

To Be Mastered

Acts 19:11-20

Revd Dr Timothy Chong



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### **7/8 SEPTEMBER 2024**

### COLLECT

#### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

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Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee Auxiliary Deaconess Ds June Tan ear friends, I'm writing to you from the Project Khmer H.O.P.E. (PKH) centre in Chbarmon, Cambodia, reflecting on how God has used SAC's work here to minister to numerous underprivileged youths for almost 25 years, equipping them for better job opportunities through English lessons and hospitality and industrial skills training. I read and heard many testimonies of how their time in PKH has made a significant difference, and some of the PKH staff are graduates of the programme who now find purpose in serving other cohorts. What a joy that we've been able to build up these young lives in such a meaningful way!

The Scripture verse that comes to my mind is Matthew 25:40: "And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." God reminds us that when we care for the "least", He receives our acts of kindness as if we were doing them to Him. 1 Samuel 2:8a declares that God "raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honour". As His people, God expects us to do likewise—we are to lift up the poor and needy.

What might this look like for us in SAC?



## THE VICAR WRITES

Firstly, we must ensure that our mission fronts continue to serve persons in need both in Singapore and abroad. I urge you to prayerfully consider how you can participate in our various mission opportunities (visit https://cathedral.org.sg/missions to learn more) and demonstrate the love of God through acts of service. Secondly, this also has to do with how we welcome into our midst those who come from less privileged backgrounds. How can we lift up these brothers and sisters, rejecting anything that resembles social stratification? Lastly, how can we daily care for the "least" where we live and where we study/work? How can we raise them up, embodying the gospel that offers them the greatest "seat of honour" as sons and daughters of God?

Whatever we do to the "least" around us, we do to the Lord. May He be pleased with what we've done for Him. Amen!



#### THE WORLD

As the U.S. presidential elections gain momentum, pray that the campaigns will be run safely and fairly. Pray for the voters that they will weigh in wisely on the issues and elect the best candidate to lead this country. Pray that the Lord will oversee this election and direct its outcome. Pray also for the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza: that God stirs the hearts of the leaders to agree to the terms of a cease-fire and the release of all hostages. Pray for the safety and well-being of the hostages, that in the midst of their suffering, God's peace and assuring presence will keep their hearts and their spirits strong, so that they may continue to put their trust and hope in Him.

#### **SINGAPORE**

As we approach the examination season in Singapore, pray for our students to have focus, discipline, and wisdom in their preparations. Pray especially for those who are experiencing high pressure and anxiety, that they may know God's love and be filled with His peace.

#### DIOCESE

#### St Hilda's Church

Thank God for His faithfulness to St Hilda's Church over the past 90 years. Pray that their 90th anniversary celebrations will honour God's name and unite His church. Thank God for the ongoing leadership transition and for the younger generation's willingness to serve. Pray that members will serve the Lord with wholehearted dedication; that

St Hilda's Church will continue to reach out to others with the love of Jesus and warmly welcome them into the Church. Thank God for expanding St Hilda's ministries over the years, in overseas missions, in community services, and in the childcare ministry. Pray that the leaders of the church will always be attentive to His will as they serve God's purposes in Singapore and beyond.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

#### Cathedral leadership

Pray for our Cathedral leadership, including our Acting Vicar Revd Christopher Chan and his team, that they may steer the church with foresight from the Lord, acting on His agenda diligently, and seeking His directions. Thank God for their faithful service. As they attend to the flock, pray that the Lord will also bless them and meet their personal needs. Pray that our church members will support our leadership fervently as one church with the same vision, for the glory of God!

# #ParishoftheWeek - Cathedral Run and Fellowship Breakfast (6 Nov)

Pray also for the #ParishoftheWeek - Cathedral's Run and Fellowship Breakfast on 6 November; for a good turn out and good weather. May the Lord guide the organising committee to plan well and to accommodate the different needs of the participants.

### **Services at the Cathedral**

In English			
TIME	HOLY COMMUNION	VENUE	
Sat 4.45pm	2nd and 4th week	CNS	
Sun 8.00 am	Weekly	Nave	
Sun 9.30 am	2nd and 4th week	CNS	
Sun 11.30am*	1st, 3rd & 5th week	Nave	
Sun 2.00 pm (Youth**)		NT Hall	
Sun 4.30 pm	Weekly <sup>†</sup>	Nave	
Wed 12.30 pm	Weekly	CNS <sup>^</sup>	
In other languages			
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	Weekly	CNS	

- ^ From 11 Sept, the Wed 12.30pm Service will take place at the CNS (B2).
- \* The Morning Prayer Service will be in session on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.
- \*\* 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.

### Changes to SAC operating hours and vehicular access during 16-22 Sep 2024

St Andrew's Road will be closed from 16-22 Sep to facilitate preparations for the F1 Singapore Airlines Singapore Grand Prix 2024 taking place on 20-22 Sep. SAC Staff will also be away on a retreat from 18-20 Sep.

### Changes to operating hours and vehicular access

The operating hours will be revised as follows:

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16 Sep (Mon)	7am to 8pm (no change)	
17 Sep (Tue)	7am to 8pm (no change)	
18 Sep (Wed)	7am to 2pm	
19 Sep (Thu)	7am to 2pm	
20 Sep (Fri)	7am to 2pm	
21 Sep (Sat)	7am to 6pm	
22 Sep (Sun)	7am to 3pm	

During these operating hours, vehicles may enter St Andrew's Cathedral only via North Bridge Road, and exit only via the Coleman Street/ North Bridge

Road junction. The pedestrian gate beside City Hall MRT exit B will be open.

#### Impact to Worship Services

Our Worship Services will carry on as usual with the following exceptions:

- 4.30pm service on Sunday (22 Sep) will not be in session.
- Our Mandarin congregation will have only two services on 22 Sep at 9:30am and 11:30am.
   The Worship Service in Cantonese will not be in session.

For more details on road closure arrangements for the F1 2024, please refer to the LTA press release https://go.gov.sg/f1

All worshippers are reminded to cater for more time to get to events and services at SAC. We seek your kind understanding and prayer for the safety of all road users and pedestrians during this period.



**SERMON SERIES 2024** 

### **SEPTEMBER**

### 31 Aug & 1 Sep

The Ministry of Mentoring

Ds Ti Lian Swan Acts 18:24-28

### 7&8

**To Be Mastered**Revd Dr Timothy Chong
Acts 19:11-20

### 14 & 15

Constrained By the Spirit Revd Andrew Yap Acts 20:17-38

### 21 & 22

**Ready Even to Die** Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman Acts 21:7-14

### 28 & 29

**The Power of Testimony** Revd Christopher Chan Acts 22:1-21

### **OCTOBER**

### 5&6

**Divine Intervention and Protection**Revd Moses Israeli
Acts 23:12-24

### 12 & 13

Before Authority, With Authority
Ds Ti Lian Swan
Acts 26:1-29

### 19 & 20

Opportunity in Crisis Revd Daniel Lim Acts 27:13-26, 39-44; 28:1-10

### 26 & 27

Relentless Witness Revd Christopher Chan Acts 28:17-31

Follow our weekly reflection questions at: cathedral.org.sg/ss



Building up every child towards spiritual maturity

### CHILDREN MINISTRY

Preschool - Primary 6 (ages 3 - 12)

Ministry	Day/Time	Venue
City Kids	Saturday 4:45pm	Prayer Halls (B1)
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 youths 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 11am @ Classroom A & Prayer Hall C



https://tinyurl.com/SACYM

Connect with us

@ @sa.cathedralyouth





# Living the Transformed Life

God's calling for us is to live a life that has been transformed (Rm 12:2; 2 Cor 3:18; Eph 4:22-24; 2 Pet 1:3-11). How is our life to be lived in transformation?

From July to November, we are going to explore this life of transformation as we look at these three key areas of transformation:

- 1. The Heart of Transformation
- 2. The Path to Transformation
- 3. The Life in Transformation

Join us as we journey together in our life of transformation every Wednesday at 12.30pm.

# Serve with us

**Bell Ringing Ministry** 

From October 2024, the church bells will be rung on every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 7.50am, 9.20am and 11.20am. The bell ringers will be commissioned on 15 September at the 11.30am service.

By the ringing of bells, we proclaim the message that the Cathedral church, being an intrinsic part of the history and development of our country, with joy and acclamation, serves the Living God. It will also serve as a call to worship and to unite us in our common bond of love and service in our Lord's name.



We hope to ring every Sunday when we have built up the number of trained ringers.

Tap QR code to register your interest or view the full listing of ministry opportunities available!



### **YOUNG ADULT DIALOGUE 2024:**

# FAMILY

20TH SEPTEMBER, FRIDAY 7:30PM-10:00PM CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As young adults navigate the complexities of life, questions about family and relationships become increasingly significant. Should one pursue marriage or embrace singlehood? How should finances be managed in a way that aligns with our faith? Is it acceptable to choose a life without children?

Sign up for the DYB Young Adult Dialogue and hear from speakers addressing these topics from a Christian perspective!

### Registration:

https://form.iotform.com/dioceseofsingapore/DYBYADIALOGUE2024 (Closes on 13 September)





St Andrew's Cathedral

Join us for our parish run and fellowship breakfast!

Wed 6 Nov 2024, 7am to 9am

### Register now!



Run, walk or volunteer!



SatLife Talk | a gathering for young adults

# Spiritual formation in the midst of busyness



Young working adults lead hectic and fast-paced lives.

Many search for the next perfect get-away or holiday to get refreshed just to continue the rat race of life. However, satisfaction can only come from the source of living water, that is, our Lord Jesus Christ!

Join Dr Tan Soo-Inn as he explores in depth how we might draw from the well of our Lord Jesus Christ through spiritual formation and how that might look like in the midst of our busy schedules.





Scan the QR Code or visit cathedral.org.sg/satlife to register by 21 Sept 2024



### Go and Do Likewise

n the late seventies, St Andrew's Cathedral recognised the needs of Singapore's greying population and the need for the Cathedral to make provisions for elderly members who have no family to care for and support them. The lesson in the Gospel made it compelling for such a response. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus painted a vivid scene of a loving and caring individual going to the rescue of a needy stranger, ministering to him and arranging for his accommodation and care. Jesus added to his story the command to "Go and do likewise." Thus, the Home opened its doors on 11 Oct 1980.

St Andrew's Cathedral Home is a residential home in Clementi for ambulant older women and provides services to the underserved.



Cathedral Women's Fellowship monthly activity at the Home

The Home provides for the physical, spiritual and emotional well-being of the residents. Attention is paid to the physical environment and care the residents receive; the interaction they continue to have with the larger community - friends and relatives, church, neighbourhood and the experience of God's love and provision. It is a home where the residents can call their own.

The Home is financed primarily through donations and fees that the residents pay, but these are kept low to ensure affordability for the residents. Expenses to run the operations of the Home are not insignificant, and have been increasing, and so, donations are very much welcomed. As the Home has been approved as an Institution of Public Character

(IPC), all outright donations are eligible for 2.5 times tax deduction. Details for donations can be found by clicking or scanning the QR code.



Your prayers are also welcomed to love and brighten the lives of the residents. Feel free to contact us for more details at pataw@cathedral.org.sg



Christians are called to be in the world, but not of it. But that's not always easy as we're often subconsciously affected by our cultural stories and norms, or in other words, our worldview.

This course unpacks the concept of 'worldview', uncovers the worldviews that are prevalent both inside and outside the Singapore church, and explores how we ought to respond so as to live more faithfully to God's Word and His Story.



Click or scan the QR code to register by 21 September 2024 Dates

2, 9, 16 & 23 Oct 2024

Time

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue

**South Transept Hall** 

Cost

Free

Speaker

### Ms Jillian Lee

Principal & Programme Director, Sterling Campus

Jillian has been involved in worldview discipleship and equipping for 15 years, both locally and abroad. An educator at heart, she enjoys mentoring young people to find their place in God's Story, as well as helping parents and teachers be more effective disciplers of the next generation. She is married to Rev. Edmund Koh, and they currently serve at Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.

Organised by Senior Members Fellowship (SMF)

## **SMF Kluang Church Visit** & Scenic View Fun Trip

26 Sept 2024, 6.30am - 9pm

**Cost: S\$70** 

(inclusive of tips to driver and tour guide, farm tour, 8-course dinner, Malaysian Guide Fee, and Coach). Breakfast and lunch not included.

### **Trip Highlights:**

Farm Tour, Logos Anglican Church, Kluang Coffee Factory, Jalan Ismail Art Street, Sutera Mall Shopping and Dinner



Registration deadline: 22 Sept 2024 (Limited to 40 participants, first-come-first-served)

PayNow Name:

St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UFN: T08CC4055LT01.

Indicate: SMF Trip to Kluang. When payment is made,

please WhatsApp David Ng at 98332786.

### SMF Outing to Singapore Maritime Gallery (South Pier) and Lighthouse Crafting Session

19 Sept 2024 (Thurs) 10am to 11am (Guided Tour)

followed by Lighthouse Crafting Session \$5 per pax (Limited to 30 participants, first-come-first-served)

To register and check availability, contact David at davidng@cathedral.org.sg or WhatsApp 98332786

The group will meet at 9.30am at the Welcome Centre at SAC to take the MRT to Marina South Pier on the actual day.



# The St Andrew's Cathedral Marriage Preparation Course (MPC)

is designed to help couples develop strong foundations for a healthy and lasting marriage.

This two-part course consists of six sessions of teaching, couple-discussion time and small group discussions and at least two mentoring sessions led by marriage mentor couples.

Topics covered include: • A Biblical Perspective on Marriage

• Communication • Conflict • Commitment • Connection • Adventure

6 Thurs, 7 - 9.30pm 17, 24 Oct; 7, 14, 21 & 28 Nov

Venue: Onsite at SAC: 17 Oct & 28 Nov; Online via Zoom: 24 Oct; 7, 14 & 21 Nov

Course fee: \$140 per couple

(Payable upon registration) Limited spaces available Register at <a href="https://forms.gle/es9jJAGKRj5veiLg7">https://forms.gle/es9jJAGKRj5veiLg7</a>
For enquiries, please email to mpc@cathedral.org.sg



Organised by Cathedral Women's Fellowship

HEALTH WORKSHOP ON PHYSIOTHERAPY

### Fall Prevention Balance and Strength Exercises

28 Sept (Sat) • 2pm to 4pm • South Transept Hall

Learn practical strategies to reduce the fear of falling and to increase strength and activity levels for senior adults.

The session will include the importance of dynamic and static balance work, strength training and stretching exercises.

Speaker: Mr Anand James Menon works as a Physiotherapist with St. Luke's Eldercare, supporting elders affected by physical disabilities from stroke, falls and accidents and helps seniors seeking to maintain an active lifestyle.

Register by 24 Sept 2024
Email to Sarah/Lee Li at cwf@cathedral.org.sg

# 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** 



-≥ 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:



cathedral.org.sg/cell-groups

### Wake & Funeral Services

### **Arrangement of** Wake & Funeral Services

Visit the webpage for more information:



cathedral.org.sg/wake-funeral



#### **Member Contact Details**

Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:



**cathedral.org.sg/membership** 





### JOIN OUR TEAM

The following positions are open for application:

- Administrator
- Associate Chaplain (WAC)
- Communications Executive
- Operations Manager
- Verger

Find out more at cathedral.org.sg/iobs



### CAR PARK

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



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# GVE tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



### **Internet Banking**

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

### PayNow Name

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.



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Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.00pm MORE DETAILS AT https://sph.org.sg/schoolbiblical-studies/

### **CYCLE OF PRAYER 2024**



# 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/2024/05/May-2024-Synod-Address final-1.pdf



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