Sermon on 2/3 Nov

Missions' Paradoxes: Learning from Paul's Resilience

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Revd Dr Timothy Chong



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MISSIONS MONTH 2024

### **2/3 NOVEMBER 2024**

## COLLECT

### **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

#### MISSIONS MONTH

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 24:1-6

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

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# These are exciting times!

In just a few days, SAC will hold our Parish of the Week (POTW) run, a fitting finale to a diocesan campaign that has helped our 27 parishes get to know each other better. We're thankful and excited that more than 400 members from SAC (including the English and Mandarin congregations, as well as Westside Anglican Church and Jurong Anglican Church Mandarin) have signed up as runners, walkers, and volunteers! This will be a great opportunity for us to continue building unity within our parish, and the mid-run prayer time will surely be something special. Even if you're not able to join us in person, do partner with us in praying that, as we in SAC offer ourselves afresh to God. He will fulfil His kingdom purposes in and through us!

November will be our Missions Month. We'll be hearing a series of sermons that focus on mission both local and overseas, and our Missions Gathering will be held on 23 November. May our hearts be stirred as we hear about God's mission in the world and how we're called to participate in it! There'll be several mission and outreach opportunities coming up before the end of the year, such as the food distribution programme in Batam, English classes and ukulele classes for Myanmar nationals,





# THE VICAR WRITES

packing and distribution of Christmas gifts for residents at Bukit Merah View (BMV), and the "Christmas is Love" lunch party for BMV residents that will be held in SAC. Registration for the first run of the Alpha course in 2025 will also open in November. Will you ask God how He wants you to be a part of all this? Where, and to whom, does He wish to send you?

The season of Advent, the first season of the new Church year, will begin in December and lead up to Christmas. The word "advent" means arrival or coming, and during this season we will prepare ourselves for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ (His first coming) as well as for His imminent return (His second coming). Although Christmas has become very commercial. it remains a wonderful opportunity for mission. When else during the year do you hear songs about Jesus playing in shopping malls? Will you ask God for an open door during this season to share the gospel with friends and family members who don't know Christ? Consider inviting them to join us for our Christmas services and events, praying that they'll encounter God in a life-changing manner.

Church, let us continue to grow as a community of disciples on mission for God. It has been said that the mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity. As 2024 draws to a close, how will you allow God to use you to make SAC "great" in fulfilling His purpose and glorifying His name?

#### THE WORLD

#### Tensions in the Middle East

Pray for peace in the Middle East, for an end to the cycle of violence that has caused so much suffering and anguish. Pray that our God will bring healing to this troubled region and comfort to all who are affected. We remember our fellow brothers and sisters —those in Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon, including the lives lost to violence, those who mourn their loved ones, the displaced who long for safety, and all who are unjustly held against their will. May the Lord's compassion surround them, bringing solace in their darkest moments.

### **US Presidential Election**

May the Lord's favour shine upon the United States as they seek a leader on Nov 5, one who embodies integrity and vision, and one who will restore hope and unity. Pray for God's guiding hand to be upon this election, and may His mercy shape the outcome, leading the nation towards a brighter future.

#### **SINGAPORE**

### **Supporting those with Disabilities**

Thank the Lord for a good government which seeks to uplift and empower individuals with disabilities. help them realise their full potential and lead independent lives. Pray for the task force dedicated to studying and recommending support for families and caregivers of those with special needs. May the Lord grant them wisdom and insight to develop effective programmes that address the unique challenges these families face. As we aspire to increase the employment rate of people with disabilities from 30 percent to 40 percent by 2030, ask the Lord for His guidance to break down barriers and open doors of opportunity. May Singapore foster a spirit of inclusion, compassion, and understanding, making room for every individual to thrive and contribute to our society. Let our hearts be moved to advocate for those who may not have a voice, and may we work together to build a more loving and accepting community for all.

#### DIOCESE

#### St Matthew's Church

Pray for the church's greater outreach to the

Tiong Bahru Community, via Anglican Senior Centre, Havelock and Pacific Healthcare Nursing Home. Pray for the Church Land Lease Renewal efforts to raise \$5m; Praise God for the many activities conducted thus far and the monies raised. Pray for a great move of the Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of the members afresh.

### Synod

Pray that the Lord will preside over the forthcoming Synod meetings on 8 & 9 November and grant wisdom, discernment and unity to all members in their deliberations. Pray that the Lord will guide and direct the future plans of our Diocese for the advancement of His Kingdom and for the glory of His Name

#### **CATHEDRAL**

### Parish of The Week Run and Breakfast Fellowship

Thank God for the 450 participants for this event on Wednesday, 6 November 2024, representing our combined congregations from St Andrew's Cathedral (both English and Mandarin services), Westside Anglican Church, and Jurong Anglican Church Mandarin. Pray for fine weather and the safety of all runners and walkers, that they may enjoy a smooth and blessed experience. Pray also for the road marshals and volunteers at the water stops, that God grant them strength, wisdom, and a spirit of teamwork as they serve. May the Lord bless this gathering, fostering deep connections and strengthening our church community in love and unity.

# Missions Month – Adopt a Block in the Community (ABC) and 289 Fellowship of the Manager (Batam)

Thank the Lord for the opportunity to serve and reach out to low-income households in our community and residents in Batam. Pray that more Cathedral members will be inspired to participate in these missions, extending the love of Christ to those in need. Lift up the committee members as they plan each event. Pray for divine wisdom and creativity, and may every effort touch many souls and lead them to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the hearts of those we serve, that they may be open to receiving God's love and transforming grace through our outreach efforts.

## **Services at the Cathedral**

In English		
TIME	HOLY COMMUNION	VENUE
Sat 4.45pm	2nd and 4th week	CNS
Sun 8.00 am	Weekly	Nave
Sun 9.30 am	2nd and 4th week	CNS
Sun 11.30 am*	1st, 3rd & 5th week	Nave
Sun 2.00 pm (Youth**)		NT Hall
Sun 4.30 pm	Weekly <sup>†</sup>	Nave
Wed 12.30pm	Weekly	CNS^
In other languages		
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	Weekly	CNS

- ^ From 11 Sept, the Wed 12.30pm Service will take place at the CNS (B2).
- \* The Morning Prayer Service will be in session on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- \*\* There is no Youth Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- † The Evensong Service will be in session on the last Sunday and there will be no administration of Holy Communion.

### SERMONS

2 & 3 Nov

Missions' Paradoxes: Learning from Paul's

Resilience

Revd Dr Timothy Chong
2 Corinthians 4:7-18

9 & 10 Nov

Moved by Compassion

Revd Andrew Yap Matthew 9:35-38

16 & 17 Nov

The Bible Mission and Spread of the Word of God in China

Mr Kua Wee Seng
Acts 13:44-52

### MISSIONS GATHERING

Come and connect with our missions team to explore opportunities to reach others!

23 Nov 2024 (Sat) | 9.30am - 12pm | SAC Prayer Halls

Theme: Missions At Our Doorstep Keynote Speaker: Revd Andrew Yap Register now at <u>cathedral.org.sg/mg</u>

### MINISTRY BOOTHS

Check out the booths outside the Welcome Centre and find out how you can be involved in the ministry!

2 & 3 Nov Adopt-a-Block in the Community & 289 Fellowship of the Manger (Batam)

9 & 10 Nov Mae Sot (Thailand) & CITY Community Services 16 & 17 Nov Nepal & Befriending Migrant Workers

23 & 24 Nov Alpha & Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (Cambodia)

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Living the Transformed Life

God's calling for us is to live a life that has been transformed (Rm 12:2; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 4:22-24; 2 Pet 1:3-11). How is our life to be lived in transformation?

From July to November, we are going to explore this life of transformation as we look at these three key areas of transformation:

- 1. The Heart of Transformation
- 2. The Path to Transformation
- 3. The Life in Transformation

Join us as we journey together in our life of transformation every Wednesday at 12.30pm.



We rejoice that 7 candidates (from Singapore and our deaneries) will be ordained to the Diaconate on 10 November 2024. If you are interested to attend the on-site service, please scan the QR code to get your tickets for the Ordination Service.

A livestream of the Ordination Service will also be available.

Livestream link: https://bit.ly/OrdinationService2024



Building up every child towards spiritual maturity

## CHILDREN MINISTRY

Preschool - Primary 6 (ages 3 - 12)

Ministry	Day/Time	Venue
City Kids	Saturday 4:45pm	Prayer Halls (B1)
Faith Kids 1	Sunday 9:30am	Prayer Halls (B1) Classrooms (B2)
Faith Kids 2	Sunday 11:15am	NT Hall Prayer Closets 1/2/3 (Nave L2)

Register here and join us for children ministry!

# SHALOM FRIENDS (ages 13 - 25)

Shalom Friends reaches out to youths with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for youths up to 25 years old.

Shalom Friends

Saturday 2:00pm

SAC B1 Prayer Halls

Register to join us for Shalom Friends here

### **CATHEDRAL YOUTH**

The Cathedral Youth Ministry welcomes all youths from 13 - 25 years old

### First 3 Sundays of the month

- Youth Service 2pm @ North Transept Hall
- Metamorphosis 11am @ Classroom A & Prayer Hall C



https://tinyurl.com/SACYM

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Cathedral is continuing our community outreach to the residents at Bukit Merah. We are collaborating with Lifehouse SG to spread God's love by distributing 300 Christmas Packs across 3 residential blocks where many are low-income individuals, families and elderly.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Befriender & Delivery:** 

7 Dec 2024, Sat, 8.45am to 12pm

Rally your Family, Cell Group and Friends!



**PRAYER WARRIORS** 



BEFRIENDER

**Volunteer Briefing**: 19 & 20 Nov 2024, 7.30pm to 8.45pm (via Zoom) All volunteers are to attend one of the scheduled Briefing Sessions.



Click or scan to **Register now!** 

Closing date: 10 Nov 2024 More info can be found here

For enquiries, please email missions@cathedral.org.sg or WhatsApp 8824 2660

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**CHRISTMAS** IS LOVE PARTY

# 14 Dec

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Sat, 11 am - 1.30 pm SAC, Pavilion

### **PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

Games × Lunch

- + Performances ×
- ★ Sing-along ★
- ★ Blessing Draw

As an extension of sharing the Christmas Joy and God's Love during the Christmas season, Christmas Is Love Party is a Christmas event specially organised for the Bukit Merah View residents whom we have befriended through our community outreach, Adopt A Block In The Community (ABC).

We will be inviting about 140 residents for a fun-filled lunch that is also packed with an exciting programme. Rally your family, cell group and friends to be part of this joyful event!

### **VOLUNTEER BRIEFING**

26 & 27 Nov. 7.30pm - 8.45pm via Zoom

All volunteers are to attend one of the scheduled Briefing Sessions.

### Rally Your Family, Cell Group & Friends!







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CLICK OR SCAN TO Register now!

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This programme is open only to SAC members who are Singaporeans or Singapore PR. A small allowance will be given and confirmation of internship is subject to approval.

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SMF Senior Citizen's Day

# You raise me up

Speaker: Revd Huang Teng Wei

Thurs 28 November \* 10am to 12pm

**Prayer Halls A-C** 

A bento lunch will be served after the talk.



Revd Huang Teng-Wei is an ordained minister, having served as a pastor for over 30 years in Chinese and English churches in Singapore and Australia. Between 1982-2012, he was actively involved in various teaching positions and served in numerous committees. With the passion and qualifications in music, he was the recipient of the Compass Artistic Excellence Award (2010) and is actively involved in performing arts in Singapore and Australia. He is also the author of Distinction of Sacred & Secular, Black & White.

Closing date for registration: 24 November 2024 Please WhatsApp David Ng at 98332786

or email: davidng@cathedral.org.sg





In 2005, St Andrew's Cathedral recognised the need to reach out to vulnerable children in primary schools. Many of them had working parents, some of whom struggled to make ends meet. There were also children from single or absent-parent families. These children often lacked the adult guidance needed to help them grow, learn, and thrive.

CITY Community Services (CITY) was thus set up in 2007 with the aim of building good character in vulnerable school children.

CITY believes in expressing Christian love by providing practical assistance to children in a safe, caring and supportive learning environment. By developing strong relationships with them and guiding them through their formative years, we help these children overcome educational and family challenges so that they can grow up to be useful members of society.

Your support and donation will help CITY continue the good work He commissioned us to do in His kingdom.



CITY, a service unit under Singapore Anglican Community Services, is an Institution of Public Character (IPC).

All outright donations are eligible for 2.5 times tax deduction. You may donate by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for partnering with CITY!

# Tim is a beneficiary of CITY, and this is his testimony.

"When I was in Primary 5, CITY's Befrienders Club (BC) was a place where I could genuinely share my thoughts, feelings or concerns. It was the first time I felt a sense of belonging. BC helped me through a tough period, when I only had my mother. They helped me to spend my time productively, through lessons and the playing of tchoukball.

I was invited by my fellow BC befrienders to join the Befrienders Alumni programme (BFA) when I entered secondary school. I agreed because I enjoyed being part of the community.

BFA helped me in many different ways - from teaching me how to manage personal issues, assisting me in getting a scholarship, to giving me opportunities to serve as a Student Leader in CITY camps. BFA helped me to grow as a person. Without its guidance, I would have gone astray. I am grateful to the staff for imparting valuable life lessons to me and giving me the chance to serve BFA and the CITY community.

I am also thankful to have met my mentors, Michael and Phoebe, through BFA. During the lowest point of my life, they listened to me, guided me, and journeyed with me. They also shared the gospel with me. Initially I was skeptical, as I have had unpleasant experiences with Christians and churches in the past. However, Michael and Phoebe shared God's love with me in a warm and gentle manner, allowing me to experience God in a wonderful and loving way.

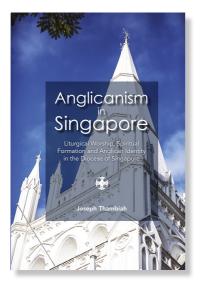
I accepted Jesus as my Saviour because of an answered prayer. At that time, I prayed and told Him that I would accept Him if I was granted an interview for a scholarship that I had applied

for. Not only was I granted the interview, I was eventually awarded the scholarship. I then believed that God was real and that God answered prayers. It is through CITY that I came to Christ."

Tim with Teacher Michael

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In this age of rapidly changing societal mores and theological liberalism in the world, we need to have a clear understanding of our identity as Christians (and specifically as Anglican disciples of Jesus Christ), as well as an understanding of what orthodoxy in faith and worship represents. In other words, what makes us uniquely Anglican?

This book aims to answer those questions and provides the historical foundations of the orthodox Anglican doctrines, traditions and worship as practised in the Diocese of Singapore.

All proceeds from the sales of the book will go to the work of chaplaincy programmes in Anglican Schools and also to the work of the Bible Society of Singapore.

Only on sale on 10 Nov 2024 in the Pavilion from 9.30am to 1.30pm at \$30 a copy





### **DYB SERVE ACADEMY 2025**

"SERVE Academy" organised by the Diocesan Youth Board is a 5D4N residential programme to equip and train young leaders, aged 35 years and below. With a focus on encountering God, and fanning their passion for God into flame, the programme aims to excite participants to SERVE and not to be served.

Dates: 6 - 10 January 2025

Registration Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/SERVEACADEMY2025">https://bit.ly/SERVEACADEMY2025</a> Registration closes on 24 November 2024

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# tithes and offerings



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# Synod Presidential Address

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