#### ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE



Sermon on 8/9 Nov

#### **Open Doors Through Prayer**

Colossians 4:3-4

Revd Dr Timothy Chong



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#### **8/9 NOVEMBER 2025**

# COLLECT THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham faithfully obeyed your call and rejoiced in your promise that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed: give us a faith like his, that, in us, your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38

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#### THE VICAR WRITES

**REVD CHRISTOPHER CHAN** 

Writing to you a few weeks after my institution and induction as the Vicar of St Andrew's Cathedral, I remain thoroughly amazed by the work of God's grace in my life and ministry. It still feels somewhat surreal to be in this position. It's beyond doubt that I've received from God much more than I could possibly deserve, and my heart is filled with thanksgiving for His goodness and generosity.

I'm also very grateful for the support that many of you have shown me, not only in view of my appointment, but throughout my time here in SAC. I pray that your support will not simply come in the form of expressions of encouragement (although those are very much appreciated), but through a ministry partnership that will see us collectively pursue God's purpose for SAC. What is this purpose? It is for us to grow as a community of disciples on mission for God.

Strengthening discipleship will be our primary focus in this season. However, it mustn't be regarded as a "flavour of the season". Disciple-making is, after all, the core purpose of the church; Jesus made this very clear in the Great Commission. It is a biblical imperative that we, as disciples, are to make disciples. Our participation in church life must result in spiritual growth: we're expected to grow and also to help others grow with us. This mandate isn't only

given to those who have been appointed as leaders. This is expected of all Christians, and it's an integral part of following Christ.

One of the ways in which the church leadership will seek to facilitate spiritual growth in our community is by our preaching. In 2026, we will conduct catechism through the pulpit. Catechism refers to foundational spiritual instruction; it teaches the basics of Christian belief. Next year, sermons will be preached on the three traditional components of Christian catechism-the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. This series will deepen our understanding of our faith, thereby helping us to live it out more effectively. The goal of these sermons isn't merely information. What we want to see is transformation. Our aim is to grow in our knowledge and love of God, so that through this we will make an impact on the lives of those around us, both within and without the church community. I sincerely believe that 2026 will be a

that 2026 will be year of growth in SAC, and I urge you to join us on this exciting journey!

# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD

Pray for the United Kingdom following the recent tragic stabbings. May the Lord, who heals and restores, grant swift recovery to the injured, strength to their families, and peace to all who have been shaken by this event. We pray for unity among the people and for wisdom to be granted to the nation's leaders as they guide the country toward healing and stability. May God's hand of protection rest upon all who travel and move within public spaces, keeping them safe from harm. Above all, may this nation turn its heart once more to the living God, finding in Him hope, peace, and the assurance of His everlasting love.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Let us give thanks to God for the peace and stability we enjoy in Singapore. In these times of calm, may we not grow complacent but remain steadfast in prayer for our beloved country. We lift up the nation's social media landscape, that it may be a space marked by truth and respect. Pray that users of every platform will exercise wisdom, restraint, and discernment, choosing words that build up rather than tear down, and spreading what is good, edifying, and life-giving. May God grant our people sound conscience and moral clarity, so that our online spaces reflect values of kindness, unity, and righteousness, which honour Him.

#### **DIOCESE**

Pray for Revd Christopher Ho who will be inducted as Vicar of Church of Our Saviour on 23 Nov, that anointed by the Holy Spirit, he will lead and shepherd the church in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the candidates who will be baptised and confirmed in November and December, that they will continue to grow spiritually strong as faithful disciples of Christ. Pray for the mission teams which will be sent out as part of the church's vision of 100 trips; that they will reflect Christ's character and bear much fruit through the proclamation of the gospel.

Pray for the church's five Christmas outreaches: "Encounter" Concert on 21 Nov at COOS Auditorium; "Christmas in Queenstown", Carolling Choir on 29 Nov at One Holland Village; "Christmas at The Table" on 11 & 12 Dec at COOS Chapel; "The Christmas Star" on 20 & 21 Dec at COOS Auditorium and Geylang Outreach; Carolling Choir on 23 Dec on Aljunied MRT grounds, that through these Christmas outreaches, many will encounter, experience and embrace the love of God.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

Let us give thanks for the lay readers of our Cathedral, who serve faithfully in ministering to the Body of Christ. May the Lord strengthen and renew them in their spiritual walk, that they may remain close to Him and be continual encouragers of faith to all whom they serve. We also commit to the Lord the preparations for our "Adopt A Block" outreach this Christmas. As we share God's love and festive joy with the residents of Bukit Merah View through the distribution of Christmas packs, may His presence go before us, touching hearts, uplifting spirits, and bringing comfort and cheer to individuals, families, and the elderly alike.

#### upcoming events

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Synod

Confirmation Course

Ordination Service

22 · Missions Workshop

28 • Prayer & Praise

29 • 289 FOTM: Batam

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5 • ABC Gift Packs Packing

6 · ABC Gift Packs Distribution

12 · Youth Camp

13 · Christmas is Love Lunch

**13-15** • Youth Camp

19-21 · Christmas@Cathedral

## **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 12.30pm	Weekly	Nave	
In other languages			
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	Weekly	CNS	

<sup>\*</sup> The Morning Prayer Service will be in session on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.

<sup>\*\*</sup> There is no Youth Service on the 4th Sunday of the month.

<sup>†</sup> The Evensong Service will be in session on the last Sunday and there will be no administration of Holy Communion.



Building up every child towards spiritual maturity

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.

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



#### CHILDREN MINISTRY **Preschool - Primary 6** (ages 3 - 12)

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 | Prayer Closets 1/2/3 (Nave L2)

> Click to join **Children Ministry**



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.

Saturday 2.00pm SAC B1 Prayer Halls Click to join Shalom Friends



First 3 Sundays of the month

**YOUTH SERVICE** 

2pm @ North Transept Hall **METAMORPHOSIS** 11am @ Classroom A





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#### CATHEDRAL YOUNG **ADULTS SATURDAY LIFE** (ages 25 - 35)

The Cathedral Young Adults Ministry is a place for young adults to connect, grow and serve together over meals, sharing and discussions.











## **MISSIONS MONTH 2025**

#### **SERMONS**

1/2 November
Are you Ready?
Revd Canon Yee Ching Wah

8/9 November
Open Doors Through Prayer
Revd Dr Timothy Chong

15/16 November From Jerusalem to the Ends of the Earth Revd Andrew Yap

#### **MISSIONS WORKSHOP**

Missions & Minions: Serving the Master Together 22 November 2025 9.30am - 12.30pm Prayer Halls

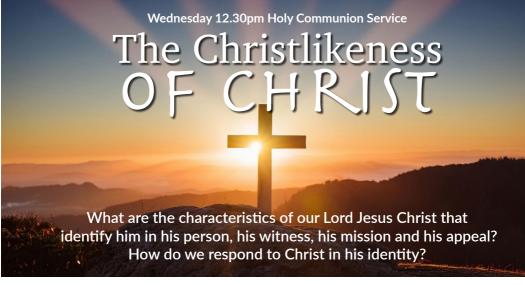
Come and join SAC's Missions Workshop for an engaging seminar to learn about missions through talks, testimonies and interactive activities.

You will get to find out:

- What missions is all about, and why missions?
- How to grow as a missional Christian
- Ways to be involved in missions without leaving your home country

Register at <u>cathedral.org.sg/mg</u> by 17 Nov.









CATHEDRAL and the NATION

Over the last 60 years, St Andrew's Cathedral has grown together with the nation. We have adapted with the times, but our core Christian values and mission have remained the same.

Find out how the Lord has sustained us with the latest edition of The Courier magazine!

> Pick up your copy at the info desk or access the digital copy at cathedral.org.sg/courier-magazine

# at the Cathedral 2025 19-21 DEC

We invite you to gather your family, cell group or friends to participate in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus.

Let your creativity and passion bring this event to life!



Sell some items and adopt a beneficiary, where your sale proceeds will be directed to. All stalls are taken.



#### 2. Perform an Item

Offer your talent in dance, music, singing or other creative expressions to bring cheer to visitors. Register at <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/cacp">https://cathedral.org.sg/cacp</a>
All applicants will undergo an audition.



#### 3. Lend Your Willing Hands

Volunteer in the Welcome Team, AV Support or Helper Team to make this event warm and welcoming for all.

Register at <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/cacv">https://cathedral.org.sg/cacv</a>

Dates	STALLS (FULL)	Performances
19 Dec (Fri) & 20 Dec (Sat)	2-9pm	2-5pm, 6-9pm
21 Dec (Sun)	10:30am - 2:30pm	12 - 2pm

For more details, please visit <a href="https://cathedral.org.sg/cac">https://cathedral.org.sg/cac</a>





Cathedral is continuing our Christmas outreach to residents at Bukit Merah View, sharing God's love and festive joy. We will be distributing 300 Christmas Packs across three blocks, home to many low-income individuals, families and elderly.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Befriender & Delivery:** 

6 Dec 2025 (Sat), 8.45am - 12pm

Rally your Family, Cell Group and Friends!







**Volunteer Briefing**: 18 & 19 Nov 2025, 7.30pm - 8.45pm (via Zoom) All volunteers are to attend one of the two briefings.



Click or scan to **Register now!** 

Closing date: 10 Nov 2025 Find out more at https://cathedral.org.sg/abc

For enquiries, please email missions@cathedral.org.sg or WhatsApp 8824 2660

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**CHRISTMAS IS LOVE PARTY** 

# 13 DEC 2025

Sat, 11 am - 1.30 pm **SAC, Pavilion** 

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Games × Lunch Performances ×

Sing-along ×

★ Blessing Draw +

The Christmas Is Love Party is an event specially organised for the residents of Bukit Merah View, whom we have befriended through our local community outreach Adopt a Block in the Community (ABC).

We will be inviting about 120 residents to join us for a fun-filled lunch party, accompanied by an exciting programme. Let's come together to be part of this meaningful and joyous celebration!

#### **VOLUNTEER BRIEFING**

25 & 26 Nov. 7.30pm - 8.45pm via Zoom

All volunteers are to attend one of the two briefings.











**Warriors** 

**Befrienders** 





**CLICK OR SCAN TO** 

Register now!

Closing date: 17 Nov 2025 Find out more here

For enquiries, please email missions@cathedral.org.sg or WhatsApp 8824 2660

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5:00PM - 8:30PM
ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

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Deadline 6 Nov 2025

We rejoice that 11 candidates (from Singapore and our deaneries) will be ordained on 9 November 2025 at St Andrew's Cathedral. The Service will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, followed by a Dinner Reception from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

To attend the Ordination Service onsite, please register at <a href="https://bit.lv/Ordination2025Tickets">https://bit.lv/Ordination2025Tickets</a> to reserve your tickets by 6 November 2025.

A livestream will also be available via <a href="https://bit.lv/OrdinationService2025">https://bit.lv/OrdinationService2025</a>

We look forward to a meaningful and fruitful time of worship, liturgy, prayer and celebration, as we witness the ordination of new Deacons and Priests and their dedication to serving the Anglican Church.

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**Curtis Fong Chian Meng** 

# STAY CONNECTED

with the Cathedral



For children, youth and young adults

Find out about our Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult ministries:



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#### **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** 





The following positions are open for application:

- Audio-Visual Technician
- Verger
- CITY General Manager/Asst General Manager
- CITY Youth and Children Worker (Full-time/Part-time)
- Associate Chaplain, Westside Anglican Church

Find out more at cathedral.org.sg/jobs



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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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# GIVE



#### tithes and offerings 2 ways to give



#### Online

#### **Internet Banking**

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#### PayNow PayNow Name:

St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UFN: T08CC4055IT01

Receipts will not be issued for online givings.

#### Cheques

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.

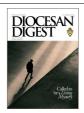
**Designated Givings:** As Cathedral is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those governing charities, the Church can accept designated givings only for such mission partners and/or causes as the Church may determine at its discretion from time to time. Givings to other mission partners or causes will be treated as general offerings to support the ministries of the Church. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.

#### **LEGACY GIVING**

"For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You." 1 Chronicles 29:14 Legacy giving, also known as bequest giving or planned giving, enables you to contribute to the mission and ministry of St Andrew's Cathedral by planning in advance a donation to the church that will be made upon your death. It is a meaningful demonstration of your stewardship of the resources that God has entrusted to you. If you would like to plan your legacy giving, please contact Ms Mabel Tan at <a href="mabeltan@anglican.org.sg">mabeltan@anglican.org.sg</a>, and she will guide you through the process.



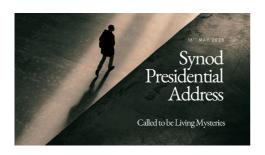
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# **DIOCESAN DIGEST**

Aug 2025 anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest

#### **CYCLE OF PRAYER**



# Synod Presidential Address

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