



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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.

**4 Aug 2024**

**Trinity 10**

**8am & 10.30am**

**Preacher: Revd Ian Chew**

**Sermon: "Compelling Love of Christ in Ministry"**

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-21;  
John 6:24-35**

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Website: [www.ascension.org.sg](http://www.ascension.org.sg)

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

## UPCOMING

**11 Aug (Sun)**  
**8am & 10.30am**  
**Trinity 11**  
"Danger of Compromise in Ministry"  
2 Corinthians 6:1-18;  
John 6:35, 41-51  
Ps Barnabas Sim

**11 Aug (Sun)**  
**12.30pm**  
**Baptism Class**  
"The Lord's Prayer 2"  
Conference Room

**11 Aug (Sun)**  
**12.30pm**  
**Alpha#5**  
"Why and How Do I Pray?"  
Youth Room #01-06  
DOS Building

**13 Aug (Tue)**  
**7.30pm**  
Mairrage Preparation Course  
"The Divine Love Triangle"  
Youth Room #01-06  
DOS Building

**15 Aug (Thu)**  
**9.45am**  
Comlink  
"What's A Cooking"  
Special Yam Png Kueh  
LKC Hall

*Happy National Day!*



**TOGETHER**  
AS ONE UNITED PEOPLE

The church office will be **closed on 9 August (Friday)** and reopen on 10 August. For any urgent matters, please contact 81002203.

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

An account in the Old Testament is very instructive in teaching us about an aspect of **maturity** in our Christian faith. It is about whether we are willing to surrender to the will of God and give space to him to move in ways that we may not be comfortable with.

In Daniel 3, king Nebuchadnezzar had commanded all the people under his rule to bow down and worship the image that he had made. However, three friends of Daniel: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to do so.

What is most remarkable was their answer to the king:

*“O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up”* (Daniel 3:16-18).

In other words, although they fully trusted that God could deliver them from the fiery furnace, they **gave room for God to act in his sovereign will not to save them**. They were willing to trust and remain loyal to God regardless of whether they were delivered or not. This is maturity.

And this was exhibited when our brother Kenny Goh gave his testimony at the 10.30am service last Sunday. He shared that he prayed for a good report when he met his doctor for a follow-up on his high cholesterol, as well as for grace to accept whatever result the doctor gave. He was giving room to God to act in regards to his health according to God's sovereign will!

Why are these a demonstration of spiritual maturity? **This is because they are willing to accept God's will in their lives even if it is contrary to their wishes and desires**. They trust that God has a more perfect plan for them. Their eyes were fixed on what is unseen, rather than what is seen.

We have been exploring how God has a wonderful plan and will for our lives even in the midst of suffering, these few weeks in the sermon series on 2 Corinthians. Trials and difficulties are not things we would normally and naturally wish for ourselves. Yet we know that God has an even greater purpose as he allows us to go through them.

Let us then grow in maturity by **leaving room for God to act in our lives in his own way** rather than insisting on our own desires. Wisdom is when “we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen” (2 Corinthians 4:18). For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

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> 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!

Subscribe to Church of The Ascension to receive updates on our latest announcements, events, programmes and more. Click on the link or scan the QR code to subscribe

<https://t.me/Ascensionaires>

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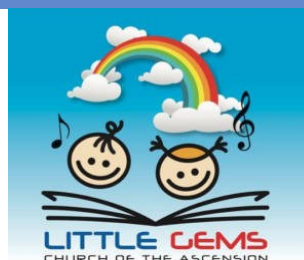
## CHILDREN MINISTRY

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'.





## 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)**



## 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>

*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>

# 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

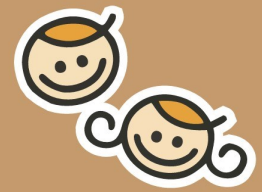
**To register, please call Church of the Ascension at  
6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday)**

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



# 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*





# YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: SEEK YE FIRST

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION PRESENTS:



## 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

**SIGN UP BY 18 AUGUST 2024 (SUN), 2359 HOURS**

# 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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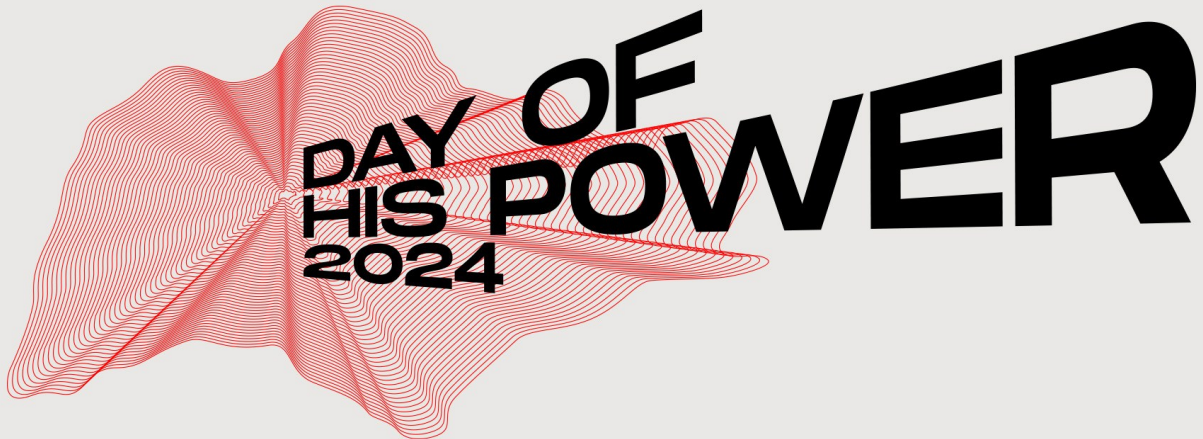


## #PARISHOFTHEWEEK - YISHUN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We are well into the 2nd season of #ParishoftheWeek! This week, the featured Parish is Yishun Christian Church Anglican (YCCA) from Area Group 4. Find out more about YCCA 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.

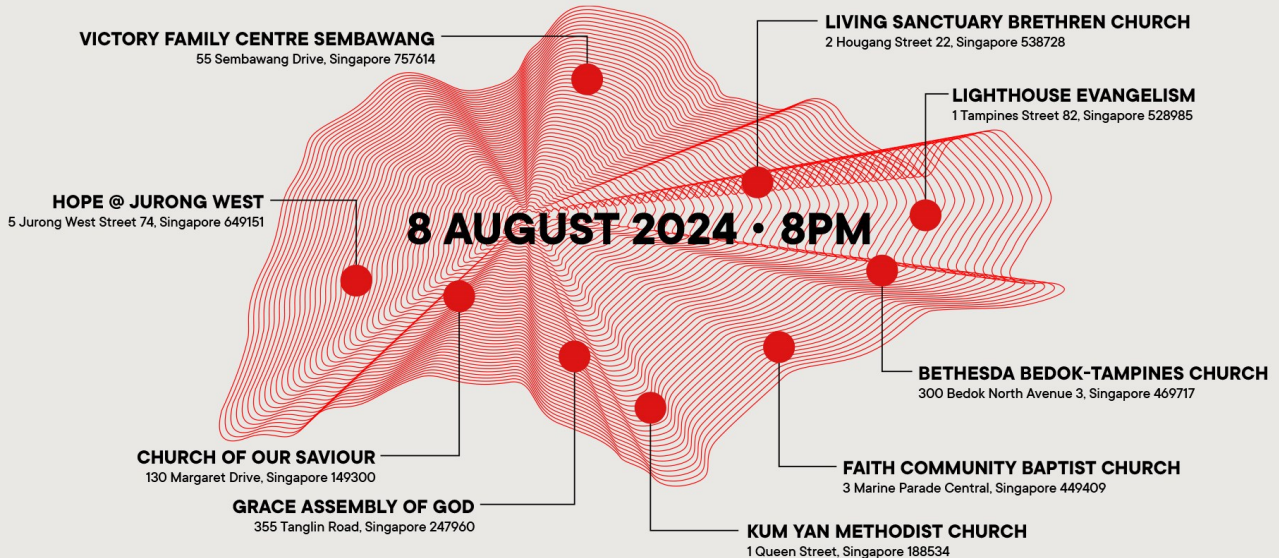
### DAY OF POWER 2024 - 8 AUG

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**THE TIME IS NOW!**  
8 AUGUST 2024, THURSDAY • 8PM  
9 LOCATIONS NATIONWIDE

### DAY OF POWER 2024 - 9 LOCATIONS





NATIONAL DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2024

# National Day Thanksgiving Service 2024

Let us come together with praise and  
thanksgiving to our God for Singapore

Thursday 15 August, 7:45pm to 9:15pm  
Cathedral New Sanctuary, St Andrew's Cathedral  
Message by Rt Rev Dr Chris Chia  
"Christ, Culture and Country"

No registration required



## 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: 4 - 10 AUG 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

#### YISHUN CHRISTIAN CHURCH (ANGLICAN)

Vicar:

English, Chinese and Tamil Congregations:

Little Seeds Preschool (Praiseland):

Revd Daniel Teo

Clergy, Staff and parishioners

Principal, staff and students

- 1) Members to embrace humility and personal brokenness so as to facilitate God's transformative work in their lives.
- 2) Deep and authentic relationships to be forged so that members can journey with one another spiritually.
- 3) Members to grow in their understanding and appropriation of God's truth in their life challenges and circumstances.
- 4) Members to live out the gospel through acts of service and compassion.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: God's peace and protection for us as a nation as we celebrate our 59th National Day; God's wisdom for our leaders to lead in righteousness and integrity; and growth of love and care for those in our midst who are suffering in body and mind, working towards a more compassionate society.

Myanmar: The country has extended state of emergency for 6 months after 2 years of not being able to hold elections amidst recent military defeats. Pray for a speedy and peaceful resolution to the situation in Myanmar.

### 3) PARISH:

- 1) COA Mission Teams in Aug: Pray for the God's protection and anointing on our teams going to South Kalimantan and Chiang Mai this month to minister. Pray for God's presence to go with the teams so that they will be Christ's fragrance to people they meet.
- 2) YA Retreat (23 - 24 Aug 24): Pray for more young adults to sign up for the retreat as they Seek Ye First (SYF) [the theme for the Retreat] God's kingdom and righteousness.
- 3) Nurses Day (1 Aug): Pray for God's protection and strengthening of all our 140 nursing staff in SANH (Aljunied) to serve, and God's blessings on all of COA's members who are working in the healthcare sector.

### 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.

*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*  
2 Corinthians 5:21