



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon Your Church in the burning fire of Your love: grant that Your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in You, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

8 September 2024

Trinity 15

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Ps Jocelyn Choo

Sermon: "Seal of Approval in Ministry"

**Bible Reading: 2 Corinthians 10:1-18;
Mark 7:24-37**

UPCOMING

**11 Sep
(Wed)
8pm**

**Hour of Power
Via Zoom**

**15 Sep
(Sun)
8am
&
10.30am**

**Trinity 16
"Marks of Apostleship in Ministry"
2 Corinthians 11:1-33;
Mark 8:27-38.
Revd Ian Chew**

**15 Sep
(Sun)
9.00am**

**Alpha #10
"Why and How I Should Tell
Others"
Youth Room #01-06
DOS Building**

**21 Sep
(Sat)
9am**

**AWM Retreat 24
"Restoring Her Dignity"
MPH, Level 1**

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 13 Francis Thomas Drive



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Event Calendar: ascension.org.sg/cc

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Last Sunday I touched on the topic of **giving generously** as part of our spiritual discipline and response to the Lord's grace in our lives in my sermon.

In summary, God *blesses us, others* and even *himself* through our generous giving! We should aim to give ten percent of what we received, which is commonly referred to as the "tithe" in the Bible. Leviticus 27:30 uses even stronger language, saying that the tithe "**belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.**"

Yet in the New Testament, Jesus tells us of the divine principle of giving: "*whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully*" (2 Corinthians 9:6). In other words, our giving should not stop at the Old Testament requirement of ten percent, as if we have fulfilled some legal requirement. Instead, we should aspire to give more as God enables us, in a most generous and cheerful manner. Then we will reap the bountiful blessings of God in return!

(If you had missed the sermon, you can go to YouTube in Church of the Ascension to catch the sermon.)

Yet there is one aspect that I did not address in the topic of giving. It is this: **Who do we give our tithes and offerings to?**

In my pastoral encounters, I have met a sister in church who told me, "I give my tithes regularly, just not to the church. I set my tithe aside regularly so that I can use it to bless others who need them, such as treating pastors or church workers to lunches or dinners."

Now is this a valid use of our tithes? I think not.

When God led the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land through Moses, he gave this command to them: "*Behold, I have given to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work they do, the service of the Tent of Meeting.*" (Numbers 18:21) This means that there is a specific purpose for the tithe: it is meant for the priests and the Levites to sustain their livelihood and to pay for the expenses for the continued worship and ministry of God. It is not to be used for other purposes that one might determine for himself or herself.

The reason God determines this is due to the fact that he is wise and immensely practical. He knows that if his people were to decide not to give, or to divert their giving to other recipients, the work of God would suffer loss. This is why the tithe is designated to God's temple (or his church) for his ministry to continue.

Does this mean that I am not advocating our generous treatment of others? Certainly not!

Here is where the Lord's call for us to be generous kicks in. While we give our ten percent to for the work of the church, we should also be willing to give more than that to bless others. And we can take encouragement from God's promise that we will be rewarded bountifully as we sow bountifully. It is his divine law at work in our lives!

So church, let me end with an encouragement to give generously in a targeted manner according to God's command:

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house (church). Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

May the Lord bless you richly as you richly give!

God Bless,

Revd Ian



WELCOME TO 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 Services

English Traditional Holy Communion	8.00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
English Contemporary Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sun)	10.30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
Mandarin Holy Communion (1st & 3rd 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 a 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 GIVING

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

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

Little Gems: Sunday School room (L2)
Kids For Christ: MPH (Lower L2)



Enquires: [Shirley Kwek](#)

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

BREAKFAST AT LKC

We welcome you 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'.

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 11 Sep 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

Passcode: matt1820



ELDER FELLOWSHIP HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



27 September 2024

Holy Communion Service

“The Fruit of The Spirit: Gentleness”

Venue: MPH

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

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)



Questions? Please contact alpha@ascension.org.sg

CONFIRMATION COURSE



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**22 SEPT – 26 OCT 2024,
SUNDAYS, 12.30PM–2PM**

Register: tinyurl.com/COACONFIRMATION2024

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE
27 OCT 2024, 10.30AM**

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming Bishop.

Confirmation Course is for:

1. those seeking confirmation/membership in the Church of the Ascension (COA),
2. those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at COA.

Schedule for Confirmation Course

Sunday 22 Sep - The Ten Commandments (1-4)
Sunday 29 Sep - The Ten Commandments (5-10)
Sunday 6 Oct - The Work of the Holy Spirit
Sunday 13 Oct - The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday 20 Oct - Anglicanism & Church History
Saturday 26 Oct (10am-12pm) - Confirmation Retreat



Confirmation Service:

27 Oct 2024 (Sunday), 10.30 am - conducted by Rt Revd Low Jee King

Register: <https://ascension.org.sg/confirmation>

AWM ANNUAL RETREAT 2024

Join us on Sat, September
21, 2024
0900-1630 hours
Multi-Purpose Hall (Level 1)
Church of The Ascension
Registration Fee - \$20
(include breakfast & lunch)

Contact:

Jenny Ho @ 97730110
Dolly Wong @ 92726778

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the Ascension

Purpose: AWM Retreat
21092024

Registration closed:
31/08/2024

Ascension Women Ministry present...

Restoring **HER DIGNITY**



Speaker: Rev Irene Thung
Ordained minister of
The Methodist Church in Singapore

Discover the causes of our brokenness
like rejection, fear, guilt, anger,
rebellion, bitterness, shame...and find
freedom in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus said in Luke 4:18,

"...He has sent me to proclaim liberty to
the captives and recovering of sight to
the blind, to set at liberty those who are
oppressed"

YOUTH CAMP 2024

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JOURNEY UNSHAKEN

Isaiah 43:2

Date: 15-18 December 2024

Camp Speaker: Ps Samuel Phun

Location: Church of the Ascension

Registration starts 1 September 2024

KARDIA 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

Fulfilling God's Purposes in Ministry

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



#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – ST HILDA’S CHURCH

We are into the 2nd season of #ParishoftheWeek! This week, the featured Parish is St Hilda’s Church (SHC), from Area Group 7. Find out more about SHC and how you can pray for them via anglican.org.sg/potw or by following the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @diocese

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MONTH



EDUCATION MISSION

Which Parishes are involved?

ASC • Anglican High School	LOCCW • Christ Church Secondary	COA • St Andrew's Junior	CHS • St Andrew's Secondary	COR • St Andrew's Junior College
CCK • St Margaret's (Primary)	SJCP • St Margaret's (Secondary)	CCR • St Hilda's Schools	WAC • St Andrew's Mission School	

September marks the Diocesan Education Month and the Education Board would like to highlight the Chaplaincy Work at our Anglican Schools.

Every September, the Diocese of Singapore remembers our Education Mission. The Anglican Church serves 3 primary schools, 5 secondary schools and 1 junior college as well as 2 schools for children with special needs. The Education Mission Fund (EMF) was set up with the bequest of Mr Tan Lye Whatt, a former Principal of St Andrew’s School with the intention to support and strengthen school chaplaincy work. The EMF is used to subsidise the hiring and/or training costs of chaplaincy workers. Here are some ways you can contribute:

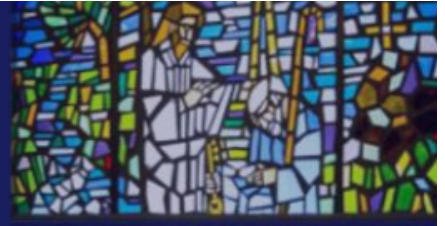
- **Monetary contribution:** make your cheque or digital transfer to your parish indicating “EMF”. Your parish will then transfer the sum collected to the Diocese.
- **Voluntary Work:** Approach the anchor parishes for more details.
- **Prayers:** Your prayers are instrumental for the Education Mission in our Schools.

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) ONLINE



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies

TERM 4



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

Old Testament

Module 7: The Writings (2) : Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Lamentations, Ezra-Nehemiah, 1&2 Chronicles

Instructors: Ms Veronica Wong, Ps Angeline Leong, Mr Kwan Fook Seng, Revd. Steven Seah, Revd. Hambali Leonardi, Mrs Bernice Gan

10 lessons: 12 Sep – 14 Nov. 7:30pm –9:00pm Over ZOOM

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod7>

Course fee \$10; Payment instructions provided on registration.

Exam (optional): 23 Nov.



New Testament

Module 14: Revelation

There are 12 recorded sessions and accompanying notes which you can access to study in your own time.

Instructor: Mr. Stanley Tay

12 lessons: available from 12 Sep to 12 Dec.

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSModule14>

Course fee \$10; Payment instructions provided on registration.

Exam (optional): 23 Nov.



[Register DCBS Module 7](#)

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DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD YOUNG ADULT DIALOGUE

YOUNG ADULT DIALOGUE 2024:

FAMILY

20TH SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY
7:30-10:00PM
CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As young adults navigate the complexities of life, questions about family and relationships become increasingly significant. Should one pursue marriage or embrace singlehood? How should finances be managed in a way that aligns with our faith? Is it acceptable to choose a life without children? Sign up for the DYB Young Adult Dialogue and hear from speakers addressing these topics from a Christian perspective!

Date: 20 September 2024

Time: 7.30pm - 10pm

Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/diocesofsingapore/DYBYADIALOGUE2024>

(Closes on **13 September**)

SAMH-SACS CHARITY DINNER 2024



CHARITY GALA DINNER

Friday, 18 October 2024
7:30 pm - 10 pm
Shangri-La Singapore

Guest-of-Honour: Dr Tan See Leng, Minister for Manpower and Second Minister for Trade and Industry. Each table is priced at

 \$5,000  \$10,000  \$15,000

All table sales and cash donations are eligible for **2.5** times tax deduction.



Scan the QR Code for SAMH and SACS Charity Gala Dinner Response Form.

DAWN THE MUSICAL - EVANGELISTIC MUSICAL

The story of a wealthy man known for his discerning taste in art and aloof demeanor. One fateful night, a devastating fire consumes everything. In dealing with the loss of his assets, he withdraws himself from society, even drifting apart from his wife.

At the lowest point of his life, he finds himself wandering to the seaside, contemplating to end his life....

A joint production with The Anglican Chinese Board and The Christian Orchestra, “Dawn the Musical 曙光音乐会” speaks of a journey of love and hope for man. Our protagonist will embark on a soulful journey that cannot be missed!

Book your tickets early and invite your pre-believing friends and families to the evangelistic musical. Tickets are \$15* (inclusive of a welcome package).

*Kindly note that the musical will be held in **Mandarin**.

Date: 20th, 21st, 22nd November 2024

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Church of Our Saviour

Registration: <https://sg.bookmyshow.com/e/DAWN2024> (Closes 22 November)

Ticket Cost: \$15 per ticket (exclude booking fee)



PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 8 - 14 SEPT 2024

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

St Hilda's Church

Vicar: Revd Martin Jungnickel

English, Hokkien and Mandarin congregations: Clergy, staff, and parishioners

St Hilda's Community Services: Director, staff, beneficiaries, and volunteers

Little Seeds Preschool (St Hilda's Church): Principal, staff, and students

90th Anniversary

- We give thanks to God for His faithfulness upon St Hilda's Church for the past 90 years. Let us pray that their anniversary celebrations will give honor to His name and unite the church with much joy.

Leaders & Members

- Thank God for the ongoing leadership transition and the willingness to serve among the younger generation. Let us pray that Lord will continue to convict our members to serve Him first, and to renounce the empty show and glory of the world.

Outreach

- Thank God for a church community filled with love and care for one another. We pray that St Hilda's will continue to reach out to others with the love of Jesus and welcome them warmly into the Church.

Missions

- We give thanks for how the Lord has enlarged St Hilda's tent over the years, in overseas mission, in community services and in the childcare ministry. Let us pray that the leaders of the church will always be attentive to His will as they develop ministries in Singapore and beyond.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD

Singapore: The government has assured that mpox is a "troublesome but manageable virus". Pray for the authorities to respond to the situation wisely and timely. Pray also for protection for healthcare and borders workers, and for dormitories and schools.

Israel: Protestors have taken to the streets after the bodies of six hostages executed by Hamas have been found. Israeli PM Netanyahu is under pressure domestically to secure the release of the remaining 97 hostages and internationally for a ceasefire. Pray for God's protection, providence, and presence on those suffering on both sides and humility on both sides to work towards a ceasefire instead of further aggravation.

3) PARISH

1) **Confirmation:**

Pray for good response to the class starting on **22 Sep**, leading to the Confirmation Service on **27 Oct**. Pray that God's Spirit will move the hearts of those considering affirming their commitments to live a life of committed discipleship through confirmation.

2) **AWM Annual Retreat 2024**

Pray that the ladies attending this retreat to discover the causes of brokenness in their lives and find freedom in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also that they will be refreshed through this retreat.

3) **Pray for our KFC P6s preparing for their PSLEs: -**

Gareth Oh, Genela Nepolian, Jenessa Lim, Jonah Lai, Noah Goh, Ryleigh Chan, Vivienne Chua, Eliane Ng, Josiah Yam, Marcus Ho.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING

For Health and Recovery

Joanne Lau, Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin, Wong Wah Kum and Zephan Heng

For Healing

- Annie Huan: Strength for her legs
- Sng Hock Meng: Healing of the mind
- Conelius Loo: Sleep apnea
- Joseph Phua: Muscular degeneration, stones in left kidney, urinary tract infection
- Felicia Koh: Tiny cyst on liver remains harmless, stable liver enzymes, wisdom for doctors
- Zephan Heng: ALP level to drop, 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 and heart issues
- Willy Wong: Healing from cancer; starting radiation treatment in Nov, receptiveness to treatment
- Soon Pee Seng: healing and full recovery from knee operation

Prayer Requests for Relatives and Friends of COA Members

- Benjamin (Lesley Ho's nephew): Hepatitis B
- David Yeong (Margaret Onn's husband): Cancer
- Ong Chwee Hock (Siew Chin's brother): Physiotherapy and lymphoma
- Lim Cheng Ho (Kim Lim's father): Pray for God's healing upon him
- Chen Wenxi (Choon Tee and Jacqueline's niece): Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.