



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

# COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when He shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**1 December 2024**

**Advent 1**

**8am & 10.30am**

**Preacher:** Revd Ian Chew

**Sermon:** "Signs of God's Kingdom"

**Bible Reading:** 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
Luke 17:20-21

UPCOMING	
<b>6 Dec (Fri) 8pm</b>	<b>Advent Carol Service Featuring the Anglican Chamber Ensemble Sanctuary</b>
<b>7 Dec (Sat) 7.30am</b>	<b>Men's Network Monthly Prayer Meeting "Thanksgiving" AH</b>
<b>8 Dec (Sun) 8am &amp; 10.30am</b>	<b>Advent 2 "Readiness for God's Kingdom" 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8 Ps Edward Zaccheus</b>
<b>11 Dec (Wed) 8pm</b>	<b>Hour of Power Via Zoom</b>

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[13 Francis Thomas Drive](#)



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## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

We have just entered into the season of **Advent** and a new church year.

The church's liturgical year starts from Advent 2024 through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and Trinity Sundays until Christ the King Sunday 2025, which wraps up the year. It is a journey based on the birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and rule of the Christ on this earth.

So what is so special about the season of Advent?

In this season, we look forward to **the birth of Christ** that we will celebrate on Christmas Day. Jesus' birth signifies that God has not abandoned humanity but has become one of us to save us. The miracle of Christmas is not only the birth of Jesus from a virgin's womb but also the love of God that is so great that he would not leave us to our own destruction.

Yet Advent also serves another purpose: it helps us prepare for the **second coming of Christ**. We look forward to the return of Christ on earth, where he will come not as a baby but as a king. He will rule with absolute authority and every knee will and must bow in submission to his reign. He is the only one who can bring true justice and peace to this messed-up world.

As we go through the season of Advent, the church traditionally adopts a posture of fasting, prayer and preparation of hearts for our Lord's coming. It is just like any VIP's visit to an event, school or home. The host and their members will prepare thoroughly for the VIP's arrival, making sure that they are comfortable and the program proceeds smoothly. We too need to prepare for our Lord's coming, lest we are caught unaware.

Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us of the attitude we should take:

*"The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light"* (Romans 13:11-12).

So, church, will you join in the multitudes of Saints all through the ages who have fasted and prayed in this season to prepare for our Lord's arrival? Let us take care that our hearts not be caught up in the busyness and pleasures of this coming month but be open to live fully in God's presence. In this way, we will be dwelling in God's kingdom and fulfilling his purposes in our lives.

Blessings,

Revd Ian Chew



# 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

<b>English Traditional</b> Holy Communion	8.00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>English Contemporary</b> Holy Communion (1st & 3rd Sun)	10.30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
<b>Mandarin</b> 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](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 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](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 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  
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## CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday School will be in recess from

**1 December to 5 Jan 2025.**

However, **Little Gems** will be having a **Christmas Party on 22 December.**



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'.

# December

LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM



**Advent Sunday**  
*Signs of God's Kingdom*  
Rev'd Ian Chew



**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**  
**FRIDAY, 8PM**  
*Featuring the Anglican Chamber Ensemble*



**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
*Readiness for God's Kingdom*  
Ps Edward Zaccheus



**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
*Prepare the Way for God's Kingdom*  
Jerrold Quek / Phua Kia Wang



**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**  
**SATURDAY, 5PM-9.30PM**



**4th Sunday of Advent**  
*Faith to Receive God's Kingdom*  
Victor Wu / Vincent Lim



**Christmas Day** ✨  
*Jesus, Lord of God's Kingdom*  
Rev'd Ian Chew



**1st Sunday of Christmas**  
*Living in God's Kingdom*  
Yuri See / Marcus Sia



**WATCHNIGHT SERVICE**  
**TUESDAY, 10.30PM**

## ADVENT VIDEO BY ARCHBISHOP TITUS



This Sunday marks the start of the Advent season and our Diocesan Archbishop Dr Titus Chung has a message for all of us.

You may download the videos [here](#).

## ADVENT CAROL SERVICE 2024

A purple rectangular poster with a textured background. At the top center, the words "ADVENT" and "Carol Service" are written in a large, gold, serif font. Below this, in a smaller white serif font, is "Featuring the Anglican Chamber Ensemble". In the center, there is an illustration of four lit red candles with yellow flames, each tied with a white ribbon, resting on a bed of green pine needles and red berries. A white musical staff with gold notes curves around the candles. In the top right corner, there is a logo for the Church of the Ascension, Diocese of Singapore, featuring a white silhouette of a figure and the text "CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION" and "DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE" in white, with the Chinese characters "圣公会 圣升堂" to the right. At the bottom, the date and time "6 December 2024" and "Friday, 8pm" are written in a white serif font. Below that, the location "Church of the Ascension | 13 Francis Thomas Dr, 359339" is written in a white sans-serif font.

## ST ANDREW'S NURSING HOME (ALJUNIED) - GIVE A GIFT



### GIVE A GIFT

Gift Collection Period:

**1-14 Dec 2024**

Price: Min \$10, Max \$20~30

Proposed Gift ideas to be found in the sign-up  
form



*Sign up here to pledge a gift/gifts to cheer our residents of the St. Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied)*

<https://bit.ly/ANH-Give-A-Gift>

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (CBC) 2024

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2024

# A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS

**21 DECEMBER 2024, SATURDAY**

5PM-8.30PM: CHRISTMAS MARKET  
6.30PM: DINNER - \$5 (LKC HALL, L1)  
8.30PM: CELEBRATION (SANCTUARY, L2)

**CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**  
**13 FRANCIS THOMAS DRIVE, 359339**

Church of the Ascension warmly invites you to our annual Christmas celebration event, Carols By Candlelight. This year's theme is A Classical Christmas and we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus together!

Please don't miss out!

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/COACBC2024> to secure your dinner tickets!

## INFANT BAPTISM CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 2024



**Infant  
Baptism  
Service  
Christmas Day  
25 Dec 2024, 10AM**

For parents who are interested to have their child baptised on Christmas Day.  
To register for your child, please click on the link [here](#).

## HOURLY OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 11 Dec 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





## 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

## JOB OPENING WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

St George's Church is recruiting for the role of Ministry Executive.

Interested applicants may visit [anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/](http://anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/) for more details.



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 1 - 7 DEC 2024

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

#### CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Vicar:

Revd Ian Chew

English and Mandarin Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

- 1) Thanksgiving for Christ's first coming and anticipation of Christ's return: Praise God for fulfilling His promises through Jesus' birth and pray for a heart that eagerly waits for His second coming.
- 2) Hope in difficult times: Ask for renewed hope in Christ for ourselves, our family, and others facing challenges.
- 3) Spiritual readiness: Pray for strength to live faithfully in God's kingdom amidst a world of temptations, trials and distractions.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD

- 1) **Singapore:** The Ministry of Health (MOH) reported that around 53,000 patients were prescribed antidepressants yearly in 2022 and 2023. This was an increase from previous years. Pray for the effective treatment of stress and mental health illness among Singaporeans.
- 2) **Middle East:** Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah agreed to a ceasefire on 27 Nov. Pray for a permanent and peaceful ceasefire and both sides will honour their agreement.

### 3) PARISH

- 1) **Advent Carol Service 6 Dec**  
Pray that we will have a meaningful service to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.
- 2) **Chiangmai Mission Trip 4-10 Dec**  
Pray for God's protection and favour upon our team going to St Andrew's Church (Chiangmai) to minister, led by Vincent Lim and Angelina Lim. Pray too for open hearts among the people in Chiangmai to receive the gospel.

### 3) Families on Holiday

Pray for God's protection, peace, blessings of good rest and fellowship on our families as they go abroad for their holidays.

## 4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING

### Health and Recovery

Joanne Lau, Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin, Wong Wah Kum, Nathaniel Soon

### 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 and good response to radiation treatment.
- Soon Pee Seng: Healing and strength for Parkinson condition

### 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): God's healing upon him
- Chen Wenxi (Choon Tee and Jacqueline's niece): Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
- Teo Wee Chia (Celine Wong's friend) - Rheumatoid Arthritis