

9/10 DECEMBER 2023

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 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon on 9/10 Dec

Prepare the
Way of the Lord

Mark 1:1-8

Rev'd Alvin Toh

Live-streamed services at
7.30am and 9.30am via
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PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS



THE WORLD

Pray that world leaders will, collaborate and cooperate with one another, to reach common ground on controversial climate change issues, as they work urgently towards limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Pray that developing countries, which are suffering from the consequences of unprecedented weather phenomenon, will receive the needed financial aid to recover their losses. Pray for the cessation of wars and political tensions, for viable solutions to tackle food, water and energy shortages, that many lives may be preserved. Pray that the gospel of Christ will bring light and hope to the many who are living in hopelessness and despair.

SINGAPORE

A 2015 study by Duke-NUS Medical School found that 2 in 5 Singaporeans aged 62 years and older are lonely. Another study by NUS found that almost 4 in 5 elderly who are socially isolated, lived with their families, compared with 3 in 20 living on their own. Such seniors tend to suffer from increasing loss of resources and ability to participate in social activities. Pray for our government as it reviews its strategy to help the elderly stay active and socially connected. Pray also for caregivers, social agencies and community-support networks to complement our government's efforts in slowing down or preventing social frailty and physical deterioration in our ageing population.

DIOCESE

Church of the Good Shepherd

Pray that many seekers will come to the "Christmas in Queenstown" event, held over the weekends of 8-10 Dec and 15-17 Dec on the church grounds; that they will encounter God in a special way and receive His gift of salvation. Pray that over this Christmas season, the clergy, pastoral, admin staff and members will be actively engaged and fruitful, in evangelism. Pray also for the Youth Camp (28-30 Dec), that the camp committee will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit and that God will do a deep work among the youth during the camp.

CATHEDRAL

Lessons & Carols (17 Dec)



Pray that the true story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus will be powerfully communicated through the reading of Scriptures and the signing of Christmas hymns. Pray that our hearts will be filled with love for Jesus, our wills be surrendered to His and our lives will glorify Him. Pray also that the gospel proclaimed will bring many to salvation in Christ.

Nave Re-opening

Pray that all the remaining works carried out, towards the re-opening of the Nave, will proceed smoothly, safely and in a timely manner. Pray that the newly renovated Nave will be a living sanctuary where God will be pleased to dwell among His people, it will be a house of prayer and a light to the nations.

SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

In English

TIME	HOLY COMMUNION	VENUE	wef. 27 Dec 23
Sat 4.00 pm	2nd and 4th week	CNS	CNS
Sat 5.30pm	Last week	Prayer Halls	Prayer Halls
Sun 7.30 am 	Weekly	CNS	Nave***
Sun 9.30 am 	2nd and 4th week	Pavilion	CNS
Sun 11.30 am	Weekly	CNS	Nave
Sun 2.00 pm (Youth*)		Prayer Halls	NT Hall
Sun 4.30 pm	Weekly**	CNS	Nave
Wed 12.30 pm	Weekly	Pavilion	Nave

In other languages

Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien)	1st week	Chapel for All Peoples	Chapel for All Peoples
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	Weekly	CNS	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

CESSATION OF LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES

Our Associate Vicar, Revd Christopher Chan, recently announced that the live-streaming of services will cease with effect from 1 Jan 2024.

[Please watch the video announcement here](#)

The weekly sermons will be made available on our YouTube channel.

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMING

*** From 7 Jan 2024, the Sun 7.30am Service will start at 8.00am.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Preschool - Primary 6 (ages 3 - 12)



Ministry	Day/Time	Venue
City Kids	Saturday 4:00pm	Classrooms (B2)
Faith Kids 1	Sunday 9:30am	Prayer Halls (B1) Classrooms (B2)
Faith Kids 2	Sunday 11:15am	NT Hall Prayer Closets 1/2/3 (Nave L2)

[Register here and join us for children ministry!](#)

SHALOM FRIENDS (ages 13 - 25)

Shalom Friends	Saturday 2:00pm	SAC B1 Prayer Halls
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[Register here and join us for Shalom Friends](#)

To find out more, contact nextgen@cathedral.org.sg

CATHEDRAL YOUTH

*The Cathedral Youth Ministry welcomes
all youths from 13 - 25 years old*

First 3 Sundays of the month

- Youth Service - 2pm @ North Transept Hall
- Metamorphosis - 10.45am @ Chapel For All Peoples & Prayer Hall C

To find out more about the Youth Ministry,
contact nextgen@cathedral.org.sg

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YOUTH MINISTRY



<https://tinyurl.com/SACYM>

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ADVENT & COMBINED YEAR-END SERVICES 2023

2 & 3 Dec

The Coming of the Son of Man
Rev'd Christopher Chan

9 & 10 Dec

Prepare the Way of the Lord
Rev'd Alvin Toh

16 & 17 Dec

The Witness of Christ
Rev'd Moses Israeli

17 Dec, 7.30pm at CNS
Lessons & Carols

23 Dec

The Birth of Christ Foretold
Rev'd 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
Rev'd Christopher Chan

30 & 31 Dec**

The Identity of Christ Revealed:
Simeon and Anna
Rev'd Andrew Yap

*** All regular Sunday services will
be in session.*

31 Dec, 10.30pm at Nave
Covenant Service

Rev'd Christopher Chan



Download the
Advent Devotional
2023 at [cathedral.
org.sg/a23](https://cathedral.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)*



IN HIM

All Things Hold Together

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.

MORE CHILDREN MINISTRY WORKERS NEEDED!

Is it your desire and prayer to see the children of St Andrew's Cathedral rooted in the worship of God and in the body of Christ?

Then join our team of dedicated teachers in partnership with the parents to disciple the next generation! You may also serve as teacher-aides to assist the teachers in the administration and management of the class.

You may choose to serve in one or more of the following sessions:

CityKids Saturday 4pm

FaithKids 1 Sunday 9.30am

FaithKids 2 Sunday 11.15am



Fill up the form now and we will get in touch with you very soon!

**I AM A
CHILD
OF GOD**

#Believing

**I AM A
CATHEDRAL
KID**

#Belonging

**I AM
CHRIST'S
AMBASSADOR**

#Becoming



Welcome Hosts

NEEDED FOR

The Cathedral Welcome Centre

With great anticipation and excitement, we look forward to the long-awaited reopening of the Cathedral Welcome Centre scheduled in April 2024. We envision it to be a place of blessing to both the public and members – an oasis offering rest and respite from the activities, cares and busyness of life and work.

It is our heartfelt prayer that our Lord Jesus will draw many to encounter him – being refreshed, restored and encouraged with hope, and lives transformed through the sharing of the good news.

“... I was a stranger
and you welcomed me”

Matthew 25:35



If you aspire to be a channel of God's love and blessing to the community, if you are warm hearted and love offering friendly smiles, come be a Welcome Host!

No prior experience is needed. Training will be provided. Consider pairing up with a friend, family or cell member to serve in this ministry. The preparation for this ministry will begin in first quarter of 2024.

Scan/click the QR code to find out more and sign up as a Welcome Host.

For further enquiries, please email pataw@cathedral.org.sg

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 INTERNSHIP Programme

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

Nepal & Thailand Mission Trips 2024



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



Register your interest at
[https://forms.gle/
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For more information, go to
<https://cathedral.org.sg/missions>



Senior Members' Fellowship

Christmas Musical

at the Pavilion

Musical items by

- Silverstrings
- Hokkien Service Choir
- Anglican Care Centre Hougang
- Harpsody of Praise

21 December 2023 | 9.30am to 1.30pm

A door gift will be given and
a Christmas lunch will be served from
11.30am at Prayer Halls A & B.

Register with David by
WhatsApp at 98332786
or email davidng@cathedral.org.sg

Closing date: 17 December 2023

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>

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



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

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:-



Testing of Bell tower lighting.

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

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For children, youth and young adults

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NAVE
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



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



Member Contact Details

Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:

 cathedral.org.sg/membership
 membership@cathedral.org.sg




JOIN OUR TEAM

The following positions are open for application:

- Communications Executive
- Children Ministry Pastoral Staff
- Youth & Children Worker (CITY Community Services)

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

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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



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11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

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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.