

# Heartwarming HOSPITALITY

2025

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do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes"*  
Isaiah 54:2



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

**Vicar: Revd Ian Chew**

## COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ You make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known Your heavenly glory; 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.

**19 January 2025**

**Epiphany 2**  
8am & 10.30am

**Preacher:** Revd Ian Chew

**Sermon:** "Rahab - The Risk of Hospitality"

**Bible Reading:** Joshua 2;  
John 2:1-11

### UPCOMING

**19 Jan**  
(Sun)  
1pm

**PCC Meeting**  
Conference Room

**24 Jan**  
(Fri)  
10.30am

**Elder Fellowship**  
MPH  
Revd Ian Chew

**26 Jan**  
(Sun)  
8am  
&  
10.30am

**Epiphany 3**  
"The Widow of Zarephath -  
The Sacrifice of Hospitality"  
1 Kings 17:8-16;  
Luke 4:16-30  
Ps Barnabas Sim

**6 Feb**  
(Thu)  
9.45am

**ComLink**  
Lunar New Year Lo Hei  
LKC Hall, Level 1

### Connect with the Ascension Family

13 Francis Thomas Drive



Email: [admin@ascension.org.sg](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

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

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

## VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

How do we know when we have received what we have asked from God? Or how do we know when God has answered our prayer?

On the surface this might sound quite a silly question to ask.

Of course we know that God has answered our prayers when we receive what we have asked of him.

The reception of the blessings we have asked for or miracles that we see take place are the evidence of answered prayers.

The answer to the above question seems obvious enough.

Yet those are not the biblical answers.

**Instead, we know that God has answered our prayers when he hears us, not when things happen!**

The Apostle John writes, *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him"* 1 John 5:14-15.

**In other words, the assurance that our prayers are answered comes about when God hears our prayers.**

This only goes to tell us that there are prayers God does not hear.

Some examples include those when we are:

1. **Praying while harbouring unrepented sins in our hearts.** Psalms 66:18: *"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* Sin acts as a barrier between our prayers and God, especially when we refuse to acknowledge or turn from it.
2. **Praying with wrong motives.** James 4:3: *"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."* Prayers focused on selfish desires rather than God's will may go unanswered.
3. **Nursing broken relationships while praying.** Matthew 5:23-24: *"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First, go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift."* A lack of reconciliation in relationships can hinder our prayers.
4. **Having pride or hypocrisy while praying.** In Luke 18:9-14, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector highlights that God listens to the humble, repentant heart and not the prideful or self-righteous.

Having God hear our prayers is so crucial because when our prayers are not heard by God, they will not be answered.

Similarly, when our prayers are heard by God, we know he has answered our prayers. It does not matter in what form it comes to us. He will do what is best for our lives.

So beloved, in this year, strive not to see the physical manifestations or results of your prayer.

Instead, **strive to have your prayers heard by God.**

That is the greatest blessing for a life of growth in faith and intimacy with God, and therefore fruitfulness in our lives!

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

<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  
Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



## JOIN US ON 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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## 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'S MINISTRY

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

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

Enquires: [Shirley Kwek](#)

Please click 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.



## 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](mailto:admin@ascension.org.sg)

## TALK ON HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS



# How to be an Effective Witness

Ascension Hall, Level 3

Speaker: Ps Samuel Phun, River Community Church

**SESSION 1: 26 JAN (SUN), 1.30-3.30PM**

**SESSION 2: 2 FEB (SUN), 1.30-3.30PM**

\*No registration is required

# 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

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## COMLINK - CNY LO HEI - 2025



The poster features a light pink background with decorative red lanterns and pink cherry blossom branches. The title 'Lunar New Year Lo Hei' is written in a red, stylized font. The event details are listed in a white rounded rectangle with a pink border. At the bottom, there is a registration instruction in a smaller font.

**Lunar New Year  
Lo Hei**

**DATE: 6 FEB 2025 (THURS)**  
**TIME : 9.45AM TO 11.30AM**  
**COST: \$10 PER PERSON**  
(INCLUDING LO HEI & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)  
**VENUE: LKC HALL, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION**  
**REGISTER BY : 31 JAN 2025**

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION AT 62833988 (OFFICE HOURS ONLY, CLOSED ON MONDAY).

## ENGLISH AND CHINESE ALPHA COURSE



The advertisement features a background image of a city skyline with people on a balcony. The text is overlaid on the image. The main headline is in large white font, and the course details are in yellow. The Alpha logo is in the top right, and the church logo is in the bottom right.

**Explore  
Life  
Faith &  
Meaning**

**ENGLISH & CHINESE ALPHA  
STARTS 13 JULY 2025,  
SUNDAYS, 12.30PM-2PM**

Alpha

CHURCH OF THE  
ASCENSION  
DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

# KARDIA - YOUTH MINISTRY

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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



## 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.

# CHURCH OF THE TRUE LIGHT -- CHILDREN'S CONCERT

**音乐 SING DANCE PLAY**

ACSO

**\$16**  
INCLUSIVE OF BOOKING FEE

Victoria Concert Hall  
8 February 2025 (Sat)  
3.30PM & 7.30PM

Step into a world of musical wonder and venture on an orchestral journey that promises to connect children and parents through melodies.

With many children's songs and nursery rhymes played, it's an easy way for parents to introduce children to MUSIC

**CHOIR LESSONS**  
AGE: 5-10 YEARS

**PIANO LESSONS**  
AGE: 5-10 YEARS

VENUE SUPPORT:  
SINGAPORE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Church of the True Light warmly invites you to "Music, Sing, Dance and Play", a children's concert jointly organized with The Asian Cultural Symphony Orchestra. Through captivating music and dance, young families and their friends can expect to have an unforgettable experience.

**Date:** 8 February 2025, Saturday

**Time:** 3.30pm & 7.30pm

**Venue:** Victoria Concert Hall

**Cost:** \$16 (including platform fee)

Tickets can be purchased via this [Link](#).



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 19 - 25 JAN 25

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

#### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

Vicar:  
English & Mandarin Congregations:  
Little Seeds Preschool (Kiddy Ark):

Revd Brandon Loy  
Clergy, Staff, and Parishioners  
Centre Leader, staff and  
students

Anglican High School:

Principal staff and students

1. Wisdom and creativity upon the Chaplaincy team as they reach out to AHS students this new year.
2. God's blessings upon the church's work in Bedok South as they reach out to more residents in 2025.
3. Members to grow to become in every aspect the mature body of Christ, who is the head, as they go through their Exodus 20 Grow Sermon Series.

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD

- 1) **Singapore:** App stores are required to implement measures to protect children from inappropriate apps from 31 Mar. Thank God for this decision to protect our children from harmful online content. Pray for God's protection over our digitally-connected children and guidance for parents to wisely teach and disciple their children.
- 2) **Middle-East** Israel and Hamas have struck a Gaza ceasefire deal with truce to begin 19 Jan (Today). Pray for both sides to honour their agreement and for needed assistance and reconciliation to happen. Pray for God's shalom peace to reign over the region.

### 3) PARISH

#### 1) COA Theme for 2025

As we enter into the new year, may we embrace our 2025 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.

- 2) Pray for outreach activities and services - Elder Fellowship (24 Jan) - to be well attended and blessed.
- 3) Pray for God's anointing, strength and wisdom on all our cell leaders as they embark on a year of caring for the members and leading the flock to embrace the theme of "Hospitality".

## 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