

### ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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25/26 DECEMBER 2021

### COLLECT SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

1 Samuel 2:18-20.26

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52



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Bishop of Singapore and Dean Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar Revd Canon Lewis Lew

Clergy Revd Christopher Chan, Revd William Chee, Revd Moses Israeli, Revd Daniel Lim, Revd Joshua Rai Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee

Deaconesses Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan

Auxiliary Deaconess Ds June Tan



Christmas Eve/Day 24/25 December 2021

#### The Christ Candle

As the fifth and final candle at the centre of the Advent wreath is lit on Christmas Eve, we remember the most momentous event in history with the incarnation of Christ, as God became man.

Jesus Christ the Saviour is the light in a dark and dying world.

He is often depicted in the Bible wearing radiant,
intensely white robes, like snow or pure wool,
and shining with the brightest of light.

"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire."

(Daniel 7:9, ESV).

The Christ Candle is white, representing purity, light, regeneration and godliness. Those who receive Jesus Christ as Saviour are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow.

Follow us on Instagram / Facebook to receive your daily dose of Advent preparation!

### PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### **THE WORLD**

#### **Malaysia & Philippines**

Continuous heavy rain over several days has caused flooding in at least five Malaysian states, with Selangor being the worst hit. More than 20 people have died and tens of thousands of people were forced to evacuate their homes. In the Philippines at least 375 people were killed and hundreds injured in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai. The storm devastated several parts of central and southern Philippines. Hundreds of thousands had to flee their homes, as infrastructure, communication and electricity were cut off in many areas. Pray for the governments of Malaysia and Philippines as they mount swift relief efforts to aid their people through these crises. Pray for families who have lost loved ones, properties and livelihoods, that they will have the strength and fortitude to recover from their losses and to rebuild their lives.

#### **SINGAPORE**

#### **Government & Health Authorities**

Pray for our government and health authorities as they prepare for a surge of Omicron infections which could potentially be larger than that from the Delta variant; for agility to adapt quickly to changing circumstances, to implement or lift any public health measures and for good strategies that will balance safe management restrictions and economic recovery. Pray that measures taken by our government will build up COVID-19 immunity in our population, slow

the entry of Omicron into Singapore, delay its community transmission and ensure our capacity to care for those who are infected.

#### **DIOCESE**

#### **Thanksgiving**

Thank God for His grace upon our Diocese, through a season of challenges and changes. Thank God for Bishop Titus' leadership and for the new things God has done and continues to do through him. Pray for God's protection upon him, Connie and his family, for good health, renewed strength, envisioning and empowering as he seeks God and His direction for our Diocese in the new year.

#### **Deanery of Cambodia**

Pray for the Cambodian government as they continue to manage the COVID-19 situation and keep the people safe; for protection over teachers and children in the schools and centers of learning. Pray for suitable accommodation for the students of E2STEM (E2STEM is a school for the teaching of English, E-learning, Science, Technical, Engineering and Maths).

#### **CATHEDRAL**

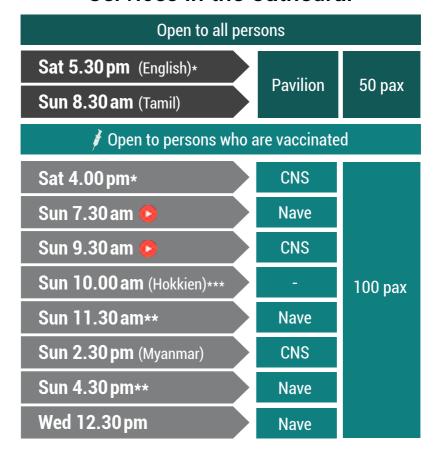
### **Thanksgiving**

Thank God for His watchful presence and protection over our Cathedral and for every blessing He has bestowed upon us in the year 2021. Pray that we will continue to steward well what God has entrusted to us and we will bear fruit in every good work for His glory.

New Year's Eve Service (31 Dec, 10.30 pm)
Pray for the Lord's presence to fill the

Cathedral at our New Year's Eve Service; for His anointing upon our Vicar Lewis as he brings us God's word; for hope and faith to fill our hearts as we continue to trust in God's sovereign hand to lead us into a new year.

### Services in the Cathedral





On-site Holy Communion services will be held at:

- Nave (1st and 3rd 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

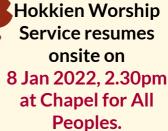


These services will be live-streamed at cathedral.org.sg/youtube

- No 4.00pm and 5.30pm services on Sat, 25 Dec 2021.
- \*\* No 11.30am and 4.30pm services on Sun, 26 Dec 2021
- \*\*\* No online Hokkien Worship Service. Service resumes onsite on 8 Jan 2022. See next page.



Please contact Ps Tony at 96655483



We welcome members to invite their hokkien speaking relatives and friends!





# SAVIOUR and LORD

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11)

### Wednesday 12.30pm Service at the Pavilion.

To register, visit this link cathedral.org.sg/ws

Jan 5Jesus Draws the SinnerFeb 9Jesus One with the FatherJan 12Jesus Redefines SinFeb 16Jesus and the Cup of ServanthoodJan 19Jesus Debates the LawyerFeb 23Jesus the AuthorityJan 26Jesus on Living in the Kingdom

A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

# fist Love

### VISION SERIES

Jan 1 & 2

A Season of Restoration

Revd Canon Lewis Lew Ezra 1:1-5

Jan 8 & 9

A Season of Reprioritising Worship

Revd Christopher Chan Ezra 2:68-3:7 Jan 15 & 16

A Season of Renewal

Revd Canon Lewis Lew Ezra 3: 8-13

## Good\*News



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 POINTING TO JESUS

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





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



We look forward to have you join us onsite or via live-streaming at cathedral.org.sg/youtube

### simple steps to host your pre-believing friends this Christmas!

### 1 Pray

to God to show you who to host thisChristmas and invite them. Max 5 guests:)





the guests about the online service programme<sup>A</sup> in advance and time to arrive.



### Follow

the instructions on screen and do not force your guests to make a decision if they are not ready.



### 9 GIVE

a simple thoughtful Christmas gift to your guests (to be  $\sqrt{}$ considered)



receive prayer. Scan the OR code<sup>B</sup> if your guest would like someone to pray with.

ZOOM

link will be shown on

screen for guests to



with simple messages and pray for the guests over the next week. Contact the church if you need resources.

### LOOK OUT

for your guests when the opportunity arises for them to respond at the end of the message

### Prepare

a simple meal or tea for your guests and have some follow up conversations after watching the online service.



for permission from your guests if you can pray for them before they leave



**Arrival of Guests** 

9.00 - 9.30 am Tune in to join in the Online Pre programme over coffee/tea

9.30 - 10.45 am Join Online service

10.45 am onwards Fellowship over a simple meal

<sup>B</sup> Have a mobile device ready with the Zoom App downloaded

The St Andrew's Cathedral Marriage Preparation Course ("MPC")

is a series of six sessions designed to help couples develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage.

The course format is relaxed and engaging with live and video lessons, couple-discussion time, sharing by married couples and small group discussion led by support-couples.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Course Dates: 10, 17, 24 Feb & 3, 10, 17 Mar

Thursdays, 7 - 9.30pm

Venue: Online via Zoom

Closing Date: 5 Feb 2022 or when fully booked. Registration: https://forms.gle/ccCx5uJ9pvYrQeFf6 For enquiries, please email to mpc@cathedral.org.sg

### Anglican Lay Training, St Peter's Hall



**Diocesan Theological Studies** 

Topic: Doctrine of God the Father

Lecturers: Revd William Chee and Team

Dates: 11, 18, 25 Jan, 8, 15, 22 Feb,

1, 8 Mar (Tuesdays) 2022

Time: 7.30-9.30 pm

Cost: \$20 Sessions are via Zoom

To register, email Ms Lucilla Teoh at lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com

To find out more, visit the website at https://www.anglican.org.sg/events/single/diocesan-theological-studies-2022

## MINISTRY

The NextGen Ministry brings together the Children Ministry, Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry with the aim of building up every child towards spiritual maturity as he/she grows from a toddler into adulthood.

### **2022 Children Ministry Programme (18 months – 14 years)**

Ministry	Level	Day	Time	Mode
Shalom Friends	6 to 16* years	Saturday	2.30pm	
CITYKids	Preschool		4.00pm	Online
FaithKids 1	Primary 1 to 6	Sunday	10.30am	2
FaithKids 2	Secondary 1 & 2		11.00am	

\* Shalom Friends reaches out to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for youths up to 16 years old.

Enroll your child into the Children Ministry 2022 programme by 31 Dec at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/SACMembership/CMRegForm">https://form.jotform.com/SACMembership/CMRegForm</a>

Register your interest to serve with the Children Ministry at <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/CMvolunteer">https://cathedral.org.sg/CMvolunteer</a>

### **2022 Youth Ministry Programme (15 – 30 years)**

Ministry	Day	Time	Venue	Mode
Youth Service	Sunday	1.30pm	Prayer Halls	Onsite
Monthly Youth Prayer & Praise	Last Saturday of the month	6.00pm		

The Youth Service will start from 2 Jan 2022. Tickets will be made available for booking at the SAC website.

### **2022 Young Adult Ministry Programme (21 – 35 years)**

The Young Adult ministry will meet once every quarter for programmes e.g. talks, forums, workshops etc. The goal is to foster deeper friendship and strengthen faith-life integration. Special events will also be organised to encourage young adults to serve the needy and reach the lost.

To find out more about the NextGen ministry, visit the website at <a href="mailto:cathedral.org.sg/nextgen">cathedral.org.sg/nextgen</a> or email <a href="mailto:nextgen@cathedral.org.sg">nextgen@cathedral.org.sg</a>

### DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF

### **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

ONLINE

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

#### **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 (SJSM), 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

**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.

### Sign up here.

More information can be found at JOURNEY OF PURPOSE

Open to members of St Andrew's Cathedral only.



### AGING GRACEFULLY & FINISHING WELL

A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP EM. DR. ROBERT SOLOMON



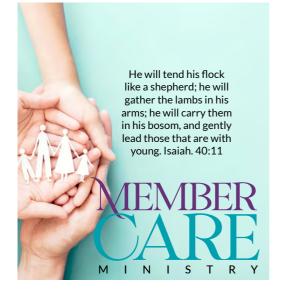
Aging is inevitable. Growing old is not and finishing well certainly is not. There is much that we can do to make our lives count for Christ as we enter our silver or golden years. After all, Abraham only left Ur for Haran and then for Canaan at the ages of 70 and 75 respectively. Moses led the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt at the age of 80. By all estimates, about 20% of the population in Singapore will be above the age of 60 by the year 2030. Furthermore, all of us, at any age, are in full-time Christian service, whether we know it or not. How then are we to age gracefully and finish well?

Do join us for this Zoom conversation with Bishop Emeritus Dr. Robert Solomon as we explore how, as senior disciples, we might be as fruitful in our latter days as in our former. Bishop Solomon was Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore from 2000 to 2012. He is still a much sought after speaker, has spoken and taught ministry in many countries and in many settings and is also a prolific writer having authored 49 books, with the 50th book due to be released in April 2022. These books include *The Race, Faithful to the End, We are Pilgrims, Finding Rest for the Soul, Growing Old Gracefully,* and *A Grand Calling* (on grandparenting)

This Zoom conversation will be held at <u>7pm on Thursday, 20 January 2022</u> and will be moderated by A/Prof. Joseph Thambiah

To register, please click on this link: https://bit.ly/SACHFJan22

You will be sent a link with instructions via email. You are encouraged to send any questions that you may have ahead of time to SACHFhealthtalk@gmail.com



### 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

Tel: 6337 6104



ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Christian Education is the Bible-based, Holy Spirit-empowered Teaching-Learning process, through which the church community is guided, at every stage of the member's life journey, to grow in the knowledge and love of God, and be discipled to obey His commandments and His ways.

The purpose is to present everyone mature in Christ (Col 1:28; Eph 4:13) so that God is glorified in every aspect of the Christian's life. It encompasses more than Bible Knowledge as it is a wholistic education of the individual that includes Christian living, Christian Spirituality and Leadership Growth & Development.

Visit <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/ce">https://cathedral.org.sg/ce</a>
or email <a href="mailto:sacce@cathedral.org.sg">sacce@cathedral.org.sg</a>
to find out more about our
Christian Education programme.



### **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 refreshedas we get into the Bible and discuss the weekly sermons.

### **UPPER ROOM Sat 10am**

(meeting resumes on 15 Jan 2022)

#### THE EARLY RISERS

**Sun 6.30 am** Pre-Service Prayer **8.35 am** Zoom Meeting (meeting resumes on 2 Jan 2022)

SOJOURNERS Sun 9.30am (meeting resumes on 2 Jan 2022)

### **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please go to <a href="https://www.anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment">https://www.anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment</a>



### 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 <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/update-membership">https://cathedral.org.sg/update-membership</a> or by scanning the QR code.

## 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.

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







Subscribe to SAC WhatsApp Broadcast:

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

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Visit cathedral.org.sg/subscribe





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.

#### The CHF, as of 1 December 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: \$2.63m

Balance to be raised:

# tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



### Cheques

### 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

#### FOR THE HERITAGE FUND

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