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COLLECT **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I FCTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40



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THE VICAR WRITES

REVD CANON LEWIS LEW

THE URGENCY OF TIME

Reflecting on the catastrophic damages brought about by the global COVID-19 pandemic* for the past two years, the war in Ukraine, the political situations in Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan, the tension between China and other nations, global economic crisis, crash of crypto currencies, global inflation, global shortages of food, and the severe impact of climate change, we need to once again

consider our Lord's teaching on the signs of the end of age more seriously (Matt 24: 3-14).

While there is no need for us to live in fear, we also do not want to be caught unprepared for our Lord's second coming. We have been taught not to speculate the time when Christ return, for we do not know the day and hour when Christ will return on His second coming (Matt 24:36), but that may have somehow resulted in us becoming complacent in our mindset towards our preparation for the end of time. Perhaps for some, the concern of the end of time is not on our mind. We may have presumed that it will somehow not happen in our lifetime. If that is how we view the end of time, we need to re-think and be better acquainted with the teaching of our Lord on this topic. We should also be better acquainted with subjects pertaining to the issues of concern, for example the impact of climate change and shortage of

food. It's our social and Christian responsibility as God has entrusted the care of the earth to His creation.

How can we prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming and the end of time? Jesus indicated two things that are important – "But the one who endures to the end will be saved" (Matt 24:13) and "this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then

the end will come" (Matt 24:14). The first refers to how we are to stand firm in our faith despite the challenging time. We need to be better acquainted with social issues as we continue our journey to become a disciple of a certain kind. The latter reminds us to remember and to focus our resources on our missions - to proclaim the gospel to the end of the world. Much has been said about evangelism and outreach. It is time for us to get our act together to proclaim the Good News, wherever the Lord may have placed us - marketplace, community, camps, hospitals, and so on. We need to realise that there is greater urgency today. As a church we need to be prepared and stand ready in such a time, for we have been called to be the beacon of light to show the world the way to Jesus Christ.

Are we attuned to the time and season we are in?

*As of 7am 25 Jul 2022, 6.38M deaths & 570M reported cases.

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

As Singapore celebrates her 57th birthday, we have much to thank God for. We acknowledge that His sovereign hand has helped us through the difficult years of nation building; He has brought us thus far and we have been miraculously sustained by His divine providence. We declare His goodness to us in steadily navigating us through the pandemic storm which continues to disrupt global economies and supply chains.

We thank God for our forefathers who had laboured hard and long to lay a strong foundation for the continued growth and prosperity of our nation. We thank God for His protection over this tiny red dot; for political leaders who have worked tirelessly and sacrificially for the welfare of our people; for an excellent civil service which ensures our nation is run efficiently, for a robust healthcare system and dedicated healthcare professionals which has kept Singapore open and safe during the pandemic. We also thank God for political stability and racial harmony which has enabled us to stand together during these trying times.

Pray that we will be ever mindful of God's grace towards us and will continue to look to Him for divine wisdom to overcome the many foreseen and unforeseen 'troubles' that may come our way.

We repent and ask God's forgiveness for the things we have done that have grieved His heart. Pray that we will fear God and walk in His truth. Pray that Singapore will remain an oak of righteousness and will not succumb to external or internal pressures that threaten to derail her from her divine calling.

Bless our government leaders and pray for them by name. Pray that God will grant them wisdom, depth of insight, foresight, courage and strength to govern this nation in His ways and for His glory.

Mdm Halimah Yacob President

Mr Lee Hsien Loong Prime Minister

Mr Lawrence Wong Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Finance

Mr Heng Swee Keat Deputy Prime Minister & Coordinating Minister for Economic Policies

Mr Teo Chee Hean Senior Minister & Coordinating Minister for National Security

Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam Senior Minister & Coordinating Minister for Social Policies

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Mr Chan Chun Sing Minister for Education

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2nd Minister for Health

Mr Ong Ye Kung Minister for Health

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Ms Indranee Rajah Minister, PMO 2nd Minister for Finance 2nd Minister for National Development

Dr Mohamad Maliki Minister, PMO 2nd Minister for Education 2nd Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr. Edwin Tong Minister for Culture, Community, & Youth 2nd Minister for Law

Dr Tan See Leng Minister for Manpower 2nd Minister for Trade & Industry

Services at the Cathedral

| In English | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sat 4.00 pm | CNS | | | |
| Sat 5.30pm | Pavilion | | | |
| Sun 7.30 am 😉 | CNS | | | |
| Sun 9.30 am 😉 | Pavilion | | | |
| Sun 11.30 am | CNS | | | |
| Sun 1.30 pm (Youth*) | Prayer Halls | | | |
| Sun 4.30 pm | CNS | | | |
| Wed 12.30 pm | Pavilion | | | |
| In other languages | | | | |
| Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien) | Chapel for All Peoples | | | |
| Sun 8.30 am (Tamil) | Chapel for All Peoples | | | |
| Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar) | CNS | | | |

- * There is no Youth service on the last Sunday of the month.
- Service will be live-streamed at cathedral.org.sg/youtube

Holy Communion services will be held as follows

| Weekly | Wed 12.30pm Sun 7.30am, 8.30am (Tamil), 11.30am, 2.30pm (Myanmar) | | | |
|----------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| 1st & 3rd Week | Sun 4.30pm | 1st Week | Sat 2.30pm (Hokkien) | |
| 2nd & 4th Week | Sat 4pm Sun 9.30am | Last Week | Sat 5.30pm | |

CEN MINISTRY

Children Ministry (Preschool - Sec 2)

Shalom Friends *

Sat - 2.30pm ➤ Prayer Halls

CITYKids

Sat - 4.00pm ▶ Prayer Halls

Faithkids 1

Sun - 10.30am ➤ Online

Faithkids 2

Sun - 11.15am ➤ Prayer Halls

* Shalom Friends reaches out to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for children and youths from 6 to 16 years old.

To find out more, visit <u>cathedral.org.sg/nextgen</u> or contact <u>nextgen@cathedral.org.sg</u>

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2022

Let us come together to seek the Lord for Singapore

Thursday 18 August, 7:45pm to 8:45pm St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary Message by Bishop Dr Gordon Wong "Peaceful Peacemakers"

Registration is not required.



2022 FOCUS A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

first Love

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

Jul 30 & 31

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: An Overview

Revd Christopher Chan

Aug 6 & 7

Blessed with Every Spiritual Blessing

Revd Moses Israeli

Aug 13 & 14

Sealed with the Holy Spirit

Revd Canon Lewis Lew

Aug 20 & 21

Hope, Glory, and Power

Revd Christopher Chan

Aug 27 & 28

Saved by Grace for Good Works

Revd Andrew Yap

Sep 3 & 4

The Church: Made One in Christ

Revd Canon Lewis Lew

Sep 10 & 11

The Mystery of the Gospel

Revealed

Ds Ti Lian Swan

Sep 17 & 18

Strengthened with Power through

the Spirit

Revd Joshua Raj

Sep 24 & 25

The Church: Unity in the Body of

Christ

Revd Christopher Chan

Follow our weekly reflection questions at: cathedral.org.sg/ss

Wednesday 12.30pm Holy Communion
Service at the Pavilion

Proufers from the Heart

Prayer is seeking God in our hearts.

How do God's people in the Old Testament seek
him in their hearts in the different circumstances
of their lives?

| JUN | 22 | Prayer of Abraham | AUG 3 | Prayer of Jonah |
|-----|----|-----------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | 29 | Prayer of Job | 10 | Prayer of Hezekiah |
| JUL | 6 | Prayer of Hannah | 17 | Prayer of Moses |
| | 13 | Prayer of Jacob | 24 | Prayer of Nehemiah |
| | 20 | Prayer of David | 31 | Prayer of Solomon |
| | 27 | Prayer of Zechariah and Elizabeth | SEPT 7 | Prayer of Daniel |

40.day 2022

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

aul's letter to the Philippians is the subject matter for this year's 40.Day prayer. Paul loves all his churches alike. But he expresses his love and longing for the Church in Philippi more than any other. It is his least troublesome, most generous, and most lovable church. In the midst of their own poverty and pain, they gave beyond their means in support of Paul and the poor and needy in Judea. Philippians is, in fact, a thank you letter. And much more besides.

Not all is well with the Philippi Church. Externally they are facing a low-grade persecution. Internally they are running a low-grade fever. There are bouts of envy and rivalry, discord and disunity, vainglory and selfish ambition, and more (1:15-17, 27; 2:1-4; 4:2). Their condition is not yet critical. But these and other symptoms are alarming.

In this letter, Paul diagnoses the causes of the Philippi Fever: They have shifted

from the centrality of Christ. They have lost their grip on the Gospel. And they have forgotten the Future that God has prepared for them through the Incarnation, Humiliation, and Exaltation of Christ.

Philippians is not only the diagnosis but also the cure for all that ails the Church in Philippi: Rejoice in the Lord in the midst of suffering. Stand firm as one in the face of opposition. Live as citizens of heaven in the city of Philippi. Work out your salvation in fear and trembling. And live every moment of today in the light of God's Perfect Tomorrow. In other words, to live is Christ.

What ails the Singapore Church?
Covid-19 has taken a toll. But only by exasperating faults that were already there. Philippians is both a timeless and a timely word for the post-pandemic Church in the city-state of Singapore.
A cure for all that ails us. If only we will listen, pray, and obey.

PRAYER GUIDE

2022 marks the 26th year of LoveSingapore's 40.Day prayer. To Live is Christ is our theme and we will embark on this journey through the Book of Philippians.

The prayer guide will be published on the 40.Day 2022 website to be launched on 23 June. The prayer entries will be posted one day at a time starting from 1 July. Stay tuned!

WORK:

A Challenge to Living your Faith?

Many people work for a living. Work is their life, and when life goes through its difficulties it is likely because of work. Work can affect their families, and their health and even be a major arena for the battle of their souls. "We spend many of our waking hours at work. We are besieged daily by hundreds of work-related thoughts and decisions that lead to good or evil." (Steven and Ung)

Is your work making it difficult for you to live your faith?

SATURDAY LIFE

Quarterly gathering for the Cathedral's young adults and their friends where we talk about LIFE and share LIFE together.

Registration: https://forms.gle/DVTEVjeNGPMtuvHC9

20 August 7.30pm - 9.45pm Dinner will be served from 6.30pm

Speaker: Jeremy Gwee

Finance.

Jeremy Gwee was a career banker for thirty-eight years. In his semi-retirement, over the past four years,

he consulted, coached, and mentored business executives, business owners, and start-up founders, He is also an adjunct lecturer with several universities teaching banking, finance, sustainability, ethics, and governance and an adjunct coach with the Institute of Banking and

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

APTISM COURSE

FOR ADULTS

Sun 4 Sep - Sun 25 Sep (4 lessons) 2pm - 4.30pm

FOR YOUTHS (aged 14 and above)

Sat 3 Sep - Sat 24 Sep (4 lessons)

1pm - 3.30pm

FOR YOUTHS & ADULTS
BAPTISM SERVICE
Sat 1 Oct, 4pm Service

FOR ADULTS

Sun 9 Oct - Sun 30 Oct

(4 lessons)

2pm - 4.30pm

FOR YOUTHS (aged 14 and above)

Sat 8 Oct - Sat 29 Oct

(4 lessons) **1pm - 3.30pm**

FOR YOUTHS & ADULTS

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Sat 5 Nov, 1-4pm

CONFIRMATION SERVICE Sun 13 Nov, 4.30pm Service

All lessons, Baptism Service, Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation Service will be conducted onsite.

For more details, please visit https://cathedral.org.sg/baptism or register at https://form.jotform.com/221651158701450

Registration closing date: 31 Aug 2022

For any enquiry, please email sacce@cathedral.org.sg with your contact details

Are you in need of a break from the hustle and bustle of life?

Join the retreat to learn how to hear from God ourselves in silence and solitude!

Prayer Retreat

9-11 Sep 2022 (Fri-Sun)

via Zoom



Retreat Fee: \$20

Spiritual Directors:

Ps Simon and Rinda Tan

Register Early. Limited to 20 participants only
Find out more and/or register at https://cathedral.org.sg/cpr



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:

Thursdays, 7pm to 9.30pm

Sep 29 (onsite@SAC)

Oct 6, 13, 20 & 27 (via Zoom@mentors' homes)

Nov 3 (onsite@SAC)

Closing Date: 26 Sep or when fully booked

Registration: https://forms.gle/DdeFMuNGP88Bj7mj8

For enquiries, please email to mpc@cathedral.org.sg



Care for the Elderly

Even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save. Isaiah 46:4

The care team for the elderly aims to support and befriend the seniors in our midst through:

- Visits to homes and nursing homes
- Phone calls and chats
- Tech help
- Music therapy
- Dog therapy



If we can be of help to you or someone you know, fill out the form at https://bit.ly/sac-care

To register for the course or find out more, go to https://cathedral.org.sg/eldercare

For all other enquiries, reach us at membercare@cathedral.org.sg

Recruiting Cathedral K9s

(Therapy Dogs)

If you have a dog whose sweet nature can be shared with others, please join us to be a blessing to them. Temperament tests will be conducted to assess the suitability of your dog.

Spiritual Care for the Ageing

This course is for caregivers and those ministering to the elderly to gain an understanding of the ageing journey and an insight into the possibilities of hope and meaning for the elderly.

Date: 8 Saturdays,

17 Sep to 12 Nov 2022 Time: **9:30 am - 12 pm**

Venue: SAC,

Chapel for all Peoples

Course fees: \$50

(to cover cost of materials)

Registration deadline: 28 Aug 2022



AUGUST 2022

Update on Nave Restoration Works

e praise and thank God for His wonderful provisions. We have recently seen a promising increase of workers on the site which has in turn, brought about an increase in work activities at both the internal and external of the main building. Arrangements are underway for more workers to come on board, which should help us better the percentage of the catch-up programme work. While the contractor is behind schedule, the contractor is making effort to catch-up with the Master Schedule.

Works on the external scaffolding are nearing completion. It has reached the South side of the building and will be making its way to the East Side of the building within 2 weeks.

The removal of paint at the East Side external walls have commenced and the removal of hollow plaster will take place this coming week. Special care was taken to remove the different layers of paint from the emblems at the North Side Balconies of the building. This will help us to ascertain the original colour of wall of bricks the emblems as well as to preserve its artwork.

The sub-contractor that was invited to quote for the erection of the scaffold of the Bell Tower has withdrawn its bid. The contractor will continue to invite others to quote for the works, and we hope and pray that the contractor will be able to keep to the August schedule for the erection of the scaffold at the Bell Tower to start.

Inside the Nave, removal of the areas of hollow plaster at the South and West side are nearing completion. Works on the North Side will commence this coming week. Rising damp treatment, biocide as well as salt treatment will take place at the North Side once the plasters are removed. Paint removal is in progress at areas that do not need plaster removal.

Please continue to pray for God's favour over the restoration – for skilled workers to be available, a safe and peaceful environment for the work to continue, minimal disruptions and distractions from internal and external sources, and wisdom and practical abilities for the project teams to give of their best to this work. "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain" applies very much to the restoration of the Cathedral Nave.



Biocide treatment on exposed wall of bricks



Paint removal external

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For children, youth and young adults

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



cathedral.org.sg/nextgen



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



NAVE RESTORATION PROJECT

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



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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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The following pastoral positions are open for application:

- Children Ministry Pastoral Staff/Worker
- Worship Ministry Pastoral Staff
- Youth Ministry Pastoral Staff/Pastor

Find out more at



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Members who wish to park at the SAC car park with member rates must submit their application at: https://cathedral.org.sg/carpark For enquiries, please email carpark@cathedral.org.sg



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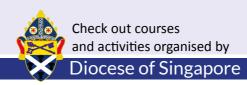








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GIVE tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



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

If you would like a receipt, please also write your name and mailing address.

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

FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

Tithes & Offerings: Your tithes and offerings will be used to support the ministries of the Church as well as the wider body of Christ in the world. Your givings enable the Church to carry out our mission according to the Church's budget plan, as well as to respond to the needs around us.

Designated Givings: As Cathedral is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those governing charities, the Church can accept designated givings only for such mission partners and/or causes as the Church may determine at its discretion from time to time. Givings to other mission partners or causes will be treated as general offerings to support the ministries of the Church. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.

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Write "Heritage Fund" on the reverse side and include your name and mailing address.

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-019550-8

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