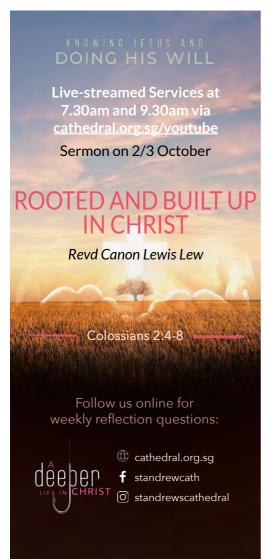


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2/3 OCTOBER 2021

COLLECT **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER**

TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith; that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HARVEST SUNDAY

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own wellbeing; 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 forever. Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16



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Vicar Revd Canon Lewis Lew

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Deaconesses Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan

Auxiliary Deaconess Ds June Tan



We are in the last quarter of the year, and typically this is also when time the church begins to prepare for the season of Advent and Christmas. How will Christmas be different for Cathedral this year?

After 400 years of silence, God made His move and gave the greatest gift of love 2000 years ago through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, I'd like to share this verse from 1 John 3:18, "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." I believe this is a call from the Lord for us to avail ourselves and give in various ways to spread God's love and bless others.

I was recently reminded again that the Cathedral is blessed to be a blessing. Indeed, we should not withhold God's blessing on us, and instead to go and spread the joy of Christmas because Love Moves.

This Christmas, we are led by the Lord to bless the community – particularly to a cluster of flats where many residents are elderly with low income, living in one room rentals, at Bukit Merah. We will be blessing them with the joy of Christmas with simple Christmas gifts through our Christmas community outreach initiative.

Adopt-a-Block.

So, why Bukit Merah? Interestingly, SAC has had a long presence in Bukit Merah through the Boys' Brigade Company at Gan Eng Seng Primary School. Some of our brothers and sisters from the rough sleeper ministry (Lazarus Ministry) prayerfully also started outreaches in this area in 2020, in which they befriended

rough sleepers and those in need. It seems the Lord is expanding our scope from the rough sleepers to the elderlies who are often confined to their homes. We are excited with this divine opportunity to bring Christmas cheers to the folks in the Bukit Merah community!

Let's get moving and find out how you can Adopt-a-Block through our website, social media and broadcast! You can also start praying to invite someone to our evangelistic Lessons and Carols or Christmas Service this year! More details will be shared later this month. (As the COVID-19 guidelines are evolving, we seek your understanding, as some aspects of the plan may change.)

On a different note – we were supposed to transit to stage 2 starting October – to increase the capacity of all our onsite services. However, with the new tightened measures introduced by the government, and the significant increase in the community cases, I have decided to put on hold the launch of stage 2. God willing, I really pray and hope that we could have more people back to worship onsite by

Christmas. Meanwhile, please keep well and stay safe.

Please join me to pray for the Lord's divine intervention on the COVID-19 situation in Singapore, and in the world. We need a major breakthrough before we are ready to be in an endemic state. "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God" (Psalm 20:7).

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Pray for the people of Afghanistan to remain strong amid the changes and uncertainties under the new regime; for timely humanitarian aid to reach the poor and the needy; for women and girls to have equal opportunities as the men and boys, to work and to study. Pray for God's divine protection and provision for His people. Pray that they will remain steadfast in faith, courageous to bear witness to His Name and to advance His Kingdom.

SINGAPORE

Pray for our government leaders to have alertness, strength and fortitude in the continuing battle against COVID-19; that they will have divine wisdom to make right decisions and introduce timely measures to slow down the rapid transmission of the virus, care for the sick and safeguard the nation. Pray for continued protection over our healthcare workers and their families; that they will have the tenacity to persevere in the midst of very difficult and challenging circumstances.

DIOCESE

Pray for our Bishop Titus Chung, Vicars, clergy and deaconesses, that they will be guided by divine wisdom and united in spirit, as they continue to serve God in their different roles and responsibilities, to build up the One Body of Christ in our Diocese. Pray also for clergy who have been given new or added responsibilities that God will anoint and empower them for their new roles and ministries.

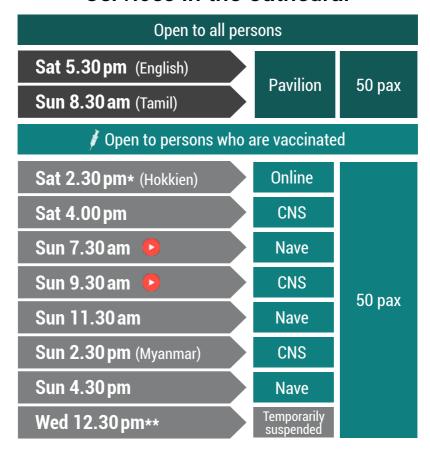
CATHEDRAL

Pray for our Vicar Canon Lewis Lew, clergy, deaconesses and church leadership to discern God's destiny for the Cathedral and to press in, to lay hold of all that God has ordained the Cathedral to be.

Pray for our twenty-four brothers and sisters who will be going through the waters of baptism on 9 October that they will continue to grow strong in faith, as Christ's disciples, who are committed to knowing Him and doing His will.



Services in the Cathedral





On-site Holy Communion services will be held at:

- Nave (1st and 3rd Sunday) CNS (2nd and 4th Sunday)
- Pavilion English 5.30pm (Last Sat), Tamil 8.30am (2nd and 4th Sunday)



Entry to each service is by ticket only. Please exercise care as you select the service to attend. Tickets are open for booking at 1pm. 7 days before the service day at cathedral.org.sg/ws



These services will be live-streamed at cathedral.org.sg/youtube

During the Stabilisation Period (27 Sep to 24 Oct), some adjustments will be made to services largely attended by worshippers above the age of 60 for their safety.

- Hokkien Worship Service will be held online starting from 2 Oct at cathedral.org.sg/youtube
- ** Wed 12.30pm Service will be temporarily suspended starting from 6 Oct

DOING HIS WILL

part two: through the counsel of Paul

SERMON SERIES FROM AUG - NOV ----

AUG 21/22

Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work
Revd William Chee Col 1:3-10

AUG 29

Strengthened for Joyful Endurance

Ds June Tan Col 1:11-14

SEP 4/5

The Pre-eminence of Christ Revd Canon Lewis Lew Col 1:15-20

SEP 11/12

Unwavering Faith
Revd Christopher Chan Col 1:21-23

SEP 18/19

Suffering for the Gospel Ds Ti Lian Swan Col 1:24-27

SEP 25/26

Labouring to Build Up the Church Revd Daniel Lim Col 1:28-2:3

OCT 2/3

Rooted and Built Up in Christ Revd Canon Lewis Lew Col 2:4-8 OCT 9/10

Alive in Christ

Revd Christopher Chan Col 2:9-15

OCT 16/17

Transformed from the Inside Out Revd Moses Israeli Col 3:1-17

OCT 23/24

Christian Living as Husband and Wife Revd William Chee Col 3:18-19

OCT 30/31

Christian Living as Children and Parents Revd Canon Lewis Lew Col 3:20-21

NOV 6/7

Christian Living in Our Place of Work

Ds Ti Lian Swan Col 3:22-4:1

NOV 13/14

Open Doors for the Gospel Revd Christopher Chan Col 4:2-4

NOV 20/21 Wisdom in Our Witness Ds June Tan Col 4:5-6



The Cathedral is collaborating with Lifehouse SG to spread God's love to the community of Bukit Merah this Christmas. We will be packing and distributing 2000 festive gift packs across eight residential blocks where many are low income individuals, families and elderly, living in one room rentals.

Rally your family, cell group and friends; be a blessing to the Bukit Merah Community!

















Block your time on these days!

Packing: 3rd December 2021
Delivery: 4th December 2021, 8am to 12pm

MORE INFORMATION and REGULAR UPDATES can be found at "Adopt a Block this Christmas" REGISTER NOW at "ABC Registration Form"

Life House Lifehouse SG is a group of Christians gathered together to organise activities to engage the residents and befriend them in partnership with the Residents' Committee at Bukit Merah View. They also distribute food packs to the residents every month. Find out more about Lifehouse SG

STAY CONNECTED

with the Cathedral

Word Study & Discussion with the Pastors

If you are missing church life and wish to stay connected with the community during this period, we welcome you to join ONE

of these ZOOM meetings with our pastors to be refreshed as we get into the Bible and discuss the weekly sermons. UPPER ROOM Sat 10am
To Join, click HERE

THE EARLY RISERS

Sun 6.30 am Pre-Service Prayer **8.35am** Zoom Meeting To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

SOJOURNERS Sun 11.00am To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

EVENING BREEZE Sun 4.30pmTo Join, click <u>HERE</u>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please go to https://www.anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment

DONATIONS FOR FLOWERS

In memory of Rosalind Lee Ying Khuan and Joseph See Yeok Seck





UPDATING OF CONTACT DETAILS

If you are a baptised/confirmed member of St Andrew's Cathedral, we wish to stay connected with you and invite you to update your contact details held in the SAC records at https://cathedral.org.sg/update-membership.or by scanning the QR code.

Stay connected with us by using these social media and communication channels.







Save 8281 5916 in your Contacts List
 Text 'Subscribe' to the number above

Subscribe to SAC WhatsApp Broadcast:

Subscribe to our e-mail list
Visit cathedral.org.sg/subscribe





THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE

is designed to equip parents and caregivers of young children up to 10 years old with fresh insights and time-tested values on parenting.

It consists of eight sessions of video talks and small group discussions on the following topics:

- Building Strong Foundations
- Meeting our Children's Needs
- Setting boundaries
- Teaching Healthy Relationships
- Our Long-Term Aim

Session Dates: 21 Oct, 28 Oct, 4 Nov, 11 Nov, 18 Nov, 25 Nov, 2 Dec & 9 Dec (8 Thursdays)

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 PM

Fee: \$15 per person / \$25 per couple

(for Course Pack)

Registration Deadline: 10 Oct

Register at: https://bit.ly/3zNGU62

Developed by Nicky and Sila Lee from Holy Trinity Brompton, London, this course is part of the series of programmes offered by Alpha Singapore. It will be conducted virtually via Zoom.



Christ-centered families growing and journeying together.



Morning (Office

Be shaped, edified and cleansed by developing a daily pattern and rhythm of life through the Psalms, Prayers and the Word of God.

Join the morning office daily (Mon to Fri) 7.30am to 7.50am via:

Zoom Link to attend the Morning Office: http://bit.ly/mo-zm

YouTube for Morning Office: cathedral.org.sg/r/morning

We encourage members to gather for this daily office and grow in their spiritual formation.



In 2019, the AGM approved a major restoration of the Cathedral Nave, covering the plaster and painting of the external and internal walls of the main building and transepts, various repairs and electrical works. Since then, over \$5,000,000 has been raised towards the restoration. In June 2021, Cathedral appointed the contractor to undertake the works, which will start in January 2022 and take up to 12 months.

After considering the health and safety of the congregation and challenges to maintaining sanctity of worship under restoration conditions, the PCC together with the Mandarin Congregation Church Council (CC) decided to close the Nave during the restoration works.

The PCC and CC considered alternative sites for worship services. Some options involve significant costs, and possible continued restrictions to on-site worship due to COVID-19 added uncertainty. The PCC and CC working together, decided to exercise financial prudence, and use existing Cathedral facilities for worship services during the Nave closure.

From January 2022, worship services will be held in the CNS and the Pavilion, subject to the prevailing Safe Management Measures. We will maximise and optimise our space, to allow as many people as possible to attend worship services, and

find space for our Ministries and cell-groups. More details will be shared in due course.

Please write to <u>nave_restoration@cathedral.org.sg</u> if you have any questions on the Nave restoration project and/or Nave closure. Periodic updates will be posted on our website at https://cathedral.org.sg/events/single/nave-restoration-project

The CHF, as of 27 September 2021:

From English Congregation: \$1.2m From Mandarin Congregation: \$1.2m

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Grant Hom Freservation of

Sites & Monuments Board: \$0.98m

Donations pledged/received

from SAC members/friends: \$2.42m

Balance to be raised: \$0.20m

HOW TO GIVE

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

PavNow:

Heritage Fund UEN - T08CC4055LHF1

GVE tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



Online

Internet Banking

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

PayNow

PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UEN: T08CC4055LT01

For tithes and general offerings

You may indicate the Service you attend and/ or Tithing number (if any) under remarks or reference.

For other specific donations

(eg. Welfare, Missions, etc)

You may indicate the purpose of your donation (eg. Welfare, Missions, etc.) under remarks or reference. For donations with no indication, it will be treated as general offering. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, you may indicate your Tithing number (if any).

For specific donations

On the reverse side of the cheque, please indicate the purpose of your donation eg. Restoration Works, Welfare, Missions, etc. If you would like a receipt, please write your name and mailing address.

Cheques can be mailed to St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

You may give your time to various outreach opportunities. Find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/page/get-involved