

### 25/26 NOVEMBER 2023

# SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Almighty God, who spoke to the prophets that they might make your will and purpose known: inspire the guardians of your truth, that through the faithful witness of the few the children of earth may be made one with the saints in glory; by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone redeemed mankind and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

**Ephesians 1:15-23** 

Matthew 25:31-46

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#### THE WORLD

Pray for world leaders to continue to work together for the betterment of humankind, for good resolutions to the wars in Gaza, Ukraine and Myanmar, the safety of humanitarian aid workers, journalists and civilians. Pray also for peaceful negotiations to resolve the territorial disputes over the South China Sea and the cessation of military exercises in the region. Pray for justice, righteousness and mercy to reign in places of oppression and for spiritual revival in the midst of persecution.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Pray for our government, public and private agencies as they collaborate to find new and sustainable ways to increase food production in land scarce Singapore. Pray for IT professionals to have wisdom in designing resilient systems and operating processes to defend our public healthcare institutions against cyber attacks. Pray for our government agencies and the public to be vigilant and ready at all times, to keep Singapore safe from any internal or external threats.

#### **DIOCESE**

#### **Deanery of Cambodia**

Pray for the new church plant in Sensok District; for courage, wisdom and favour for Revd Will McLaughlin, the priest leading this church plant; for the fledging community there to grow spiritually strong and increase in number; for a Khmer and a Chinese service to be added at the right time. Pray also for the dormitory ministry

in the city; for the dorm leaders, Pastors Pov Morn, Chan Tep, and Nehemiah Miy and sister Pean Tann to grow as servant leaders; for the dormitory residents to know Christ, to grow in the Word and in Christian character and for church staff and leaders of the future to rise up from among the residents.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

## Distribution of Christmas gift packs (2 Dec 2023)

Pray for God's favour and blessings on our outreach to the residents of Bukit Merah on 2 Dec; for good organisation, fine weather and smooth distribution of the Christmas gift packs; for open doors and receptive hearts to our volunteers. Pray for Christ's love to shine through our volunteers and for opportunities to be His witnesses.

#### Nepal (West)

Pray for Nepali Christians to persevere in faith in the face of persecution; for protection of families, children and youth against economic exploitation, human trafficking and drug abuses. Pray that the Nepali people will have gainful employment, access to medical and healthcare support. Pray also for members to come forward to support the local churches in West Nepal through our prayers, giving and going on mission trips.

## SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

In English					
TIME	HOLY COMMUNION		VENUE		
Sat 4.00 pm	2nd and 4th week		CNS		
Sat 5.30pm	Last week		Prayer Halls		
Sun 7.30 am <b>▶</b>	Weekly		CNS		
Sun 9.30 am <b>▶</b>	2nd and 4th week		Pavilion		
Sun 11.30 am	Weekly		CNS		
Sun 2.00 pm (Youth*)			Prayer Halls		
Sun 4.30 pm	Weekly**		CNS		
Wed 12.30pm	Weekly		Pavilion		
In other languages					
Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien)	1st week		Chapel for All Peoples		
Sun 2.30pm (Myanmar)	Weekly		CNS		

- \* There is no Youth service on the 4th Sunday of the month.
- \*\* The Evensong Service will be in session on the fifth Sunday and there will be no administration of Holy Communion.
- Service will be live-streamed at cathedral.org.sg/youtube



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 they grow from a toddler into adulthood.

# CHILDREN MINISTRY PROGRAMME (3 – 12 years)

Please register via Children Ministry Registration Form

ı	Ministry	Level	Day/Time	Venue
9	Shalom Friends*	6 to 16 yrs	Saturday 2:00pm	SAC B1 Prayer Halls
(	CityKids	Preschool to Primary 6	Saturday 4:00pm	SAC B2 Classrooms
ı	FaithKids 1	Preschool to Primary 6	Sunday 9:30am	SAC Welcome Centre (P1-6) Classroom C (Preschool)
ı	FaithKids 2	Preschool to Primary 6	Sunday 11:15am	SAC B1 Prayer Halls

\*Shalom Friends reaches out to children and youths with Autism. Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater to youths up to 16 years old.

To find out more about the Children Ministry, contact <a href="mailto:nextgen@cathedral.org.sg">nextgen@cathedral.org.sg</a>

The Cathedral Youth Ministry

## Metamorphosis

for teens 13 to 15 years

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month 10.45am - 12.15pm Chapel for All Peoples

To find out more about the Youth Ministry, contact <a href="mailto:nextgen@cathedral.org.sg">nextgen@cathedral.org.sg</a>



Click QR code to register!

### ADVENT & COMBINED YEAR-END SERVICES 2023

#### 2 & 3 Dec

The Coming of the Son of Man Revd Christopher Chan

#### 9 & 10 Dec

Prepare the Way of the Lord Revd Alvin Toh

#### 16 & 17 Dec

The Witness of Christ Revd Moses Israeli

17 Dec, 7.30pm at CNS Lessons & Carols

#### 23 Dec

The Birth of Christ Foretold Revd Daniel Lim

24 Dec\*, 10pm at Nave The Dedication of the Nave & Christmas Eve Combined Service

The Birth of Christ Bp Dr Titus Chung \* All regular Sunday Services will not be in session.

25 Dec, 8am at Nave Christmas Day Combined Service. The Identity of Christ Revealed: The Shepherds

Revd Christopher Chan

#### 30 & 31 Dec\*\*

The Identity of Christ Revealed: Simeon and Anna Revd Andrew Yap \*\* All regular Sunday services will be in session.

31 Dec, 10.30pm at Nave Covenant Service Revd Christopher Chan



Download the Advent Devotional 2023 at <u>cathedral</u>. org.sg/a23

Hardcopies will be made available from 25 Nov 2023.

### WEDNESDAY 12.30PM Holy Communion Service

"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Col 1:17)



Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour is above all,in all and with all.
In him all things hold together.
The life we live is therefore held together by our Lord Jesus Christ.
How does Jesus hold our life together?
What happens when he holds our life together?



Join us as we explore the different ways Jesus holds our life together.



Think God might be calling you into full-time ministry?

Keen to give a season of your life to church work (pastoral, admin, or operations)?

## Join SAC as an intern!

This programme is open only to SAC members who are Singaporeans or Singapore PR. A small allowance will be given and confirmation of internship is subject to approval.

St Andrew's Cathedral

**MINISTRY NTERNSHIP Programme** 

Apply or find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/intern



The Short Term Mission trips are open for all interested members to sign up:

Nepal: 25 April to 6 May 2024 Thailand: 16 to 24 May 2024

All participants must complete the compulsory training on the following dates: 16, 23 March & 6, 13 April 2024



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https://cathedral.org.sg/missions

## Join us to explore life's big questions

## **Alpha@Cathedral**

31 Jan - 24 Apr 2024 Wed, 7pm-9pm Prayer Halls



Find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/alpha

# explore





#### **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 Divorced 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 <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/care">https://cathedral.org.sg/care</a>



Cathedral Women's Fellowship

# Volunteers needed to join the Church Linen Team

The Cathedral Women's Fellowship invites volunteers to join a dedicated team of ladies taking care of the church linen used at the Lord's Table by washing and ironing them each week.

Training will be provided. If you would like to join us or find out more, please contact Helen Boey at 92301345.



#### OCTOBER 2023 UPDATE ON NAVE RESTORATION WORKS

Testing of Bell tower lighting.

We are now approaching the last leg of a longer than expected run. We continue to thank God for seeing us through every step of the way, providing us with the stamina and strength to take us to where we are now. His provisions are manifold and they continue to flow throughout. We have a great and awesome God, fully worthy of our praise. Thank you so much, Heavenly Father.

Almost all the external scaffolds have been removed, and the internal scaffolds too. Tiling

works are in progress inside the Nave, whilst floor polishing works in both the North Transept Hall and South Transept Hall are nearing completion. We have moved on from mainly masonry and painting works to fitting works, carpentry and M&E works as well as cleaning up works. The following works will be carried out in the Nave from November:-

#### 1. M&E

- Installation of air-conditioning fan coil units and condensing units will take place, and we hope to have the air-conditioners up and running by mid-November.
- The lights and fans are currently being installed in the Nave, and we should also have the electrical system for the Nave in place by end November.
- The AV system will be installed from the second week of November, including those in the North Transept Hall and South Transept Hall.

Polishing of NT Hall floor in progress



Scaffold removed. Lighting and fans installation in progress.



#### 2. Carpentry

- The pews have been restored, and we plan to move the pews back into the Nave by the third or fourth week of November.
- Varnishing works to the fixed furniture in the sanctuary are ongoing.
- Re-installation of all doors and windows is ongoing and should be completed by the second week of November.

#### 3. External Works:

- Washing of the remaining roof tiles at the North East section of the Cathedral building will take place from the second week of November.
- Part of the hoardings around the Nave will be removed in November. For your own safety, please do not enter the Cathedral building as works will still be ongoing inside the building.

#### 4. Cleaning works

- Cleaning works are currently in progress, and more intensive cleaning will take place before the pews are moved back into the Nave.
- The marble flooring in the sanctuary will be cleaned and polished by the second week of November.

We continue to pray for the Lord's favour over the restoration –

- for the safety of all workers and the technical team, especially when working at heights;
- for good weather, so that the works can continue smoothly and safely;
- 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;
- for wisdom and practical abilities for the project teams to give of their best to this work; and
- for smooth work progress and the completion of the Nave restoration project.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." (Ps 127:1) ESV

## 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





## OIN OUR

The following positions are open for application:

- Communications Executive
- Children Ministry Pastoral Staff

Find out more at cathedral.org.sg/jobs



## CAR PARK

Members who wish to park at the SAC car park with member rates or to update their change of vehicle for member rates must submit their application at: cathedral.org.sg/carpark

For enquiries, please email carpark@cathedral.org.sg



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#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER 2023**



## Synod Presidential Address

Hear Bishop Titus' heart for our diocese in this season!

Download a copy from the diocesan website at https://anglican.org.sg/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Synod-Address-Nov-2003 final.pdf



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

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# 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.