

16/17 DECEMBER 2023

COLLECT

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of your Son: inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; that when he comes again in glory, we may stand with confidence before him as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon on 16/17 Dec

The Witness of Christ

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Rev'd Moses Israeli

Live-streamed services at
7.30am and 9.30am via
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 cathedral.org.sg

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Rev'd Soon Soo Kee
Auxiliary Deaconess Ds June Tan

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS



THE WORLD

Pray that the war in Gaza will not expand into a conflict between Israel and its US allies on the one hand and Iran-backed armed groups on the other; for the preservation of civilian lives in the midst of the devastations of war. Pray against anti-Semitic and Islamophobic rhetoric that can potentially cause divisions within and between nations. Pray for a good and peaceful resolution to the South China Sea dispute between China and the Philippines. Pray that people will hunger for truth and righteousness and that many will turn to Christ in the midst of pain and suffering.

SINGAPORE

As Singapore faces a surge in COVID-19 infections, pray for our medical personnel and hospitals to cope with the increased workload. Pray for those with severe symptoms to receive timely medical attention and for the public to practise good hygiene habits to contain the spread of the virus.

Celebrate Christmas in Singapore (16 – 22 Dec)

Pray for good response to this event and fine weather; for the message of Christ's birth through the nightly performances and interactive booths to touch many lives; for God's manifest presence and supernatural work among the audience. Pray that God's Name will be highly exalted in our nation and beyond.

DIOCESE

St John's-St Margaret's Church

Pray for overwhelming turn out at SJSM's "Dover Celebrates Christmas" (DCC) event, for SJSMers to serve with passion for God's Kingdom and for seekers to respond to the Good News during the Watoto Concerts and Gospel services. Pray that the light of Christ will continually shine through SJSM and that many will come to know Christ's love and find eternal life in Him.

CATHEDRAL

Thanksgiving

Thank God that many residents of Bukit Merah warmly welcomed our volunteers during the distribution of gift packs on 2 Dec and that those who came for our "Christmas is Love" lunch, on 9 Dec, were blessed. Pray that the skit presentation by CITYkids and the message by Revd An (our Mandarin congregation priest-in-charge) will bear much fruit in the lives of the Bukit Merah residents.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Services (24, 25 Dec)

Pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing upon the preaching of God's word during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services; that non-Christians will hear the gospel and put their faith in the Saviour of the world. Pray that Cathedral members will be bold and vibrant in witness for Christ, at gatherings with family and friends over this Christmas season.

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 last 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 reaches out to youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for youths up to 25 years old.

Shalom Friends

Saturday 2:00pm

SAC B1 Prayer Halls

[Register to join us for Shalom Friends here](#)

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



<https://tinyurl.com/SACYM>

Connect with us

 @sa.cathedralyouth

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

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

Jesus, the Glory of God
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

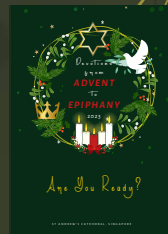
30 & 31 Dec**

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

To Love and Serve the Lord
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**

**I AM A
CATHEDRAL
KID**

**I AM
CHRIST'S
AMBASSADOR**



#Believing

#Belonging

#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/PHQvhMxcwMCiRTAS6>

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

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31 Jan - 24 Apr 2024

Wed, 7pm-9pm, Prayer Halls



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Old Testament

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

Instructor: Ms. Vivien Chen

1 lesson: 4 Jan 2024 7.30pm - 9pm



**4B The Prophets :
Jeremiah & Ezekiel**

Instructors: Revd. Hambali Leonardi
Revd. Aaron Cheng

10 lessons: 11 Jan - 14 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm
Exam (optional) 23 March



New Testament

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

Instructor: Mr. Keith Leong

1 lesson: 4 Jan 2024 7.30pm - 9pm



**11 The Pauline Epistles:
1 & 2 Corinthians**

Instructors: Ds. Bessie Lee
Ms. Vivien Chen

10 lessons: 11 Jan - 14 Mar. 7.30pm - 9pm
Exam (optional) 23 March



Registration details can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://anglican.org.sg/events/>

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>



EAST LAWN CAR PARK CLOSURE

We thank God for His provision and faithfulness as we celebrate the upcoming 70th Anniversary of the Mandarin Congregation. As part of the celebration, our mandarin family will be marking an anniversary logo on the East Lawn car park for the Congregation Group Photo-taking session.

The parking lots on the East Lawn will be closed during these times to facilitate the logo marking:

23 Dec (Sat), 9am to 3pm

24 Dec (Sun), 11am to 6pm

25 Dec (Mon), 10am to 1pm*

*The driveway along the East Lawn car park will be cordoned off during this time.

During these times, car park lots along the driveways towards the Padang and Funan are open for parking.

We seek your kind understanding and patience.

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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NAVE
RESTORATION PROJECT

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 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:

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Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:

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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!

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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 for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.