



# ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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**27/28 NOVEMBER 2021**

KNOWING JESUS AND  
DOING HIS WILL

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Sermon on 27/28 Nov

## READY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

*Rev'd Daniel Lim*

Luke 21:25-36

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## COLLECT

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## LECTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 33:14-16

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36



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**Deaconesses** Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan

**Auxiliary Deaconess** Ds June Tan



## First Sunday of Advent

28 November 2021

### **Advent refers to the coming of Christ.**

The church remembers the first Advent as described in Luke 1, culminating in Jesus' birth, and we look for His coming in glory, Jesus' second coming, with great anticipation.

In the church calendar, we set aside the four Sundays before Christmas to focus on this coming of Jesus.

The liturgical colour for Advent is purple which signifies royalty, suffering and repentance – themes which are revisited at Lent.

The Advent Wreath contains five candles and is placed on the Communion table in the Sanctuary as a visual reminder to us that the Lord will surely come again. He came the first time to save us from our sins and He will come again to judge the living and the dead. He will take charge as the King of kings and His kingdom will have no end.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle (which represents Hope) is lit.

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.  
(Psalm 33:20, ESV)*

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“God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you.” ~ Matthew Kelly

## What Is Advent?

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God’s incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus (Matt. 2:1), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist (John 1:29), and his first miracle at Cana (John 2:1). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the “coming” they had in mind was not Christ’s first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas.

## Advent Today

Today, the season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Advent 2021 begins on Sunday, November 28, and ends on Friday, December 24. The new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6, 2022.

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” (Acts 2:17, Heb. 1:2), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time



looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future.

### **Advent Liturgy and Practice**

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by John the Baptist and the Angels.

While it is difficult to avoid holiday celebrations, shopping, lights and decorations, and joyful carols, Advent is intended to be a season of fasting, much like Lent, and there are a variety of ways that this time of mourning works itself out in the season. Reflection on the violence and evil in the world, especially the COVID-19 pandemic, causes us to cry out to God to make things right—to put death's dark shadows to flight. Our exile in the present makes us look forward to our future Exodus. And our own sinfulness and need for grace lead us to pray for the Holy Spirit to renew His work in conforming us into the image of Christ.

Adapted from: *Justin Holcomb* (6 Nov 2020)

Source: [Christianity.com](https://www.christianity.com)

# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## THE WORLD

According to the World Health Organisation, Europe remains “in the firm grip” of COVID-19 and if the current trend persists, the death toll could top 2.2 million this winter. The increase could be due to a combination of factors such as the contagious Delta variant, the lack of vaccination and the relaxation of safe management measures. Pray for God’s merciful intervention in this crisis, for swift government action and for a disciplined public who will support government measures to effectively curb and contain the rapid spread of the virus. Pray for the health care systems in European countries which are under extreme stress to cope with the rapid increase in cases, for the protection of healthcare workers and for the recovery of those who have been infected.

## SINGAPORE

Finance Minister Lawrence Wong highlighted the need to “acknowledge and do our best to address the legitimate concerns of different communities without allowing our politics to be based exclusively on identities or tribal allegiances”.

Pray that we will heed the call to tackle tribalism and identity politics and that each one of us will play our part to build a strong, resilient and cohesive Singaporean identity, regardless of our race, language, religion or ideologies.

## DIOCESE

### Deanery of Vietnam

Pray for the Lord to protect and preserve the congregants and leaders as they face a rampant rise of COVID-19 infections in Vietnam, especially in Ho Chi Minh City during this time; for God’s help to raise a younger generation in committed discipleship and godly leadership. Pray also for divine wisdom in identifying, encouraging and training the indigenous leaders for the deanery (extracted from Diocesan Missions Report 2021)

## CATHEDRAL

### Lessons & Carols (19 Dec 2021, 7.30 pm)

Pray for good planning and organisation of this service and for God to richly supply all needed manpower and other resources. Pray that the Christmas story, shared through the singing of carols and the reading of Scripture will illumine minds and awaken hearts to the love of God in Christ. Pray that Cathedral members will actively invite family and friends to their homes to join in this service and for many to come to know and receive God’s love this Christmas time.



# Services in the Cathedral

Open to all persons

**Sat 5.30 pm** (English)

Pavilion

50 pax

**Sun 8.30 am** (Tamil)



Open to persons who are vaccinated

**Sat 4.00 pm**

CNS

**Sun 7.30 am** 

Nave

**Sun 9.30 am** 

CNS

**Sun 10.00 am\*** (Hokkien)

Online

**Sun 11.30 am**

Nave

**Sun 2.30 pm** (Myanmar)

CNS

**Sun 4.30 pm**

Nave

**Wed 12.30 pm**

Nave

**50 pax**  
(capacity  
will increase  
to 100 pax  
from 1 Dec)



On-site Holy Communion services will be held at:

- Nave (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)
- CNS (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://cathedral.org.sg/ws)



These services will be live-streamed at [cathedral.org.sg/youtube](https://cathedral.org.sg/youtube)

**In view of the government's advisory for seniors 60 years and above to refrain from attending religious activities, Hokkien Worship Service will continue to be held online at [cathedral.org.sg/youtube](https://cathedral.org.sg/youtube)**

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# KNOWING JESUS AND DOING HIS WILL

A  
deeper  
LIFE IN CHRIST

## through the Preparation of His Return

THE FINAL PART OF THE SERMON SERIES

**NOV 27 & 28**

**Ready for Christ's Return**

Revd Daniel Lim Luke 21:25-36

**DEC 11 & 12**

**Bearing Good Fruit**

Revd Christopher Chan Luke 3:7-18

**DEC 4 & 5**

**Preparing the Way for Christ**

Revd Canon Lewis Lew Luke 3:1-6

**DEC 18 & 19**

**God's Promise Fulfilled**

Revd Joshua Raj Luke 1:39-45

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**Our Lord Jesus asks a profound and deep question.**

# WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

To know Jesus is to  
deepen our understanding  
and relationship with our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

**Wednesday 12.30pm**  
**Service in the Nave.**

To register, visit this link:  
[cathedral.org.sg/ws](http://cathedral.org.sg/ws)

- Dec 1** Power and Wisdom of God
- Dec 8** Strength and Contentment in Him
- Dec 15** The Authentic Gospel
- Dec 22** Hope and Praise in Him

CHRISTMAS + NEW YEAR'S EVE

# Good News

## OF GREAT JOY

AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Tickets to on-site services open for booking at 1pm, 7 days before the service!

SUN, 19 DEC • 7.30 PM  
**Lessons & Carols**



FRI, 24 DEC • 10.30 PM

**Christmas Eve**

**THE DAWN  
FROM ON HIGH**

*Bishop Titus Chung*



SAT, 25 DEC • 11 AM

**Christmas Day**

**The Father's Business**

*Revd William Chee*

SUN, 26 DEC • 7.30 & 9.30 AM

**Christmas Sunday**

**Good News of Great Joy**

*Revd Christopher Chan*

\* No 11.30 am and 4.30 pm services

# Christ the Saviour is born!

Celebrate  
with us  
on-site or  
via live-stream!



*Behold, I am making*  
**ALL THINGS NEW**

FRI, 31 DEC • 10.30 PM

**New Year's Eve**

*Revd Canon Lewis Lew*



*And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold,  
I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is Christ the Lord."*

LUKE 2:10-11





# Good News



AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

An evangelistic outreach for the Cathedral family to  
bring the good news to your friends and family

## THE CHRISTMAS INVITATION

SUN 26 DEC 2021, 9.30AM

CATHEDRAL NEW SANCTUARY  
with live-streaming



Inspiring testimony by  
Raymond Tan



Sharing the Good News by  
Revd Chris Chan

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

1. Download the invitation at [cathedral.org.sg/goodnews](https://cathedral.org.sg/goodnews)
2. Pray for 10 names to send the invitation
3. Host them at your home/ CG or invite them to SAC  
by booking tickets from 1 pm, 19 Dec



# Good News

OF GREAT JOY

AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL



## LESSONS & CAROLS



*Did you know?*

The tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols is popularly associated with King's College, Cambridge. However the original service was held in a wooden shed, which then served as the cathedral in Truro, on Christmas Eve 1880.

The Nine lesson readings tell of God's redemptive purpose by recounting the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah and fulfilment of the promise with the birth of Jesus from the book of Genesis to the Gospels



The worship service is interspersed with singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choral music to give space for worshippers to contemplate and be hopeful in God's redemptive plan in the midst of darkness and worldly mess.

**Come with your friends and loved ones to hear  
and receive the good news of great joy for all peoples!**

# DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

## ONLINE

**TERM 1: 6 JAN – 17 MAR 2022**  
**THURSDAYS, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

### OLD TESTAMENT

## Overview of the Old Testament

**MODULE 1A 6 JAN (1 SESSION)**

*Bible Origins, The Hebrew Canon,  
The World of the OT*

INSTRUCTOR

Ms Vivien Chen (SAC)

## The Minor Prophets

**MODULE 5 13 JAN - 10 MAR**

*Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah,  
Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah,  
Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi*

EXAM: 26 MAR

INSTRUCTORS

Ps Angeline Leong (MSC), Ps Wendy Yong (COR),  
Ms Brenda Goh (SJS), Mr Cheong Mun Sang (SAC),  
Dr Gilbert Tan (SAC)

### NEW TESTAMENT

## Overview of the New Testament

**MODULE 1B 6 JAN (1 SESSION)**

*Bible Origins, The New Testament Canon,  
The Socio-Political World of the NT*

INSTRUCTOR

Mr Keith Leong (SAC)

## Corinthians

**MODULE 11 13 JAN - 17 MAR**

Kindly note that this module comprises  
10 lessons and the first 6 lessons will be  
conducted from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

*1 & 2 Corinthians*

EXAM: 26 MAR

INSTRUCTORS

Ds Bessie Lee,  
Mrs Michelle Tan (TWPC)

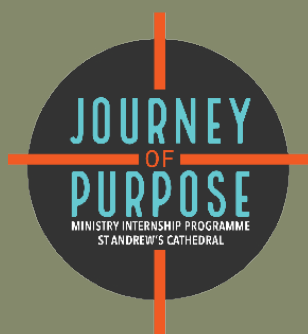


Register at [cathedral.org.sg/dCBS](https://cathedral.org.sg/dCBS)

**Course Fee** : \$10 per module (payable via online modes or  
crossed cheques made payable to St Andrew's Cathedral)

You've put in long hours working hard to earn that promotion  
yet wonder if there is more to life.

# Are you searching for your purpose and meaning in life?



Come and embark on this  
**JOURNEY OF PURPOSE**,  
a 40-week personal and intentional  
journey of intimacy with Jesus,  
**starting 1 March 2022**, with  
supporting mentors and guidance  
from our pastors and lay leaders.

More information can be found at **JOURNEY OF PURPOSE** or  
at the **Q&A session on 18 December, 10.30am - 12noon**. Sign up [here](#).

Open to members of St Andrew's Cathedral only.



# CONFIRMATION

Please pray for these brothers and sisters who will be confirmed on Sunday November 28, 2021 at the Nave 430pm Service.

Amanda Cai JiaJia  
Ashley Alexster  
Bethany Grace Eng Li Lin  
Casicadan Milanie Anecito  
Celine Chin Hooi Lin  
Celine Low Ning Hui  
Christine Preethi Jeremiah  
Gabriel Chin Sheng Kai  
Huang Hsueh Hua  
Ian Ho Yu Han  
Isaac Teh Hong Yee  
Jasmine Elisabeth Goh  
Javier Lam Jing Jie  
Jon Gui Zann-Shane  
Joshua Alexster  
Kayden Han Jit On  
Lim Jia Hui Serene

Loke Wah  
Loon Yao Liang, Amos  
Lydia Loke An An  
Ma Liping  
Michelle Felicia  
Natasha Theresa Lin-Ying Ferdinands  
Neo Jun Hao Kevin Josiah  
Rachel George  
Rushil Thomas  
Sangeeta Priscilla Razu  
Shawn Low Shao En  
Soon Lorenzo  
Sophia Simone Chan  
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Vora Srilata  
Wah Ro Shin Eriel  
Wong Mei Lin

## 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](http://cathedral.org.sg/r/morning)

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

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. Isaiah. 40:11

# MEMBER CARE

M I N I S T R Y

**Come January 2022,**

the Cathedral will launch into a renewed church-wide effort to care for members.

Whether you are elderly, young, a family, divorced or separated, sick, bereaved, or simply facing immense challenges, you can come to us.

To find out more about this exciting new ministry, follow the link below.

## **Can you help us?**

If you have the calling and passion to care for others, and can commit to serve in one of our care teams, come join us! Find out more by following this link:

<https://cathedral.org.sg/care>

## **How can we help you?**

If you want the ministry to reach out to you, do write or call us at:

[membercare@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:membercare@cathedral.org.sg)

Tel: 6337 6104



# 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**  
Meeting resumes on 11 Dec

**THE EARLY RISERS**  
Sun 6.30 am Pre-Service Prayer  
8.35am Zoom Meeting  
To Join, click [HERE](#)

**SOJOURNERS Sun 11.00am**  
To Join, click [HERE](#)

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#### 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.

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## REPORT ON THE NAVE RESTORATION PROJECT

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.

We have sought to maximise the number of worshippers who can safely attend our onsite services, and we are pleased to announce that based on current Safe Management Measures we will be able to welcome up to 200 worshippers for each

service in the Pavilion and the Cathedral New Sanctuary. Details of the alternative worship venues for 2022 may be found online, at <https://cathedral.org.sg/events/single/nave-restoration-project>

You may want to check out the **Frequently Asked Questions** on the webpage. If you have questions that are not answered in the FAQs, you may email your questions to [nave\\_restoration@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:nave_restoration@cathedral.org.sg).

### The CHF, as of 15 November 2021:

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:	\$2.49m
<b>Balance to be raised:</b>	<b>\$0.13m</b>

### 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

**PayNow:**

Heritage Fund UEN - T08CC4055LHF1



# GIVE

## tithes and offerings



### 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](mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg) if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

### 2 WAYS TO GIVE



### Cheques

#### 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  
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11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

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