



Myanmar Christmas Festival



ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

15 DECEMBER 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all members and visitors to our Services today.

HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome all confirmed members of the Anglican Church and visitors who are communicant members of other churches to share in the Holy Communion with us. Our practice is to have the Holy Communion by intinction (dipping of the wafer into the wine). If you are not partaking of the Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Please keep your hands clasped to indicate that you are not receiving the Communion.

CAR PARKING

There are very limited carpark lots available within the Cathedral. Members and visitors are encouraged to park at the surrounding carparks on Sunday.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

HYMNS

8.00am & 11.15am: CP33; CP40; Meekness and Majesty; CP24

5.00pm: Hallelujah! Lord of Light; HP80; CP601; CP622

Bishop of Singapore and Dean
The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Vicar Revd Canon Terry Wong

Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, Revd Peter Cook, Revd Michael Lim, Revd Bertram Cheong, Revd Joshua Raj, Revd Hambali Leonardi, Revd Calvin Wee, Revd Moses Israeli

Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee, Revd Christopher Tan, Revd Freddy Lim

Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee, Ds June Tan

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Jesus is the Radiance of God's glory.
He is the Light of all the world.

Gracious God, awaken the earth,
for we await you.

We wait for signs of hope.

Creator God, awaken the earth,
for we await you.

We wait for signs of peace.

Glorious God, open the heavens
and come, for we await you.

We wait for signs of joy.

Transforming God, open our hearts
as we worship you in wonder and trust.

**We wait for signs of love,
on this day and in this season.**

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WALKING ON EGG SHELLS?

Any attempt to thank our staff and members for serving is akin to walking on egg shells: as some are bound to be missed out. And so, sometimes pastors like to apply Jesus' teaching on the parable of the unworthy servants:

"So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"
Luke 7:10

This is indeed convenient (!) even if questionable, as an imposition on anyone, unless it is from the Lord Himself. This principle may have undergirded my attitude towards serving in the church since I became a Christian at 13. I was very actively serving in many areas, from ushering to playing bass guitar in the worship team. I served on many committees, served as a worship-leader, sung in choirs (I am a very average singer!), served in many mission trips from the rural town of Mentakab (Pahang, West Malaysia) to the rural islands of Riau, travelling on a boat, served in newsletters/magazine teams and rather disastrously, even taught in a Sunday school class of small children! It was years into being a Pastor that I discovered that I could cook and that opened another door for serving, often behind the scenes.

The unique thing was the fact that it was drummed into us (and many of my fellow Christians of that generation) that it is a *privilege* to serve in church. We were certainly no "strawberry generation." Like "Gurkha soldiers" of the church, we were very

hardy: we could take unfair criticisms, handled appreciation-deprivation work and served faithfully even if no one noticed. We stood up to a lot of imperfections in the church, knowing full well that we were very imperfect sinners; saved by His grace. We were easily contented, deeply loyal and never thought of changing church when troubles brewed or when we got hurt. In fact, we were trained to "ask not what the church can do for you, but what you can do for the church" (this is not from the Bible but paraphrased from J.F. Kennedy!). rather be anonymous, if you please.

In fact, when I came to Singapore for my studies, this was the same attitude I carried into the church I attended. It was a very small Anglican congregation then at St John's - St Margaret's Church (1985) and by the second Sunday, they had put me up to play the guitar for the worship team! I became a parish worker in 1986, and a clergyman of the Anglican Church in 1992. So you can see, I have been stuck in a one-job-one-employer-one company ever since. In my entire life, I had only one job interview. How unexciting, right? :)

Now, this is just me and I am not asking you to do the same, though I trust it may encourage you somewhat. This idea will of course need to be balanced by many other teachings of Jesus and the Bible about the need for thanksgiving and giving honour where it is due. In fact, we are told again and again, that there will be heavenly rewards for faithfulness of crowns and acclamations, such as "Well done, my good and faithful servant." I'm sure we would all look forward to that!

"WELL
DONE,
MY GOOD
AND FAITHFUL
SERVANT."



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Thailand

Thailand means “Land of the Free” because it retained its freedom when surrounding countries were colonised by Western powers. Thank God for religious freedom, for the people’s openness and the many opportunities for Christian witness. Pray for spiritual breakthrough so that in Christ, the Thai may be free indeed. Thank God also for stability within the Thai Churches that has enabled the Deanery in Thailand to focus on local leadership development. Pray for the effective training and equipping of locals who are called into leadership positions and for the provision of Student Outreach Volunteers, Kindergarten Teachers and Volunteer Teachers.

SINGAPORE

Pray for God’s wisdom to be upon our Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Heng Swee Kiat and his officials as they prepare the Budget for 2020, to alleviate the possible hardships our people may face, in the wake of slower economic growth and uncertainties in the job market. Pray that our Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Cabinet Ministers, will be divinely guided to steer our country through troubled waters and to prepare us well to meet the challenges of the present and the future.

DIOCESE

St Hilda’s Church

Pray for the Vicar Archdeacon Wong Tak Meng, Associate Vicar Revd. Martin Jungnickel, priests, pastoral staff and lay leaders of the English and Chinese Congregations, to discern God’s hand as they lead the Church into year 2020 to “Maturity in Christ” (theme for 2020). Pray that the ministry of St Hilda’s Community Services to the elderly in Kampong Arang, will touch

and transform many lives. Pray also that the ministry of St Hilda’s Kindergarten will raise up godly future generations. Pray that all who serve the Lord in various capacities will be united in spirit to seek Him and to fulfil His purposes, for the glory of His Name.

CATHEDRAL

Noontime Christmas Performances (19 -21 Dec 2019, 12 pm @ The Cathedral Cafe)

Pray that the Cathedral cafe will be filled with seekers; that through the noontime Christmas performances, their spiritual eyes will be opened, they will encounter Christ and know Him as the Savior and Lord of their lives.

“Love Meets You Where You Are” (20-21 Dec 2019)

Pray that the Christmas drama will be a powerful tool to communicate the hope that Christ brings to our fallen world; for God’s anointing upon the performers and upon Dr. Leslie Tay who will be sharing the gospel message.

Mission Trip to Northern Thailand (12 – 19 Dec 2019)

Pray for Ps Geraldine who will be leading a team of 7 young adults on a mission trip to Northern Thailand from 12 to 19 Dec. Pray for God’s protection, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s leading, God’s anointing upon the worship, the preaching of His word and for fruitfulness in every evangelistic outreach, to the children as well as the adults, in the villages they will be visiting.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Annie Dang, Marjorie Lau, Nancy Li, Barbara Rayney, Joy Brett, Doris Proctor, Ana Pelaez and Lim Soon Chye.

Members who know them are encouraged to visit and pray with them.



THE KING IS COMING

CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

Wednesday 25 December 2019
10 am @ Cathedral New Sanctuary

Followed by lunch at the Pavilion, 12.00pm

Adult : \$10 Child : \$5 (Ages 5 - 12 years)

Lunch tickets available at 9am Service Info Desk

SATURDAY SERVICE 14 DECEMBER

4.30 pm **Contemporary Service CNS**
Rev'd Calvin Wee

SUNDAY SERVICE 15 DECEMBER

7.00 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Rev'd Joshua Raj

8.00 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Rev'd Peter Cook

9.00 am **Holy Communion CNS**
Canon Rinji Kwashi

9.00 am **Tamil Service**
Chapel for All Peoples

9.30 am **Service in Mandarin Nave**

11.15 am **Service in Mandarin CNS**

11.15 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Rev'd Peter Cook

11.30 am **Contemporary Service**
Prayer Halls
Rev'd Hambali Leonardi

2.00 pm **Filipino Service NT Hall**
NetFil Christmas Celebration

2.00 pm **Myanmar Worship Service**
No Service

2.30 pm **Bahasa Indonesia Service**
South Transept Hall
Mr Victor Effendie

2.30 pm **Service in Cantonese Nave**

4.30 pm **Hokkien Service Prayer Halls**
Rev'd Freddy Lim

5.00 pm **Holy Communion Nave**
Rev'd Joshua Raj

5.00 pm **Service in Mandarin CNS**

EXTENSION CENTRES

10.00 am **Westside Anglican Church**
Rev'd Bertram Cheong

10.00 am **Jurong Anglican Church**
Mandarin
Bestway Centre

10.00 am **ACTS Centre**
My Saviour's Church
Rev'd Michael Lim

SATURDAY SERVICE 21 DECEMBER

4.30 pm *No Service*

SUNDAY SERVICE 22 DECEMBER

7.00 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Canon Rinji Kwashi

8.00 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Vicar Terry Wong

9.00 am **Contemporary Service CNS**
Rev'd Hambali Leonardi

9.00 am **Tamil Service**
Chapel for All Peoples

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11.15 am **Holy Communion Nave**
Vicar Terry Wong

11.30 am **Contemporary Service**
Prayer Halls
Rev'd Calvin Wee

2.00 pm **Filipino Service NT Hall**
Ps Carolina Alar

2.00 pm **Myanmar Worship Service CNS**
Rev'd Moses Israeli

2.30 pm **Bahasa Indonesia Service**
South Transept Hall
Mr Victor Effendie

2.30 pm **Service in Cantonese Nave**

4.30 pm **Hokkien Service Prayer Halls**
Rev'd Freddy Lim

5.00 pm **Evensong Nave**
Canon Rinji Kwashi

5.00 pm **Service in Mandarin CNS**

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES

4.30 pm **Saturday CITYKids Ministry**
Prayer Halls, B1

8.00 am **Sunday School**
North & South Transept Halls

9.00 am **Sunday School Enquire at CNS, B2**

9.30 am **Sunday School (Mandarin)**

11.15 am **Sunday School**
Enquire at North Transept Hall

5.00 pm **Junior Cell South Transept Hall**

WEEKDAY

SERVICES/MEETINGS

MONDAY, 16 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER

7.30 am Clergy and Leaders
Holy Communion *Nave*

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER

7.30 am The Quiet Garden Meditation
West House

12.30 pm Holy Communion *Nave*

THURSDAY, 19 DECEMBER

9.30 am Holy Communion
Chapel for All Peoples

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

FRIDAY, 20 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

7.00 pm Young Adults' Ministry
No YA until January

SATURDAY, 21 DECEMBER

2.00 pm LYnC Youth Ministry
Chapel for All Peoples

2.30 pm Shalomkids Ministry *Prayer Halls*
(For children with autism)

COMING UP

DECEMBER 2019

- 20-21** Love Meets You Where You Are @CNS
- 22** An Evening of Christmas Praise
- 24** Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service @Nave, 10.30pm
- 25** Christmas Day Holy Communion Service @Nave, 8am & 11.30am
- 25** Christmas Day Contemporary Service @CNS, 10am followed by Lunch
- 31** New Year Eve Covenant Service @Nave, 10.30pm

JANUARY 2020

- 1** New Year's Day Service
- 4** The Quiet Garden Retreat
- 9** DCBS Course
- 10** Day DCBS Course
- 10-11** Leaders Conference
- 16** DCBS Course
- 17** Day DCBS Course
- 22** PCC
- 23** DCBS Course
- 24** CNY Eve

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

TERM 1

DCBS

THURS 9 JAN – 21 MAR 2020

7.30 PM – 9.30 PM

Module 1A: Background Overview of the OT
Instructor: Ms Vivien Chen

Module 1B: Background Overview of the NT
Instructor: Ps Ti Lian Swan

Module 4B: Jeremiah & Ezekiel
Instructors: Rev Peter Cook, Rev Hambali Leonardi, Ps Grace Tan

Module 12: Ephesians to Philemon
Instructors: Ps Stanley Tay, Ms Vivien Chen, Ms Amy Lau, Mr Kwan Fook Seng

REGISTER AT

cathedral.org.sg/dcbs

SEMESTER 1

DAY DCBS

FRI 10 JAN – 24 APR 2020

12.30 PM – 2.00 PM

Module 8: The Gospels
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
Instructors: Ds Bessie Lee, Ps Angeline Leong, Mr Kwan Fook Seng

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COURSE FEES

\$10 per module;

\$5 for written examination

(Modules 1A & 1B are free-of-charge)



Alpha Alpha Alpha

Starts Wed 12 Feb 2020
LUNCHTIME 12PM
EVENINGS 7PM



Find out more at
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Alpha

TUESDAY MORNING CLERGY'S BREAKFAST

Our bishops and clergy gather at SAC every Tuesday morning for a Holy Communion Service, followed by breakfast fellowship and meeting. In the earlier years, the breakfast was prepared by SAC members but in the last few years, it was catered.

As of January 2020, we plan to revert to preparing the breakfast ourselves and the new kitchen at the Pavilion will facilitate this well. If you would like to serve the clergy as a part of our rostered teams, please contact Monica Lee at monicalee@cathedral.org.sg

2019 FINANCES

As we approach the end of another year, our finances are in deficit in relation to our approved budget. Do remain faithful in your giving (tithing, pledges, offerings etc) so that we can meet our obligations internally and the needs of missions, as planned, before the year ends. We give as unto the Lord to the Church we love and to the work of missions via her leadership, trusting that they will prayerfully make the right call.

VICAR WRITES *continued from page 2*

I did say at the start that we do have a list of people to thank. After the intense Bicentennial Services, a bumper Courier issue built on historical research, additional Bicentennial display panels at the linkway, a fantastic turn out at the efficiently organised Myanmar COH outreach, we know that many have been hard at work. Christmas is not even over yet and we still have some significant events in the line up.

Planning on getting married?

Register for our
**MARRIAGE
PREPARATION
COURSE**

1st run: Tue, 4 Feb – 17 Mar 2020
The 1st Run has been fully subscribed

2nd run: Tue, 7 Jul – 18 Aug 2020

7 pm to 9.30 pm, Cathedral Cafe
Course fee is \$100 per couple
payable in cash on the 1st session
For enquiries: mpec@cathedral.org.sg

However, I have conveniently found an excuse to say that I am running out of space. I shall lift my feet off the egg shells of personal acknowledgments in public and say: *you know who you are... and He knows!* I shall indeed thank the Lord for every remembrance of you (Philippians 1:3).

Have a blessed Christmas! (Signing off as a grateful Vicar and feeling relief!)

CHRISTMAS

AT THE CATHEDRAL 2019

Come and invite your friends to experience
the spirit of Christmas with us this December

DEC 19 - 21 THU - SAT, 12 PM @ THE CATHEDRAL CAFE

Noontime Christmas Performances

DEC 20 - 21 FRI - SAT, 5.30 PM

Christmas Market @ Pavilion

SPECIALLY CURATED FOOD, DRINKS AND WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES

DEC 20 - 21 FRI - SAT, 7 PM @ CNS

"Love Meets You Where You Are"

A LOVE-FILLED DRAMA BASED ON TRUE STORIES
WITH TALK BY DR LESLIE TAY (IEATISHOOTIPOST)

DEC 22 SUN, 7.30 PM @ NAVE

An Evening of Christmas Praise

WITH FRICILIA MIXED CHOIR AND THE DE LANEROLLE BROTHERS

DEC 24 TUE 10.30 PM @ NAVE

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

DEC 25 WED 8 & 11:30 AM @ NAVE

Christmas Day Holy Communion Services

DEC 25 WED 10 AM @ CNS

"Ready or Not - The King is Coming"

CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
cathedral.org.sg/christmas



Get your tickets at
[sac-christmas2019.
eventbrite.sg](http://sac-christmas2019.eventbrite.sg) for \$10



Love meets You where You are

DEC 20 & 21, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christmas Market @ Pavilion 5.30 pm to 7 pm

- * Specially curated food and drinks
- * Retail therapy for Christmas gifts
- * Relaxing LIVE band
- * Rich heritage tour of the Nave

Get your tickets at
sac-christmas2019.eventbrite.sg



Cathedral New Sanctuary 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm

- * Love-filled Christmas Drama
- * Talk by Dr. Leslie Tay (ieatishootipost)
- * Sing-a-long Christmas carols
- * Sweet desserts and drinks



SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022

This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building that have succumbed to environmental wear and tear. The Restoration Works will involve re-plastering and re-painting of interior and exterior walls, timber carpentry, stone works, metal works, electrical works, plumbing and roof works. The Project is expected to take 3 years. Its cost of \$6million will be paid out from the Cathedral Heritage Fund (CHF) set up to fund this Project as well as future heritage and building works.



HOW TO GIVE

Cash - Use the "Heritage Fund" envelope and drop your cash into the Heritage Fund donation box or offertory bags

Cheques - Pay to "St Andrew's Cathedral". Write "Heritage Fund" on the reverse side and include your name and mailing address.

Online transfer

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral
Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-019550-8
PayNow: Heritage Fund UEN - T08CC4055LHF1

The CHF, as of 2 Dec 2019:

From English Congregation:	\$1.2m
From Mandarin Congregation:	\$1.2m
Grant from Preservation of Sites & Monuments Board:	\$0.98m
Donations pledged/received from SAC members/friends:	\$0.85m
Balance to be raised:	\$1.77m

For enquiries, please write to Vivien Chen at heritagefund@cathedral.org.sg



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