



# ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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3/4 DECEMBER 2022

## COLLECT

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

2022 FOCUS  
A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

RETURNING TO OUR  
**first Love**

**Advent Sermon Series**

Sermon on 3/4 December

**Abound in Hope**  
*Romans 15:4-13*  
*Rev'd Daniel Lim*

Live-streamed services at  
7.30am and 9.30am via  
[cathedral.org.sg/youtube](http://cathedral.org.sg/youtube)



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**Auxiliary Deaconess** Ds June Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan

## 4 DEC 2022 (SECOND 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.

AND LET THE PEACE OF CHRIST RULE IN YOUR HEARTS,  
TO WHICH INDEED YOU WERE CALLED IN ONE BODY.  
AND BE THANKFUL."

Colossians 3:15, ESV



On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle (which represents Peace) is lit.



# THE VICAR WRITES

REVD CANON DR LEWIS LEW

## Are you ready for Advent?

Advent is a season we celebrate the birth of Christ and remember His second coming. Often our attention is on the former and we usually ignore the latter. Our natural inclination is to celebrate and not wanting to focus on the end of times. Jesus said, "Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!" (Revelation 16:15).

Unfortunately, when it comes to living biblically, we are so lured by the lies of Satan and as a result we compromise the way we prepare for our Lord's second coming. We often feel no urgency to live right with God and we instead choose to fulfill the desire of our flesh. "Live for the now" we tell ourselves, and we rationalise, "It's okay, when the day gets nearer, I will get my life right with God." If that is what we are thinking, we are on dangerous ground. Have we become complacent with our spiritual life? Are we going through the motion of church but have no real relationship with God and urgency for the things of God?

Today, there is a greater urgency of time. As we consider what is happening in our world today—we need to be concerned—because the signs for the end of times have become even clearer—the rise of false prophets and false teachings, love of believers growing cold, biblical moral values becoming less accepted, wars and political conflicts, earthquakes, natural disasters, and people abandoning their Christian faith,

and let's not forget famines and food crisis that cause 1 person to die of hunger every 4 seconds or nearly 22,000 each day. The second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is perhaps drawing nearer than when we first believed. The night is gone, and the day is at hand, we need to be awake from our spiritual slumber. We need to overcome our spiritual lethargy with a new sense of urgency for the things of God.

Church, I call us to focus on four basic spiritual disciplines, to be spiritually alert. 1) Prioritise the reading and studying of God's word, 2) prioritise personal and corporate prayer, 3) prioritise cell group as part of our community life and growth, and 4) prioritise personal evangelism. It is in keeping these basic spiritual disciplines that we do not fall into spiritual lethargy.

If you are at a crossroad and wanting to discern your purpose in life, I'd like you to consider our in-house ministry internship programme—Journey of Purpose (JOP). JOP is a 40-week full-time internship programme that takes you deeper in your relationship with God, and to discover His calling in your life. For more information on JOP visit our Cathedral website <https://cathedral.org.sg/events/single/journey-of-purpose> and join us for the Q&A session on 7 Jan 2023.



## A Blessed Advent!

# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## THE WORLD

Pray for the protection of women in the occupied territories of Ukraine against rape and sexual violence; for the perpetrators of such sexual crimes to be brought to justice and for the victims to heal from the trauma of their ordeal. Pray for the government of China to have wisdom as they seek to address the people's unhappiness over strict lockdowns and mass testing regimes to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

## SINGAPORE

Pray that the debate over S377A of the Penal Code will not divide our nation and that all concerns raised will be addressed to effectively safeguard the traditional view of marriage. Pray for strong families in Singapore where children can be raised in a safe and healthy environment, taught good values and be given every opportunity to realise their full potential.

## DIOCESE

### Westside Anglican Church

Pray for good response to the church's bilingual Christmas Evangelistic Service; for

the Lord to anoint the preaching of His word and for a fruitful harvest of souls. Pray that the church's chaplaincy ministry to students in Saint Andrew's Mission School will be an effective channel for raising up future generations of godly men and women.

### All Saints' Church

Pray for good and regular attendance at services and for the English and Mandarin combined Christmas outreach on 23 & 24 December to bear much fruit. Pray for the active engagement of church members in the Bedok South Elder Care ministry.

## CATHEDRAL

### Christmas is Love Party (10 Dec)

Pray for fine weather, excellent teamwork among our volunteers and good health for all guests who will be attending our "Christmas is Love" party. Pray for God's presence to be so tangible and for our guests to be touched by the witness of His people and the message of His love.

### NextGen Youth Camp (12-14 Dec)

Pray for the campers (aged 12-25 years) to be spiritually renewed and to build strong community bonds during the 3-day camp; for the speaker Ps Nelson Lee to minister God's word in the power of the Holy Spirit and for the campers to grow deep in their walk with God and in their commitment to Him.



# 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](https://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



2022 FOCUS  
RETURNING TO OUR  
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**Advent Sermon Series**

**26 & 27 Nov**

**Awake from Slumber**

Rev'd Canon Dr Lewis Lew

**10 & 11 Dec**

**Await with Patience**

Rev'd Joshua Raj

**3 & 4 Dec**

**Abound in Hope**

Rev'd Daniel Lim

**17 & 18 Dec**

**The Sign of Immanuel**

Rev'd Christopher Chan

A D E E P E R L I F E I N C H R I S T

Follow reflection questions at [cathedral.org.sg/ss](https://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.



# Christmas

## I S L O V E

Combined Year-End Services @ St Andrew's Cathedral

18 DEC, 7.30PM

### LESSONS & CAROLS

*(with live choir singing @ CNS)*

24 DEC, 10.30PM  LIVESTREAM

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE\*

*A Man After God's Heart*

*Bishop Dr 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*

1 JAN, 8AM  LIVESTREAM

### NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE\*

*An Overview of Romans*

*Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew*

*\*Service will be conducted across all worship venues (CNS, Pavilion & Prayer Halls). Doors open 45mins before the start of the service.*

# Next 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 [cathedral.org.sg/nextgen](https://cathedral.org.sg/nextgen)  
or contact [nextgen@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:nextgen@cathedral.org.sg)

## 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**

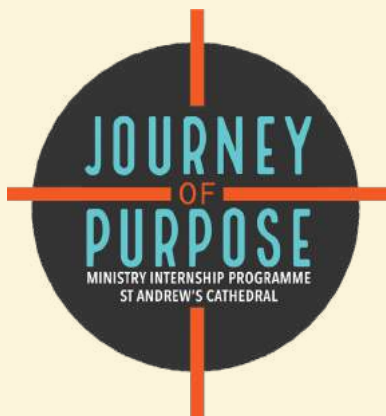
at Praisehaven Retreat Centre,  
Salvation Army (next to Hillview MRT)

Registration fee: \$70

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# 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 [JOURNEY OF PURPOSE](#)  
Open to members of St Andrew's Cathedral only.



# JOURNEY OF PURPOSE

## Mission Trip to Cambodia

by Brina Chua



The team with their families at the airport

**T**he team on this mission trip to PKH Cambodia from the 1st - 10th of November 2022 consists of Joyce (Team Leader), Pat, Cheryl, Brina, Lilian, Doris, Andy, Veron and Megan.

Our preparation for the trip started months in advance and even before we stepped foot onto Cambodian soil, we had already begun seeing things come together.

We started with spending time with the children in PKH English School. We had icebreakers, games and songs and it was amazing seeing them sing so enthusiastically to such foreign songs they were learning for the first time.

Following this, was ministry to the PKH Chbarmon students where different workshops were held for the students. They had the option of learning the ukulele, christmas songs or dancing with a flag.

Within 2 hours, the students took to it like they had been learning all their lives and they could even put on a performance during the campfire night we had.

Many ex-students had returned to take part and hearing their stories and seeing their hearts of gratitude for how PKH has impacted them and their families is a true testament to the work that has been done and continues to be carried out.

Sadly, not our whole team was present for the rest of the trip. Cheryl and Andy had to fly home as Andy had been bitten by an insect causing his foot to swell. It did not seem to be getting better and doctor friends in Singapore suggested flying back home and heading straight to the A&E. During this time we saw the church coming together with people praying and asking after us. One staff member even dropped all her appointments that day to pick them up and send them to the A&E. As a team, we really felt the support and love from the community around us, another thing we add to our list of thanksgiving.

At PKH Aoral, we again had games and songs for the youths there. It was great being able to let them experience a time of fun and bonding with their friends. According to the staff, they had never played such games before and we could really see the joy on their faces.

In PKH Trang, we had games with the

**Left:** Cheryl encouraging the children during games at PKH English School.

**Middle:** Ukulele workshop at Chbarmon. **Right:** Doris teaching flag dance at Chbarmon.





**Top left:** Wet games with PKH students and ex-students at Chbarmon. **Top right:** Brina presenting a gift to a child at Trang. **Above left:** Ladder run at Aoral. **Above right:** "Life without Jesus is like a donut" skit at PKH English School.

children and gifted them gift packs consisting of a custom t-shirt and Crocs. We heard that they had been anticipating these gifts for months on end and it was good to finally be able to put it into their hands.

The next day, it was a morning of house visits to the villagers. Many things didn't go as planned and we spent much of the morning in confusion and uncertainty. But even through this situation, we had the opportunity to talk to 2 mothers/families who had lost their young boys in two separate accidents.

That evening, we had a fellowship dinner with the PKH Trang staff and spending time with the local staff there was also a blessing, hearing from them and learning about their own stories and journeys were precious moments. On our last day, Souvuth (PKH Staff) and his wife invited us to have breakfast at their place and they made us a sumptuous meal, greatly blessing us.

All in all, we felt it was a very successful mission trip. Although there were plans that had to be changed and situations where we had to adapt, there were many things we took away as a team and as individuals and we were greatly blessed to have had this opportunity.

Children showing off their new shirts and Crocs shoes at Trang.



Click on the link <https://cathedral.org.sg/jopm> for the full Mission Report with photos and video clips.





# Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies

*Thursday  
Evenings on  
Zoom!*

## Term 1 2023

### Old Testament

#### **1A Overview of the Old Testament** (Free of Charge)

**Instructor:** Ms. Vivien Chen

**1 lesson:** 5 Jan 2023 7.30pm - 9pm

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod1A>



#### **2A The Pentateuch (1)** **Genesis & Exodus**

**Instructors:** Ms. Vivien Chen,  
Mr. Kwan Fook Seng,  
Mr. James Tan Tor Yeow

**10 lessons:** 12 Jan - 16 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod2A>



### New Testament

#### **1B Overview of the New Testament** (Free of Charge)

**Instructor:** Mr. Keith Leong

**1 lesson:** 5 Jan 2023 7.30pm - 9pm

<https://tinyurl.com/DCBSMod1B>



#### **8A The Gospels (1)** **Mark and Luke**

**Instructors:** Revd. Aaron Cheng,  
Mr. Alfred Chan

**10 lessons:** 12 Jan - 16 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm

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# MEMBER CARE

MINISTRY

## 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 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](mailto: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](https://bit.ly/sac-care)



We continue to seek your prayers for the restoration works, and we thank you for them.

There has been a delay in the overall progress in November due to a shortage of materials, which was partly due to the recent publicity in the media regarding the main contractor. We are working closely with the main contractor, for the main contractor to procure the required materials soonest possible. The workers affected by the shortage of materials have in the interim been diverted to work on the bell tower. We are hoping to complete the works at the bell tower by end January. After which, the scaffold will be removed progressively. Please continue to pray for the safety of all workers especially for those working at heights, and for good weather, so as external works can continue smoothly.

Despite the delay, we continue to Praise and Thank God for the progress we have made thus far in the other areas. The internal scaffold for the back half of the Nave has been erected. The checking for hollow sections and the removal of such are in progress at the upper clerestories. Inspection of the roof's truss and the timber itself are also in progress. The initial joint inspection with the main contractor's engineer finds the roof in good condition. A further and more detailed inspection will be carried out in the coming weeks.

After a delay of about a month, a new sub-contractor for the trench reinforced concrete works has been appointed. The pre-cast slabs that we were hoping to procure are no longer available and the sub-contractor will be casting the slabs on-site. We hope to have the trenches completed by end December so as the air conditioning piping, electrical, AV and data cabling works can proceed.

Plastering works to the north side of the building are in progress. Bricks surface preparations at the south side



**Left:** Brick surface inspection



**Right:** Brick surface preparation completed

are still ongoing. We hope to have the final skim coat done to some of the walls at the east, north and south sides soon.

Please continue to pray for the main contractor, Shanghai Chong Kee and all its staff and workers, as well as our consultants and the Cathedral staff involved in the restoration works, as we continue to work on completing the restoration works well. Pray for our Good Lord to be alongside us, guiding us as we face different challenges along the way and showing us how He wants it done.

At our recent site meeting, the main contractor revised the estimated completion date to May 2023. There may be further delays if there are other challenges along the way.

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.

Inspection of nave's roof truss and timber





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with the Cathedral



**Next GEN**  
MINISTRY

For children, youth and young adults

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 [nextgen@cathedral.org.sg](mailto: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:

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**NAVE**  
RESTORATION PROJECT

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The following pastoral positions are open for application:

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

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## CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022

## Bishop Titus' Synod Address

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# GIVE

## tithes and offerings



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11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

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## 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](mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg) for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.

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