



ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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1/2 JANUARY 2022

2022 FOCUS
A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

RETURNING TO OUR
first Love

Sermon on 1/2 Jan

**All Things New I:
A Season of Restoration**
Ezra 1:1-5

Revd Canon Lewis Lew

Live-streamed Services at
7.30am and 9.30am via
cathedral.org.sg/youtube

COLLECT

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help us to live as the holy family, united in love and obedience, and bring us at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:15-21



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REVD CANON LEWIS LEW



A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

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New Year's Day is often a day of resetting hearts, making new commitments and renewing old ones. It's a day where one might also reassess the direction to go with regards to career or relationship. It's also a day where people look for a new start or a new beginning, especially if the previous year was a particularly disappointing one. What about you? What are your aspirations for the New Year?

For Cathedral – 2022 will be marked as a season of “returning to our first love.”

For some of us the very idea of throwing out an old calendar and starting on a new clean page is a poignant reminder that the new pages, like our lives can quickly become messy. Often the start of a New Year is a time of returning to our Lord

for a fresh start. Likewise, as we enter into the season of physical restoration, the Lord is also leading us into a season of spiritual restoration. Rather than just making a resolution to quit doing something or start doing something new, we will take the advantage of this spiritual impetus to face and deal with the deeper issues of our lives and return to our first love with Christ. This is the perfect season to rebuild our spiritual lives by going back to some fundamental Christian basics, including how we carry ourselves at work and at home. I call you to look forward to our sermon series this year – with the focus that is built on returning to our first love. Aided by the power of the Holy Spirit, our honest and whole-hearted desire to walk right with God will lead us to life and peace (2 Cor. 7:10).

As we look to the season of returning to our first love, we are still not out of the woods from the difficult season of the pandemic. We can draw many spiritual lessons from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah on overcoming this difficult season. The Jews faced opposition and great challenges to rebuild the temple and the walls of Jerusalem. We too will face challenges in this season of spiritual restoration. May God's words encourage us to push on, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (Jam. 1:2-4).

Operationally, we will also see some changes in 2022 - with our onsite services moving temporarily from the Nave to CNS, and from CNS to Pavilion. It will be a season of adjustment and rejoicing. Rejoice - because we are given the privilege to worship our Lord, and to be able to continue with our onsite service despite the ongoing pandemic. I call us to remember our fellow brother



and sisters in Christ in other parts of the world who are still unable to return to worship onsite since the start of the pandemic. My friends, "this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). I ask for your patience and kind understanding as we go through these changes together as a family.

**“If you really want to be like [Christ]
by seeing him when he comes,
you’ll pursue being like him now. You will.”
In other words, this New Year is a reminder to keep Jesus
ever in the forefront of our minds.**

– John Piper

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Many countries are facing COVID-19 surges arising from the Omicron variant and governments are speeding up the pace of vaccinations for the young as well as booster shots for the vaccinated. Pray for divine wisdom as governments, health authorities and scientists try to manage the COVID-19 situation. Pray for protection of healthcare and frontline workers, for adequate medical facilities and supplies to reach the people in need. Pray also for urgent global efforts to reduce global warming which has led to unprecedented natural disasters resulting in huge financial losses as well as the death and displacement of millions of people across the world.

SINGAPORE

Pray for our teachers and children as they begin a new academic year. Pray that teachers will be refreshed and ready for a new cohort of students; that students will find joy in learning and in making new friends; that the school will be a safe and conducive environment to build character in our young and to nurture their talents.

DIOCESE

Pray for our Bishop Titus Chung, Assistant Bishop Low Jee King, Archdeacon Daniel Wee, our Diocesan officers, Vicars, clergy, deaconesses and staff, that God will strengthen the unity among our 27 parishes and also the unity between parishes, our Anglican Community Services and Deaneries. Pray that we will move forward together to advance the gospel, make disciples and build God's church in 2022.

Province of South East Asia

Pray for the Archbishop and Bishops of the Province of South East Asia comprising the Dioceses of Sabah, Kuching, West Malaysia and Singapore; that they will receive from our Lord, a fresh anointing and empowering to lead our Province into a new year. Pray for continued collaboration among our Dioceses and for Spirit-led initiatives to advance and extend God's Kingdom.

CATHEDRAL

Pray for our Vicar Canon Lewis Lew and Revd Christopher Chan as they set the direction for the church through the Vision sermon series (A Deeper Life in Christ – Returning to our First Love) in the first three weekends of January. Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon our preachers, that the messages will resonate in our hearts, renew our minds and align our community life to the purpose of God.





Services in the Cathedral

Open to all persons

Sat 5.30 pm (English)	Pavilion	50 pax
Sun 8.30 am (Tamil)	Chapel for All Peoples	

 Open to persons who are vaccinated

Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien)*	Chapel for All Peoples	50 pax
Sat 4.00 pm	CNS	100 pax
Sun 7.30 am 	CNS	
Sun 9.30 am 	Pavilion	
Sun 11.30 am	CNS	
Sun 1.30 pm (Youth)	Prayer Halls	
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	CNS	
Sun 4.30 pm	CNS	
Wed 12.30 pm	Pavilion	

* This service will resume onsite on 8 Jan 2022

On-site Holy Communion services will be held at:

- Sun 7.30am, 11.30am 4.30pm (1st and 3rd Sunday)
- Sat 4.00pm, Sun 8.30am (Tamil), Sun 9.30am (2nd and 4th Sunday)
- Sat 2.30pm (Hokkien – 1st Sat)
- Sat 5.30pm (Last Sat)



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

In line with the latest government advisory, seniors aged 60 and above are to refrain from joining religious activities until further notice. We encourage our seniors to worship with us in our services via live-streaming for your safety and well-being.

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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

Follow us online for weekly reflection questions at:

<https://cathedral.org.sg/events/single/returning-to-our-first-love>

E P I P H A N Y

Jesus Christ

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 5	Jesus Draws the Sinner
Jan 12	Jesus Redefines Sin
Jan 19	Jesus Debates the Lawyer
Jan 26	Jesus on Living in the Kingdom

Feb 9	Jesus One with the Father
Feb 16	Jesus and the Cup of Servanthood
Feb 23	Jesus the Authority

**HOKKIEN
SERVICE**

**Hokkien Worship
Service resumes
onsite on
8 Jan 2022, 2.30pm
at Chapel for All
Peoples.**

**We welcome members
to invite their Hokkien
speaking relatives
and friends!**

Please contact Ps Tony at 96655483



MEMBER CARE

M I N I S T R Y

In a renewed church-wide effort to care for the Cathedral members, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Member Care ministry from 1 Jan 2022.

OUR VISION

Every person saved, secure and significant in Christ, living the abundant life, for the glory of God!

OUR MISSION

To journey with people toward wholeness, by offering the gift of our presence, a listening ear, a compassionate heart; to pray with, give encouragement and practical help for the way ahead, with reliance on God and the help of His Holy Spirit.

Our Care Teams are organised as follow:

- Care for the Elderly
- Care for the Young (the teens to 20s)
- Care for Married Couples and Families
- Care for Divorcees and Separated (Renewing Streams Ministry)
- Care for the Sick
- Care for the Bereaved
- Care for all Others (who do not fall into the above categories)

If you are facing challenges and would like the ministry to reach out to you, do contact us at membercare@cathedral.org.sg or call 6337 6104. To find out more about the ministry or volunteer with us, please visit

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



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

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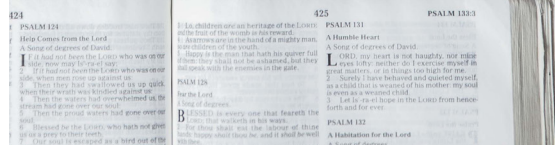
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2022

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 disciplined 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 <https://cathedral.org.sg/ce> or email sacce@cathedral.org.sg to find out more about our Christian Education programme.



ALPHA

 is a place for

- non-Christians who are exploring the Christian faith, and searching for the meaning of life.
- new Christians who had recently accepted Christ, and are seeking to build an understanding of the Christian faith.

9 Feb - 27 April 2022

(Wednesdays)

7.30pm - 9.30pm

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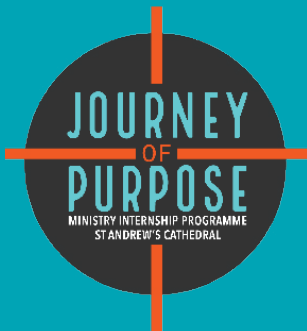


Alpha

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Do you want to be more mindful of
God's presence in your life this year?



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.

CONVERSATIONS IN HEALTH

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Healthcare Fellowship



20 JAN 2022, 7PM

AGING GRACEFULLY & FINISHING WELL

A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP EM. DR. ROBERT SOLOMON



Ageing 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 **7pm on Thursday, 20 January 2022** 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



Organised by Senior Members' Fellowship

Seeking to honour God without forgoing our cultural practice of Chinese New Year, what are the dos and don'ts? May we spring clean, wear red, and give out hong baos? Should we avoid any festive decorations, customs or food? This talk will help provide some guidance to these questions and more.

Chinese New Year Traditions and Christians

13 January 2022 | 10.30am to 12pm

Registration: email to davidng@cathedral.org.sg
or WhatsApp 98332786

OTHER UPCOMING SMF EVENTS:

- 27 Jan SMF Com: Ang Pow making
- 10 Feb SMF Talk: Spiritually and Mentally Positive in the Lord
- 24 Feb SMF Com: Arts and Crafts 1
- 10 Mar SMF Talk: Theological Legitimacy of TCM and TCM exercise
- 24 Mar SMF Com: Arts and Crafts 2

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 15 Jan 2022)

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

SOJOURNERS Sun 9.30am
To Join, click [HERE](#)



For children, youth and young adults

Find out about our Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult ministries:

 cathedral.org.sg/nextgen
 nextgen@cathedral.org.sg



Cell Group

Being part of a cell group allows us to grow in our Christian faith as we share our lives with each other. Join one at:

 cathedral.org.sg/cell-groups



N A V E

RESTORATION PROJECT

Visit the web page for updates or drop us an email to find out more:

 cathedral.org.sg/restoration
 nave_restoration@cathedral.org.sg



Member Contact Details

Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:

 cathedral.org.sg/membership
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DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
JAN - DEC 2022

[Registration details available here](#)

DIOCESE CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

Online

Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm

REGISTER AT
cathedral.org.sg/dcbs

CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

[Access here](#)

Morning Office

Mon - Fri, 7.30 am
via Livestream & Zoom
cathedral.org.sg/morning

Job Opportunities

For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please go to anglican.org.sg/page/recruitment

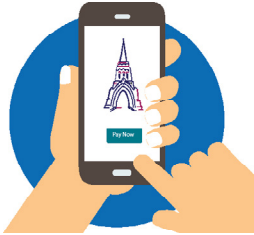
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GIVE

tithes and offerings



Online

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

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PayNow Name:
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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.

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

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