



Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung **Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in Your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

29 December 2024

Christmas 1

8am
Preacher: Yuri See

10.30am
Preacher: Marcus Sia

Sermon: "Relationships in God's Kingdom"

Bible Reading: Colossians 3:12-24;
Luke 2:41-52

UPCOMING	
31 Dec (Tue) 10.30pm	Watchnight Service "Teach Us to Number Our Days" Psalm 90 Revd Ian Chew
5 Jan 25 (Sun) 8am & 10.30am	Epiphany "God in Christ: The Call to Hospitality" Ephesians 2:1-22 Revd Ian Chew
8 Jan 25 (Wed) 8pm	Hour of Power Via Zoom

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[13 Francis Thomas Drive](#)



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 Website: www.ascension.org.sg
 Event Calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar-2025/>

The Vicar and staff would like to wish everyone a

Blessed New Year!

VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Time flies. We are at the last Sunday of 2024 and ready to embark on a new year.

At Christmas Day Service last Wednesday, I shared about the deepest question that every person struggles with, whether they are aware of it or not.

And that question is: ***God, where are you in all of my pain?***

This question is also the key to dealing with the subject of theodicy, or the study of the perplexing dilemma of why a good and loving God allows suffering to exist in the world. If you can answer this question, you have touched the central nerve of the struggle of humanity.

Yes this question is not something that is merely academic in nature but also is highly relevant and personal.

And it is important because if we ask the wrong question, we will never find the answer.

Many people I know stay on the fringes and refuse to delve deeper into the issues of their heart. Perhaps they are afraid of being brutally honest and therefore become totally vulnerable. They ask questions like “Why does a good God allow this to happen to me?” Or “Why doesn’t God help me?” Such questions skirt the issue and does not lead to any resolutions. This is because such questions place the responsibility and blame on God and fail to go deeper.

It is only when we open ourselves fully to God in a personal way that we can hear his voice speaking to us. That is where we become totally vulnerable to him.

Are you asking God the right questions today? May the coming year be one where we ask the right questions, and then hear his clear answers to us.

This would be one of the best wishes I can give to you for the coming 2025.

Blessing

Rev'd 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

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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EVENT CALENDAR 2025

The COA 2025 Event calendar is available for download. Please use the below link for the event calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar-2025/>

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday School is in recess and will resume on **12 Jan 2025**.

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'.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

January to November 2024

Tithes and Offerings: \$1,474,001.36

Other Income: \$148,749.94

Total Expenditure: \$1,677,021.08

Deficit: \$54,269.78

VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for a suitable candidate to fill the following position:

COA-Chaplaincy Staff for St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied). Interested applicants, please click on the [Link](#), and send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 8 Jan 2025

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



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 2024

The poster for the Watchnight Service 2024 features a dark background with a window showing colorful stained glass. The text '31 DECEMBER 2024, 10.30PM' is written in white, and 'WATCHNIGHT SERVICE' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. In the top right corner, there is a logo for the Church of the Ascension, featuring a large number '12' and the text '1951-2024' and 'CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION'.

December

LIVING IN GOD'S KINGDOM



Advent Sunday
Signs of God's Kingdom
Revd 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
Revd Ian Chew



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



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE
TUESDAY, 10.30PM

Heartwarming 2025 HOSPITALITY

5 Jan	God in Christ: The Call to Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew
12 Jan	Abraham: The Model of Hospitality	Revd Gary Chng
19 Jan	Rahab : The Risk of Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew
26 Jan	Widow of Zarephath: The Sacrifice of Hospitality	Ps Barnabas Sim
2 Feb	Zaccheus: The Response of Hospitality	Ps Edward Zaccheus
9 Feb	Good Samaritan: The Act of Hospitality	Ps Edric Sng
16 Feb	Cornelius and Peter: The Openness of Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew
23 Feb	Philemon: The Forgiveness of Hospitality	Ps Jocelyn Choo
2 Mar	Church in Acts: The Community of Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew

"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes"
Isaiah 54:2

ST ANDREW'S HALL CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY



St. Andrew's Hall Chaplaincy

LOCAL HOSTING PARENTS NEEDED!

Come join us and don't miss being part of the
SA Hall Local Hosting Programme!

- Care for 13-16 years old students from ASEAN countries
- Experience a wholesome family time together

Contact COA Office
6283 3988
or your local SA Hall representatives
to sign up!

St. Andrew's Hall Chaplaincy

A new batch of Sec 1 and Sec 3 scholars has joined St Andrew's Hall for 2025-2026. We are looking for Host Parents (whether an adult couple or two adults of the same gender) to take care of two or three students per pair. Please contact the church office if you wish to sign up as a Host Parent.

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

INSTITUTION & INDUCTION OF REVD GLENN CHAN AS VICAR OF CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER



Revd Glenn Chan will be instituted and inducted as the Vicar of Chapel of Christ the Redeemer on 12 January 2025, Sunday, at 10.15am. A livestream of the Service can be viewed [here](#).

Let us uplift Revd Glenn and his family in prayer.

JOB OPENING WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

- Anglican Preschool Services is recruiting for a Marketing and Communications Executive.

Interested applicants may visit anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/ for details of the recruitment advertisements.



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 29 DEC 24 - 4 JAN 25

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

Archbishop and Bishop: The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung
Assistant Bishop: The Right Revd Low Jee King
Archdeacon: The Venerable Daniel Wee
Archdeacon (Community Services): The Venerable Wong Tuck Meng

Heads, officers, and staff of various boards, committees, and ministries.

Staff of Diocesan Central Administration.

- Pray for the pastors to lead in integrity of hearts and with skilful hands
- Pray for God's spirit to lead, guide, and sustain all in His faithfulness and truth

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD

- 1) **Singapore:** It is reported that for every 1,000 students bullied, there is an average of 2 incidents in primary schools and 6 in secondary schools annually. Pray for God's wisdom on school authorities in handling these cases, to be sensitive and loving to both victims and perpetrators. Pray also God's peace to be upon parents not to abuse investigating staff, but be patient, exercising grace and empathy.
- 2) **Kazakhstan:** At least 38 people were killed after an Azerbaijan Airlines plane crashed near Aktau. Pray for the comfort of Immanuel upon the families of those who have lost loved ones. Pray also for God's speedy healing upon the survivors.

3) PARISH

1) Watchnight Service 31 Dec 24

As we gather on the last day of the year, pray that it will be an encouraging and uplifting time of thanksgiving and welcoming of the new year.

2) COA Theme for 2025

As we enter into the new year, may we embrace the theme of "A Heartwarming Hospitality". Pray that we would be willing to enlarge our tents and extend hearts of hospitality and hands of mercy to those in need.

3) New School Term 2025

Pray for teachers, parents and students as they prepare for the new school year. Pray that they would be ready for a new year of learning and fruitfulness after a long school break.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING

Health and Recovery

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

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
- Nathaniel Soon: Complete healing and restoration of strength, function and stability of right wrist.
- Lim Cheng Ho (Kim Lim's father): God's healing upon him
- Phyllis Teh: Speedy recovery from neck injury

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