

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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2/3 JANUARY 2021

COLLECT FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF **CHRISTMAS**

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:10-18



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Bishop of Singapore and Dean Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Vicar Revd Lewis Lew

Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, Revd Joshua Raj, Revd Christopher Chan, Revd Bertram Cheong, Revd Moses Israeli, Revd Daniel Lim Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee, Revd Christopher Tan, Revd Freddy Lim

Deaconesses Ds June Tan, Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan



Worship Services at the Cathedral

We warmly welcome all to join us in our Services

SERVICE TIMINGS

Services in different languages are conducted across the week at different timings. As we enter into Phase 3, the Services will progressively open for more to join. We warmly welcome all to join in the Services.

Wed: 12.30pm (in English)

Thur: 12:30pm (in English)

Sat: 11.30am (in Mandarin),

4.30pm, 6.30pm (in English),

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am,

4.30pm (in English) **8.30am** (in Tamil)

9.30am, 11.30am, 2.30pm,

4.30pm (in Mandarin)

Bookings for the services can be made via the Cathedral website or through the Cathedral mainline at 63376104. For Services in Mandarin, please call 63392435. Walk-ins to all services will not be allowed.

Sunday Online Service

Service premieres at 7am on the St Andrew's Cathedral **YouTube channel.**

GETTING TO THE CATHEDRAL

Coming by Train or Bus

Enter via the MRT Gate (Pedestrian gate next to the Cathedral Café) for entry and exit.

Driving to Cathedral

Parking space is available and the gates open 30 minutes before the start of the service. Enter by the SRC Gate and exit by the Padang Gate.

KEEPING THE CATHEDRAL SAFE FOR ALL

Checking in via Trace Together

Token or App only

All entry to St Andrew's Cathedral compound must be done with the TraceTogether app or token. Please ensure you have downloaded the app or brought along your token before you come for the service.

Observing Safe Distancing Measures

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. Please note that mingling is not allowed before, during, or after Services



PRIVATE WORSHIP (Change in venue)

The Chapel for All Peoples will be open for Private Worship instead of the Nave, from **Tuesdays to Fridays, 10am to 4pm**, starting from 5 Jan 2021.

Each session is for 30 minutes. Please make a booking via the Cathedral line at 63376104.



hree important transitions took place this weekend:

Firstly, we welcome Revd Christopher Chan and Revd Daniel Lim to Cathedral. They bring with them strong pastoral experience and special giftings that will

> be a blessing to this community. I hope you will take the opportunity to get to know them and their family.



Secondly, with the of phase 3, we

timely provision Front: Josh, Abigail and Zach

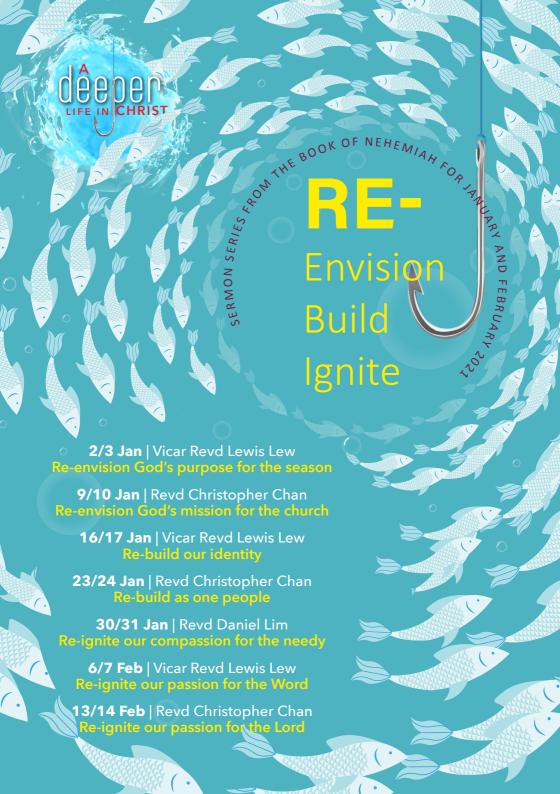
are able to introduce additional services. to cater for more members to come onsite on weekends. Please pray for the volunteers, ushers, servers, lay readers and staff as they cope with the increased demands. I am thankful that everyone is offering their five loaves and two fishes to bless the Lord and to serve the wider community on weekends. Let's show our appreciation to those on duty whenever we bump into them on weekends. More hands are needed to serve at the services. If you are able and are looking for an area to serve, please speak to one of the pastors or staff.

Thirdly, we embark on a common sermon series that is taken from the book of Nehemiah. The seven sermons will focus on: re-envision, re-build and reignite. To re-envision God's purpose for the season and the church; to re-build as a community and to be re-ignited in our passion for Christ. I encourage you to come each weekend spiritually and mentally prepared for the Lord to speak to your heart. More information on the sermon series can be found in the bulletin.

Finally, this common series is motivated by our focus for 2021 - a deeper life in Christ. If you desire to have a deeper life in Christ in 2021, you need to know that it begins with us learning to abide in Christ! I hope you will take the time to mediate and to memorise the passage from John 15:5-11 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit.

for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." ■

Stay tuned to find out more about our focus for 2021, and if you are yet a member of Cathedral or if you are already a member and have yet to join a connect group, please get in touch with our staff soon.



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Pray for God's merciful intervention to stop the rapid transmission of the more contagious strain of COVID19 which has spread to other European and Asian countries, causing further disruption to international travel. Pray for countries to exercise stringent border controls and tests to quarantine infected travelers; for citizens to exercise discipline in complying with lock down and other measures to keep their communities safe. Pray that in places of darkness, the light of the gospel will shine even brighter and that many will see and come to the light of Christ and be saved.

Pray that world leaders will learn from this pandemic and take a far sighted view of health emergencies; that they will have the political will to work together to address climate change and better prepare for future pandemics.

SINGAPORE

Thank God for bringing Singapore out of a very critical situation when we had to institute circuit breaker in 2020: for an efficient and effective COVID19 taskforce, scientists, healthcare and frontline personnel who worked tirelessly and sacrificially to bring the number of infections down and contain its spread. Pray that all we have gained, by the grace of God, will be maintained as Singapore recently moved into Phase 3 of the re-opening of our economy; that we will continue to remain alert and vigilant to the dangers and not lapse into complacency. Pray that Singapore will be a forerunner in technological advancements and innovation. that we may contribute significantly to addressing the world's problems and be positioned to fulfill God's destiny for our nation.

DIOCESE

Diocesan Family

Pray for our Bp. Titus Chung as he continues to seek our Heavenly Father's will and to fulfill

His purpose for the Diocese. Pray that he may lead us with godly counsel, courage and strength, under the anointing and empowering of the Holy Spirit. Pray for the Vicars of our 27 parishes to be divinely led as they set clear directions for their parishes in the New Year. Pray also for parishioners to embrace and align themselves to God's revealed will. Pray for greater collaboration and synergy among parishes; that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all parishes will bless and support one another as we unite to advance God's Kingdom in Singapore and beyond.

St Andrew's Cathedral

Thank God bringing us into a new season, for our new Vicar Revd Lewis Lew, priests Revd Christopher Chan, Revd Daniel Lim and in April, Revd William Chee. Pray that under God's divine anointing, Revd Lewis will be empowered to lead us in re-envisioning, re-building and re-igniting the Cathedral. Pray for unity of heart, mind and spirit as we stand together and align ourselves to the purposes of our Heavenly Father. Pray that we can adapt quickly to the changes that are needed in the new normal and stay focused on our Lord's core mission for His church.

CATHEDRAL

Re-opening of more Services

With the opening of Phase 3 on 28 Dec 2020, the Cathedral can now have more weekend Services for 250 persons in 5 clusters. Pray for good stewardship of this opportunity to open the church to more worshippers, for good planning and organization of the various Services, for the safety of all; for deeper community bonding and for zeal in outreach; that the Cathedral will continue to shine for Christ in the heart of the city.



NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNION SERVICE THU 31 DEC 20, 11.00PM

HALF MUFFLED BELLS

In full circle ringing, there are times when the bells are rung half-muffled for solemn occasions like funerals and Remembrance Day. The bells are also rung half-muffled on New Year's Eve to mark the passing of the old year, before the muffles are removed at midnight to joyously welcome the new year. With half-muffled bells, one hears a row of "normal" sounding bells, followed by a row of muted-sounding bells, almost like an echo. To achieve this, a muffle (usually a piece of leather) is tied to one side of the clapper to dampen the sound when the clapper strikes the bell.

This New Year's Eve, as we ring the passing of an extraordinary year 2020, we thank God for His continuous grace and mercies upon the church and nation; and our hearts echo the words of this hymn as we place our hopes and trust for the new year in the hands of our Loving and Everlasting God.

"O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home." Isaac Watts



Project Khmer H.O.P.E. Update, Dec 2020

Thank you very much for partnering PKH in bringing hope and help to the poor and needy in Cambodia. Your prayers and support through the years have made a difference to many young lives. Please click on this link http://bit.ly/pkh-2020 for the update on our work in 2020.

Covid-19 has caused us some difficulty in these past months. However, the grace of God is surely and evidently sustaining us, and it has brought out the best in some situations.





For 2021, PKH hopes to reach a total of 500 young people with tangible expressions of God's love, mainly by providing them with education and vocational training. The work will be carried out at an estimated cost of USD250.000 (SGD325,000).

We would be grateful for your continued prayers and support for this mission work of St Andrew's Cathedral. For more information, please visit pkhcambodia.org, email pkh.cambodia@cathedral.org.sq or phone 63376104.

Confidence in CHRIST

Covid-19 has overshadowed much of our lives in 2020. From January 6 2021, in the Wednesday midweek Holy Communion Service, we are focusing on the Christ who is greater than any virus. This will be our focus in our sermons as we explore why and how we can be confident in Christ.

Join us at 12.30pm in the **Nave every Wednesday!**





Online chats 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 9.00am

To Join, click **HERE**

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Course Dates:

1st Run: 2 February to 16 March 2021 Tuesdays 7pm to 9.30pm

Venue : To be confirmed

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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.sg



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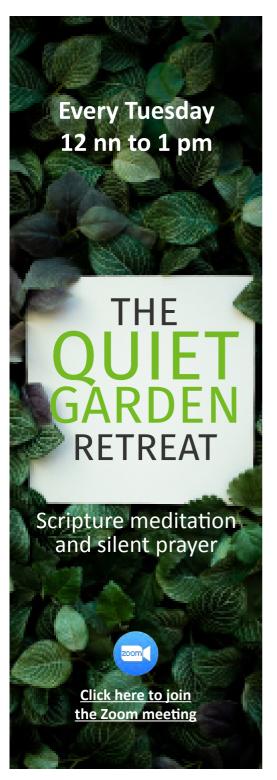
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SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building have succumbed environmental wear and The Restoration tear. 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 17 November 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: \$1.37m

Balance to be raised: \$1.25m

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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.

tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



Cheques

Online

Internet Banking

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

PayNow

PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UEN: T08CC4055LT01

For tithes and general offerings

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)

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.

Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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

For specific donations

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

