

# ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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## **26/27 NOVEMBER 2022**

# 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.

#### SAINT ANDREW'S DAY

Almighty God, who didst give such grace unto thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him without delay: Grant unto us all, that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44



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#### 27 NOV 2022 (FIRST SUNDAY)

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.

OUR SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD; HE IS OUR HELP AND OUR SHIELD.

Psalm 33:20, ESV



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

# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD

Pray for Ukrainians living in cities where power facilities have been destroyed during the war, that God will protect and preserve them from the bitter cold of winter. Pray for the people of West Java, Indonesia who suffered the devastating effects of a deadly earthquake on 22 Nov. Pray for healing from emotional trauma and from physical injuries. Pray for those who lost loved ones to receive comfort and for survivors to have the strength and the resources to rebuild their lives, their homes and their livelihoods in the aftermath of the devastation.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Pray for our government as they continue to deal with challenges to our economic growth and recovery amid many global uncertainties. Pray for continued wisdom and vigilance to keep Singapore safe from internal and external threats; for effective measures to deal with family violence and for the protection of foreign domestic workers from abuse and mistreatment. Pray also for divine guidance in our international relations and for goodwill to be established with global partners.

#### DIOCESE

#### **Deanery of Cambodia**

Pray for divine protection over members of the medical mission teams led by St Hilda's Church and One2One to Svay Prahoot from 24-29 Nov. Pray that patients they see will not only be physically healed but will also receive spiritual healing. Pray for the outreaches in Takeo, Kg Speu, Svay Rieng, Pursat and Battambang from late Nov to mid-Dec, that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of the hearers, anoint the speakers, and strengthen the teams. Pray that the gospel will be boldly preached at Christmas evangelistic programs in Phnom Penh and for a fruitful harvest. Pray for complete healing for Ps Sunly's son, John Mab, who is recovering from colorectal surgery.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

### Adopt a Block at Christmas (3 Dec)

Pray for good organisation and fine weather on 3 Dec and for the Lord to lead the teams as they bless the residents of Bukit Merah with Christmas gift packs. Pray for open doors and for bridges of friendship to be built with the residents. Pray that the residents will come to know the love of Christ through His people.

### **Christmas is Love Party (10 Dec)**

Pray that our guests will sense the Lord's presence as they step into the Cathedral grounds; that they will have a beautiful and memorable experience in their time with us.

Pray for all who will be welcoming our guests, singing, sharing and performing at this event, that God will anoint them and use them as channels of His love and blessing. Pray for good weather and for every part of the programme to flow smoothly.

# 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		

<sup>\*</sup> 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



26 & 27 Nov

Awake from Slumber Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew 10 & 11 Dec

Await with Patience Revd Joshua Raj

3 & 4 Dec

Abound in Hope Revd Daniel Lim 17 & 18 Dec

The Sign of Immanuel
Revd Christopher Chan

A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

Follow reflection questions at cathedral.org.sg/ss

Wednesday 12.30pm Holy Communion Service Sermon Series from Sept 14 to Advent 2022

# BE THOU MY VISION

What is our vision of God that inspires, encourages, motivates, challenges, guides and draws us to God and his mission?

This will be our focus in the new sermon series.



18 DEC, 7.30PM

**LESSONS & CAROLS** 

(with live choir singing)

24 DEC, 10.30PM LIVESTREAM



# **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

A Man After God's Heart

**Bishop Titus Chung** 

25 DEC, 8AM LIVESTREAM



# CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Falling in Love with Jesus

Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman

31 DEC, 10.30PM LIVESTREAM



# **NEW YEAR'S EVE COVENANT SERVICE**

Called To Be Light

Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew

Doors open 45mins before the start of the service.

# GEN MINISTRY

# Children Ministry (Preschool - Sec 2)

Shalom Friends \*

Sat - 2.30pm ► Prayer Halls

**CITYKids** 

Sat - 4.00pm ▶ Prayer Halls

Faithkids 1

Sun - 9.30am ► The Adelphi

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>

# NEXTGEN YOUTH CAMP

Inviting all youths! (12 - 25 yrs)

Special speaker: Pastor Nelson Lee

from Chapel of the Holy Spirit



### SAVE THE DATES!

Mon - Wed, 12-14 Dec 2022

at Praisehaven Retreat Centre, Salvation Army (next to Hillview MRT)

Registration fee: \$70

REGISTER HERE!



# A 40-WEEK PERSONAL AND INTENTIONAL JOURNEY OF INTIMACY WITH JESUS,

starting 28 February 2023.

There are 3 modules, with a different emphasis in each module.

# Module 1 - LOVED (Identity in Christ)

Includes topics like identity, self-discovery, relationships and foundational Christian disciplines

# Module 2 - SHAPED (Transformation in Christ)

Includes topics like worship, prayer, community life, spiritual leadership and stewardship.

# Module 3 - CALLED (Calling by God)

Includes topics like evangelism, missions, media and the arts, understanding worldviews, and integrating faith and work.

A typical week is holistically curated, with personal and community devotions, sermon reflections, lectures, practicum, worshipping and serving at church services, community service, and Sabbath rest. Some evenings will be spent in prayer, studying the Word of God, and cell groups.

**Q&A session 7 January 2023, 10.30am - 12noon**.
Sign up here.

More information can be found at <u>JOURNEY OF PURPOSE</u>
Open to members of St Andrew's Cathedral only.



#### **OUR VISION**

Every person salved, 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 follows:

- 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

# Care for the Sick

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken. Psalm 62:6

We seek to bring Christ's love and compassion for the sick and their caregivers beyond the church grounds, into homes and hospitals.

Are you afflicted in mind or body? Feeling anxious about your medical condition? Or caring for a loved one who is unwell?

## We are here to:

- Visit you and pray with you.
- Provide a safe place for you to be heard in confidence.
- Offer comfort and support with our presence.
- Encourage faith and hope in our LORD Jesus.

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



### OCTOBER 2022

Thank you for your prayers. We do need them. Please continue to pray for the Restoration Works on a regular basis.

We Praise and Thank God for the progress we have made thus far. We are now almost halfway through the restoration works and are expecting some works to pick up now that the external scaffold around the bell tower has been completed. A separate team of workers will be assigned to carry out the repair works around the outside of the tower. Please pray for good weather and for the workers' safety as they work at heights.

An initial inspection was done together with our consultants of the bell tower recently. There will be quite a bit of repairs that needs to be carried out at the tower. Some areas are within small spaces and in between gaps that will make the repairs difficult. Our focus will be on ensuring that the repairs carried out will help to minimise maintenance works that will be required at the tower in the distant future. Please pray for wisdom and knowledge for the technical team as they seek to find solutions to various issues, to restore or replace damaged motifs, eg. fleur de lis finial and others, at the various spires around the building.

Plastering works to the North side of the building has commenced, with some areas completed. Bricks surface preparations at the South side are in progress and it should be followed shortly by the plastering works. Final skim coat to the East side should also commence soon.

Trenching works inside the nave is nearing completion. It will be followed by the placements of precast slabs. Once completed, we will be able to commence the electrical cabling works, air-con piping works and AV cabling works.

Please continue to pray for the Main Contractor, Shanghai Chong Kee and all its staff and workers as well as our consultants as they continue to work on completing the restoration works well. Pray for our Good Lord to be alongside them, guiding them





**Above**: Bell Tower Scaffolding Completed

**Above right**: Trenching works

**Right**: The St Andrew's Cross at the top of the steeple



as they face different challenges along the way and showing them how He wants it done. While we are working closely with the Contractor's senior management to minimise the completion delay, it is currently difficult to estimate the expected completion date, and we may have to continue holding our worship services, weddings and other events in the CNS, Pavilion and other alternative venues for at least part of 2023.

We continue to pray for Your favour Lord, over the restoration – for skilled workers to be available, for a safe and peaceful environment for the work to continue with 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. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen.

# STAY CONNECTED

with the Cathedral



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



# RESTORATION PROJECT

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



**m** cathedral.org.sg/restoration





#### **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

Find out more at cathedral.org.sg/iobs



# **CAR PARK**

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



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CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

# Bishop Titus' Synod Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season! Download a copy from the diocesan website at anglican.org.sg



For job opportunities in the Anglican Diocese, please visit anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/

CONTACT THE DIOCESE AT



# GIVE tithes and offerings



# 2 WAYS TO GIVE



# Cheques

## **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

Receipts will not be issued for online givings.

# Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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 <a href="mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg">finance@cathedral.org.sg</a> for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.

#### 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 Number: DBS Autosave 033-019550-8

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