

# 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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know You now by faith, may at last behold Your glory face to face; 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.

5 January 2025

Epiphany

8am & 10.30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: “God in Christ: The Call to Hospitality”

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2:1-22  
Matthew 2:1-12

## UPCOMING

8 Jan  
(Wed)  
8pm

Hour of Power  
Via Zoom

11 Jan  
(Sat)  
8am

SAJS Prayer Walk  
By SAJS Chaplaincy  
MPH

12 Jan  
(Sun)  
8am  
&  
10.30am

Epiphany 1  
“Abraham-The Model of Hospitality”  
Genesis 18:1-19;  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
Revd Gary Chng

16 Jan  
(Thu)  
9.45am

ComLink  
“What’s A Cooking”  
Crispy Roasted Pork & Easy  
Cucumber Pickles  
LKC Hall

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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,

Happy New Year!

As we enter into the New Year, a question that I would like to ask is this: ***Where do you seek to get your affirmation, validation and praise from?***

Naturally, many would seek to get it from others. After all, we are social creatures and live in a society.

Spouses seek affirmation and encouragement from each other. Children seek the approval of parents. Students seek validation from their teachers. Employees seek praise from their bosses.

While all of these might be valid, the bible tells us that approval and pleasure of God for our lives is the most important thing.

Jesus tells those who were disputing with him: *“How can you believe since you accept glory from one another **but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?**”* (John 5:44)

In other words, as these Pharisees seek for affirmation from their peers and others, they forfeit the knowledge of God in their lives. The glory and praise of others becomes the main stumbling block to them coming to the faith of God!

The Apostle Paul also emphasizes the importance of seeking God's praise in our lives. He writes,

*“A person is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. **Such a person's praise is not from other people, but from God.**”* (Romans 2:29)

Today and in this coming year, where is your validation and praise coming from? Is it from human beings alone? Or is God's favour the one that you are seeking for?

I pray that we would all seek for the approval and praise that comes from God alone – and his grace and favour would sustain us through the most difficult of tasks and situations we find ourselves in.

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

<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



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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**.

There will be a briefing session for parents of Little Gems and Kids for Christ:-

**Date:** 12 Jan 2025

**Time:** After 10.30am English service.

**Venue:** Sanctuary

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'.

## 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)

## 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



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest condolences to Joanne Yip on the demise of her brother, Sandy Yip Fook Hong, who has returned home to the Lord on 30 December 2024. Let's continue to keep Joanne and their loved ones in our prayers during this time of bereavement.

## WELCOME NEW PRIEST

We warmly welcome Revd Gary Chng who joined us on 1 January 2025. He will Supervise Chaplaincy work in St Andrew's Junior and LSP Childcare Centres.



## WELCOME NEW FINANCE OFFICER

We warmly welcome Angelina Lim, who joined us as the New Finance Officer on 1 January 2025. She will be responsible for the financial operations of the church.



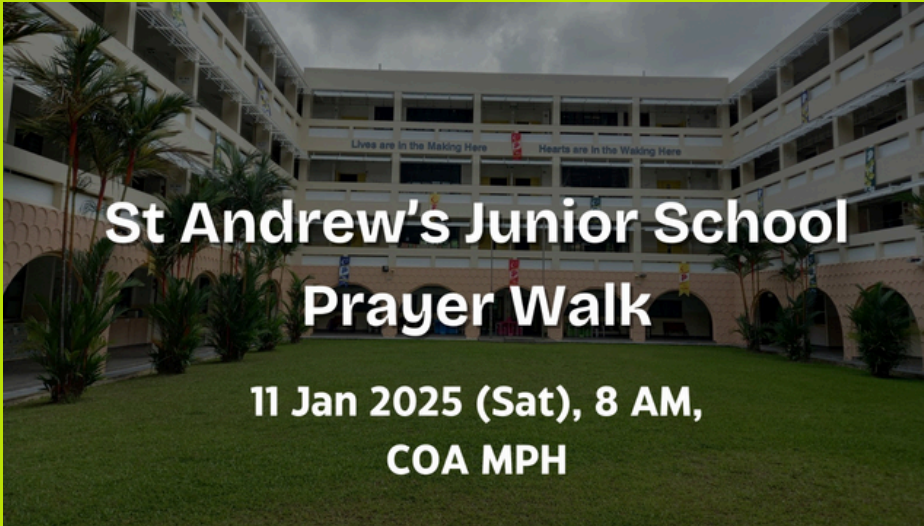
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5 Jan	God in Christ: The Call to Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew
12 Jan	Abraham: The Model of Hospitality	Revd Gary Chng
19 Jan	Rahab : The Risk of Hospitality	Revd Ian Chew
26 Jan	Widow of Zarephath: The Sacrifice of Hospitality	Ps Barnabas Sim
2 Feb	Zaccheus: 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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## ST ANDREW'S JUNIOR SCHOOL PRAYER WALK - JAN 2025



## COMLINK - WHAT'S A COOKING

### WHAT'S A COOKING?

#### CRISPY ROASTED PORK & EASY CUCUMBER PICKLES



DATE:	16 JAN 2025 (THURS)
TIME:	9.45AM TO 11.30AM
COST:	\$6 PER PERSON
VENUE:	LKC HALL, CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
REGISTER BY:	10 JAN 25

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
AT 6283-3988 (OFFICE HOURS ONLY, CLOSED ON MONDAY)



## 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/](https://anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/) for details of the recruitment advertisements.



*Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers*

## PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 5 - 12 JAN 25

### 1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

#### PROVINCE OF SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Diocese of Sabah:

Diocese of Kuching:

Diocese of West Malaysia:

Diocese of Singapore:

Rt Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute

Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow

Most Revd Dr Titus Chung  
(Archbishop of the Province of  
South-East Asia)

- 1) Pray for the work and workers of the mission schools in the province in raising up future generations of leaders
- 2) Pray that we will seize every opportunity to engage the younger generation and for youth pastors to rise up
- 3) Pray for the training and equipping of clergy, pastors, and leaders in our theological schools in the province

### 2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD

- 1) **Singapore:** Singapore economy grew by 4% in 2024, and most workers have received wages increases that outpace inflation. We thank God for watching over Singapore in the past year and we pray that Singapore's 60th year of independence in 2025 will be a year of God's blessings and favour.
- 2) **South Korea:** A Jeju Air plane carrying 175 passengers and six crew members crashed at Muan International Airport on Sunday (29 Dec). Only 2 crew members survived. Pray for residents, family members, and survivors to find comfort in Immanuel's presence.

### 3) PARISH

#### 1) 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.

#### 2) Dedication of families at 10.30 AM Service

Pray that all of our families in our congregation will experience God's presence in their midst and be empowered and equipped to trust and serve God together with one heart in the coming year.

#### 3) Dedication of Sunday School Teachers at 10.30 AM Service

Pray that our Sunday school teachers and helpers will be anointed with the Spirit's wisdom and refreshed with God's love to teach and care for our young in the coming year

## 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