

26/27 DECEMBER 2020 COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:15-21

CHURCHONLINE

We invite you and your family to worship the Lord with us online. **Join us by clicking on these links:**

English Service (every Sunday from 7am) Mandarin Online Service



Bishop of Singapore and Dean Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung
Vicar Revd Canon Terry Wong, Vicar-Designate Revd Lewis Lew
Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, Revd Bertram Cheong, Revd Joshua Raj,
Revd Hambali Leonardi, Revd Calvin Wee, Revd Moses Israeli
Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee, Revd Christopher Tan, Revd Freddy Lim
Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee, Ds June Tan, Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan





The DEEPER Life: SHARE HIS I OVE

When we are in love, it shows. We can't help it. Love overflows. God's love is the same, it's for sharing. We should let God's love overflow out and around us. God's love comes to us and flows through us. It's

not a love to be kept within us. John addressed this process in 1 John 4:9-11: "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

Before we go any further, we need to establish one important and fundamental truth about God's love - God's love is never determined by who we are, our status, our qualifications, and what we have and have not accomplished in life.



His love for us is unconditional, and He has also called us to love one another unconditionally. God's love comes and flows US to through us. The more embrace we. and experience it, the more we share it with

others. There are endless ways to allow God's love to flow through you as you love others as He has loved you.

What does God's love look like for you this Christmas? Is it spending time with your family? How about serving neighbours or others who are lonely or hurting? What about forgiving someone who has hurt or wronged you? Think of one way right now that you can share God's love during this Advent season, leading to Christmas and beyond. May this be a season of accepting, experiencing, and sharing God's love in a new and deeper way!

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Pray for the government and people of countries in the Northern Hemisphere, South Korea and Thailand who are experiencing a surge in new COVID19 cases during the winter months; that strict lockdowns, adequate safe management measures and travel restrictions will dramatically and effectively curb the spread of the virus. Pray for the protection of U.K residents against the new COVID variant which is significantly more infectious; for scientists to understand the implications of this new variant as they analyse the available data. Pray also for the outbreak in Australia's Northern Beaches suburbs in New South Wales to be contained; that health experts will be able to identify how the cluster started and how it was transmitted into the community. Pray that despite the restrictions, Christmas will be celebrated in a new and meaningful way and that the true message of Christmas will be brought home to the people around the world.

SINGAPORE

Pray for the Ministry of Health officials as they investigate the 13 COVID-19 cases who served their stay-home notice at Mandarin Orchard hotel; that the officials will be able to identify the source of the infection and contain further transmission. Pray for our government as they take proactive steps and adopt diverse strategies to strengthen Singapore's food security; that traditional farmers will be open to upgrading themselves and their farming systems, tapping on technology to boost capability and productivity; that the public will also play our part by consuming what can be locally grown and reducing food waste.

DIOCESE

Thanksgiving

Thank God for seeing us through a year of change in the Diocese, with the retirement of

Bp Rennis Ponniah and the installation of our new Bishop Titus Chung; for the new things that God has begun to do in our midst and for His unfailing love, goodness and provision. Pray for unity, focus, courage and strength as we unite to fulfill God's mandate for His Church in the coming year.

Deanery of Thailand

Pray for the Dean Canon Yee Ching Wah, Home Base Coordinator Revd Tang Wai Lung, the Vicars, priests and staff of the churches in different parts of Thailand, to have divine wisdom as they give oversight to the mission and shepherd the flock in this nation. Pray for the raising up of local leadership, for spiritual growth of the members and for vibrant witness to the lost.

CATHEDRAL

Thanksgiving

As we come to the end of 2020, let us thank God for His grace upon our Cathedral; that He has kept us safe and enabled the church to re-open to 250 worshippers. Thank God also that in the midst of COVID19, His word has continued to be proclaimed through the church to an even wider community via onsite and online platforms; for the doors of opportunity God has opened to reach out to our guest workers and for the many souls that have come into His Kingdom through the life and witness of His people. For all that He has done, we give God the glory.

Covenant Service (31 Dec, 11 pm)

Pray that as we gather to recollect God's goodness and faithfulness in 2020, we will respond to His love with grateful hearts and desire to draw even closer to Him in the coming year. Pray for the preaching of God's word to touch and challenge many hearts to a deeper love for God and a deeper commitment to His will that will bear much fruit for His glory.

All are welcome to worship in the Nave CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

The Services on Saturdays and Sundays will be conducted for up to 100 worshippers.

Services held on the weekdays will be for up to 50 worshippers.

Each Service will be for about an hour. Worshippers may attend individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

Sat	:	11.30am 4.30pm	in Mandarin in English
Sun	:	7.30am 9.30am	in English in Mandarin
	:	11.30am 2.30pm 4.30pm	in English in Mandarin in English
Wed	:	12.30pm	in English

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in English

ADMISSION

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Please book your preferred date and time of Service; only worshippers who book may be admitted into the Services.

Worshippers can do this online at cathedral.org.sg/cws or phone 63376104. Bookings open at 1pm, a week before the day of the Service (eg. booking for a Sunday Service on 30 August will be open at 1pm on Sunday,23 August), and close at 1pm a day before the Service. For Services in Mandarin please call 63392435. Walkins will not be allowed entry.

PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ENTRY & EXIT

If you are coming to the Cathedral on foot, use the MRT Gate (the pedestrian gate next to the Cathedral Café) for entry and exit.

If you are driving,

enter by the SRC Gate (the vehicular gate facing the Singapore Recreation Centre) and exit by the Padang Gate. Worshippers may park their vehicles in the allocated parking space.

Please arrive early, but not earlier than 30 minutes before the start of a Service.

Worshippers (and their vehicles) must leave the church premises not later than 30 minutes after the Service ends.

For weekday Services,

worshippers will enter the Nave by the North Transept Door and exit by the 2 doors leading to the North and South Transepts.

SAFE ENTRY

2 Safe Entry stations are located at the Drop Off Point and the Tent next to the Nave.

Safe Entry Check-in via TraceTogether Token or App only. SafeEntry check-ins by SingPass or QR Code will be discontinued immediately.

With effect from 6 Dec 2020, all entry to St Andrew's Cathedral compound must be done with the TraceTogether app or token. As an interim measure for the month of December, your NRIC card may be used, if you have not already obtained the TraceTogether token or apps.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

Masks

must be worn at all times, except when communicants are partaking of the bread and wine.

Mingling

Worshippers are reminded not to mingle before and after each Service, and to leave the church premises promptly after the end of the Service. The gates will be closed 30 minutes after the end of each Service.

Pilot Test to hold CWS for 250

St Andrew's Cathedral has been selected by MCCY to hold worship services for up to 250 worshippers. We will be making the following changes to comply with MCCY guidelines:

Initial trial for 150 worshippers

For the month of December, starting from 6 Dec 2020, the 11.30 am English Service and the 9.30 am Mandarin Service will be conducted for 150 worshippers – split into 3 clusters of 50 worshippers: Upper Nave, Lower Nave and South Transept Hall.

All other Congregational Worship Services will remain unchanged, in terms of size and venue.

CWS will be video-recorded

All Congregational Worship Services will be video-recorded. All worshippers and service personnel are required to wear masks and to comply with the authorities' Safe Management measures for religious organisations, including SafeEntry, temperature checks, attendance taking and safe distancing. There is to be no mingling before, during, or after Services.

Choice of the Cluster you will be seated in when you book for CWS

Worshippers may now choose the cluster they wish to be seated in when booking to come for the Service. Changes after booking will not be accepted.

Congregational Worship Services from 2021

We will be allowed to increase to a total of 250 worshippers, for the Christmas week Services (Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services) if the initial trial is successful. More information of the Christmas Week Services will be released soon.

More services at the CNS will be added from 2021.

PRIVATE WORSHIP

DAILY, FROM 10AM TO 4PM

Except on Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays, worshippers may enter the Nave for personal prayer, individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

BOOKING A PRAYER SESSION

Each session is for 30 minutes, starting on the hour. Please phone 63376014 to book an appointment. Subject to availability, walk-ins may be permitted.

ENTRY INTO THE CATHEDRAL

All will enter the Cathedral premises by the MRT Gate (next to the Welcome Centre / Café). There will be no entry to vehicles; drivers are advised to park their cars in the carparks outside the church.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES*:

The advisory for Congregational Worship applies.

THE CATHEDRAL
IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS



AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL 2020

Christmas Eve

Service with Holy Communion Cathedral Bells will chime from 10pm - 10.30pm Join us online

Christmas Day FRI 25 DEC, 8.00AM

Service with Holy Communion

Join us online

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Advent Reflections

with Scripture and Poetry from Nov 29 at 8am, 12pm and 5pm on Cathedral SG Live Sunday, 27 Dec 7.30AM, 11.30AM, 4.30PM

Servcice with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve THU 31 DEC, 11.00PM

Service with Holy Communion
Join us online





Christmas Holy Communion Services

- Thur 24 December, 11.00pm
 - Fri 25 December, 8.00am

These Services will be livestreamed

and you are encouraged to gather in groups (within the permitted number)

in homes to celebrate holy communion together.

(Heb. 10:24-25).





Join us for a chat with your Service pastors.

SATURDAY 4:30pm Service "The Upper Room Devotion" 10.00am

To Join, click HERE

SUNDAY 7am Service

6.15 - 6.45am Pre-Service Prayer 8.20am to 9.30am Zoom Meeting To Join, click HERE

9am Service 9.00amTo Join, click **HERE**





The St Andrew's Cathedral Marriage Preparation Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage.

The course format is relaxed and engaging with live and video lessons, couple-discussion time, sharing by married couples and small group discussion led by support-couples.

Course Dates:

1st Run: 2 February to 16 March 2021

Tuesdays 7pm to 9.30pm

Venue : To be confirmed

2nd Run : 6 July to 17 August 2021

Tuesdays 7pm to 9.30pm

Venue : To be confirmed

For enquiries: please email to mpc@cathedral.org.sq



THE QUIET GARDEN ONLINE RETREAT

2nd January 2021 9am to 12.30pm

Recollect Review Re-envision

In this retreat, you will recollect the events of the year past. With gratitude, review the events and take a walk with the Lord through the year. We will spend time to wait upon the Lord for a renewed vision for the new year.

Meditation materials will be emailed to you and you are free to use your own materials.

To register:

https://forms.gle/Lyu7yDjX8D6DetUg9 Enquiries: priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg

SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building have succumbed environmental wear and tear. The Restoration Works will involve re-plastering and painting of interior and exterior walls, timber carpentry, stone works, metal works, electrical

works, plumbing and roof works. The Project is expected to take 3 years. The cost of \$6million will be paid out from the Cathedral Heritage Fund (CHF) set up to fund this Project as well as future heritage and building works.

HOW TO GIVE

Cheques – Pay to "St Andrew's Cathedral". Write "Heritage Fund" on the reverse side and include your name and mailing address.

Online transfer

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral

Account Number:

DBS Autosave 033-019550-8

PayNow:

Heritage Fund UEN - T08CC4055LHF1

The CHF, as of 16 December 2020:

From English Congregation: \$1.2m From Mandarin Congregation: \$1.2m

Grant from Preservation of

Sites & Monuments Board: \$0.98m

Donations pledged/received

from SAC members/friends: \$1.38m

Balance to be raised: \$1.24m

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES ONLINE

cathedral.org.sg/dcbs



JAN
- MAR
2021
THURS
7:30 PM
- 9 PM

[†]Module 1A Background Overview of the Old Testament

Bible Origins, the Hebrew Canon and the World of the OT

Instructor: Ms Vivien Chen

7 JAN 2021 • 1 THURSDAY ONLY • 7.30 PM - 9 PM

[†]Module 1B Background Overview of the New Testament

Bible Origins, the NT Canon and the Socio-Political World of the NT

Instructor: Ds Ti Lian Swan

7 JAN 2021 • 1 THURSDAY ONLY • 7.30 PM - 9 PM

*Module 5 The Minor Prophets

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Nahum, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Haggai, Malachi Instructors: Rev Edwin Tan (SACC), Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan, Ps Geraldine Lau

14 JAN - 18 MAR 2021 • 9 THURSDAYS • 7.30 PM - 9 PM

*Module 8A The Gospels (I) | 14 Jan - 18 Mar

Matthew, Luke

Instructors: Mrs Michelle Tan (TWPC), Ps Angeline Leong (MSC)

14 JAN - 18 MAR 2021 • 9 THURSDAYS • 7.30 PM - 9 PM

*Introductory Modules 1A/1B are FREE. *Course Fee (Module 5/8A): \$10 per module. (Payable online or via crossed cheque to St Andrew's Cathedral). No lesson on 11 Feb 2021, eve of Lunar New Year. Please register early to avoid missing any lessons. Visit cathedral.org.sg/dcbs for more details.



FOR TITHES AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Internet Banking

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

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You may indicate the Service you attend and/or Tithing number

(if any) under remarks or reference.

FOR OTHER SPECIFIC DONATIONS

(eg. Welfare, Missions, etc)

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

PayNow

PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C

UEN: T08CC4055LT01

You may indicate the purpose of your donation (eg. Welfare, Missions, etc.) under remarks or reference. For donations with no indication, it will be treated as general offering. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

CHEQUES

• Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, you may indicate your Tithing number (if any).

For specific donations

• Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, please indicate the purpose of your donation eg. Restoration Works, Welfare, Missions, etc.

If you would like a receipt, please write your name and mailing address.

Cheques can be mailed to St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

For more information, please visit cathedral.org.sg/giving

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