentiles through the Great Commission. Come and discover that "Israel" -- transcending geography, politics and race - is a testament to faith and God's divine choice. 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.

### TOPICS

1. Understanding Israel's Past
2. Israel's present rejection and Gentile inclusion
3. God's unfolding plan for Israel's future
4. Fullness of God's purposes

### INFO AT A GLANCE

**Dates:** 6, 13, 20, 27 August 2024 (Tuesdays)

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

**Cost:** \$12

**To register:** <https://bit.ly/44l6n6P> or scan the QR code below



**Contact person:**  
Ms Lucilla Teoh,  
[lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com](mailto:lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com)

### SPEAKER



Revd Gary Chng graduated from Trinity Theological College with a Bachelor in Divinity. He serves as a Priest at Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Registration closes on **1 Aug 2024**.

Those who are interested may find out more on the Diocesan website at [www.anglican.org.sg/events](http://www.anglican.org.sg/events)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CAREER FAIR: 12 JUL 2024

# Let's Your **LIGHT** **SHINE**

**12 JUL  
FRIDAY  
10AM-5PM**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION  
CAREER FAIR**

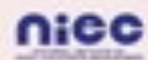
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*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 7 - 13 JUL 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Vicar:

English, Chinese and Tamil Congregations:

Little Seeds Preschool (St Paul's Church)

St Andrew's Nursing Home (SANH)-Buangkok

Revd Jeremy Ponniah

Clergy, staff and parishioners

Principal, staff and students

Staff, residents and volunteers

#### 1) Next Generation

- To build the youth and young adult ministries and raise the next generation of leaders.

#### 2) Seniors

- To care for our growing number of seniors and harness their experience and talent.

#### 3) Outreach

- To grow in hospitality and expand our effort to reach out to the Kovan/Hougang community.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: Primary 1 registration exercise started on 2 July. Pray especially for anxious parents who have children going to primary school for the very first time, to trust that God will lead them to the best school He has appointed for their children.

World: Britain's Labour Party has just won the elections after 14 years of Conservative rule. Pray for God's wisdom and help for the new government to lead and serve in an upright and godly way for the good of its people.

### 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) Alpha: Pray for a good response to our upcoming Alpha course starting 14 July. Pray also for God's Spirit to bless the hosts, helpers and all the participants.
- 3) Baptism class: Pray for God's Spirit to lead and prepare the hearts of those considering to be baptised.

### 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 - went for an emergence surgery on his intestines. Admitted to NUH. Pray for God's healing upon him.

#### 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. Starting radiation treatment in Oct. Will be receptive to the treatment.

*"(W)ho comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."*

2 Corinthians 1:4