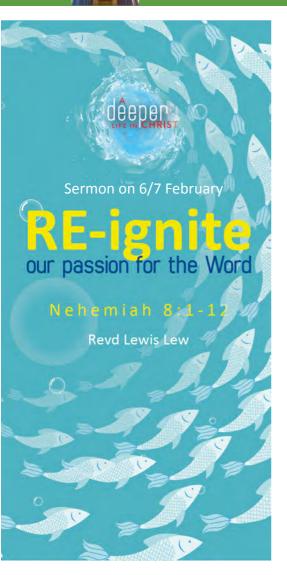


### ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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**6/7 FEBRUARY 2021** 

#### COLLECT SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT **PROVINCIAL SUNDAY**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 Colossians 1:15-20

John 1: 1-14

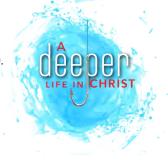


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Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee Deaconesses Ds June Tan, Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan







PRESS ON - Have you been discouraged by negative remarks from people when you have put in much effort to your work? I am sure we have experienced that at some point in our lives. The people of God had to face nasty criticisms from their enemies, "what they are building-if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!" (v.3). Sanballat and Tobiah had tormented them to discourage them from rebuilding the walls. But instead of being discouraged, the people of God pressed-on together as one people. "So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work" (v.6).

Their enemies intensified their attacks. They "plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and cause confusion in it" (v.8). That forced the people of God

to near breaking point. They became weary, "the strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall" (v.10). For some of us, this may be too much to bear, especially when the testing and challenges become too much to bear, and this may become the point of giving up. But instead of giving-up, the people of God pressedon to rebuild and to defend the city of Jerusalem, both at the same time. "Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built" (vv.17-18).

You may be wondering why I have chosen to focus on the above stories on how the people of God overcame the most difficult challenges in this month's Vicar's Write. For many of us we may have started 2021 with great hope and aspirations. But the last one month has been filled with nothing but bad news after bad news. Some of us may be in distress and are already wondering how are we to survive the next eleven months?

Through the two stories, I hope that in this season we can press-on to overcome discouragement and challenges together as a community. And we can press-on by holding-on tightly to God when the going gets tough - for "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her: she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns" (Psalm 46:1-5).

### PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD

#### Myanmar

Pray for law and order to be restored in Myanmar after a military coup seized power from Aung San Suu Kyi's democratically elected government on 1 Feb, and replaced 24 ministers and deputies with 11 in its new administration. Pray that due process will be observed for allegations of election fraud and there will be a full and fair hearing for the matter to be justly decided. Pray also for the release of those detained unlawfully, for the state of emergency which had been declared to be lifted and for political stability to be restored to the country. Pray against disruptions to the economy and to tele communications; for the safety of the people and the preservation of their livelihoods, in the midst of an already very challenging pandemic.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Pray for our Minister for Sustainability and the Environment Grace Fu and all Ministers involved in the multi-ministry effort to address climate change and promote sustainability under a Singapore Green Plan 2030. Pray that the government's 3P Partnership (People, Private & Public sectors) will enable the community to come together and do more together; to co-create sustainable environmental solutions that promote ownership of our environment. Pray for divine wisdom to build on past policies and programmes, pull the different strands together to attain a common, united vision and achieve concrete targets.

#### DIOCESE

#### **Province of South East Asia**

Pray for Archbishop The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais who is also bishop of the Diocese of Sabah, Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow Bishop of the Diocese of W. Malaysia, Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute, Bishop of the Diocese of Kuching and Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung, Bishop of the Diocese of Singapore, that under the mighty anointing

and empowering of the Holy Spirit, they will lead the Province of South East Asia and their Dioceses to accomplish God's will and advance His Kingdom, for the glory of His Name.

### Christ Church, Singapore & Church of The Epiphany

Pray for the Vicar of Christ Church and Ag Vicar of Church of The Epiphany, priests and pastoral staff, that they will discern God's time and season and lead the churches forward, to lay hold of God's revealed will and purpose. Pray for unity and bold faith to step out of their boats in faith, to walk on water and believe God for the miraculous, in this new season. Pray that many may be drawn to Christ through the life and witness of His church.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

Pray that the Cathedral will experience "A deeper life in Christ" as we set out to rebuild the broken walls of our relationship with God and with one another, working side by side and caring for each other's needs, trusting in God's favour and enabling to accomplish only what God can do through hearts and hands that are vielded to Him.

### Thanksgiving & Prayer for Project Khmer H.O.P.E (PKH)

Thank God that by His grace, PKH is able to resume activities at 3 Centres and 1 English School with the re-opening on 18 Jan, for the new academic year. Pray for the safety and well- being of the PKH National and Expatriate staff team, including Susan Goh, Deborah Teo and Joyce Carino, the 79 young men and women and 192 children which have returned to the 4 PKH locations. Pray also for the other young people and children who have yet to return to PKH, that they will soon be able to do so and that everyone may experience the tangible expression of God's love through the staff and teachers.

#### **MONTHLY ONLINE PRAYER & PRAISE**

Moving to 3rd Tuesday every month. **Next session: 16 Feb 2021** Zoom details may be found on the website at cathedral.org.sg/praise

### 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. Holy Communion is served on the last weekend of the month for English services held in the CNS and weekly for English services held in the Nave. 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)2.30pm (in Burmese)

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.



#### SERVICES DURING WEEKEND OF 13 – 14 FEB 2021

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Change of service timing for Sunday 9.30am English service at the CNS to 11.30am.

All other services will carry on as usual.





We will be back on-site from Sat 20 February, 2.30pm at the Pavilion. (1st and 3rd Saturdays)

Please contact Ps Tony @ 9665 5483 for more details

# Confidence in CHRIST

Revd Christopher Chan

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.

10 Feb Hearing His Voice
17 Feb Ash Wednesday: Freedom from Sin

Join us at 12.30pm in the Nave every Wednesday!



Sign up here

https://form.jotform.
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BaptismConfnApp

### Baptism Course 28 February 2021 (4 lessons) 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Baptism Service, 27 March, 4.30pm

Baptism is one of the most significant milestones in a believer's walk with God. It is a public declaration of our personal decision to make Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

# Confirmation-Membership Course 18 April 2021 (4 lessons) 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Confirmation retreat, 22 May, 1-5pm Confirmation Service, to be confirmed

The Cathedral Confirmation-Membership Course is for:

- •Those seeking confirmation / membership in St Andrew's Cathedral.
  - •Those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at St Andrew's Cathedral for at least 6 months.

All classes will be conducted online via Zoom. For more information, visit cathedral.org.sg/baptism



## REMAIN FAITHFUL

John 8:31





The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung





Diocese of Kuching

The Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute



7 February 2021

### Archbishop's Message REMAIN FAITHFUL

reetings to you in the Priceless Name of Jesus! The world has both witnessed and encountered one of the most challenging times in human experience in 2020. As God's Church, we have however, much to be thankful for.

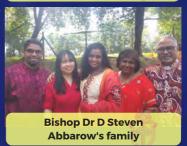
We thank the Lord and celebrate the faithful and fruitful ministries of Bishop Rennis Ponniah and Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing, who have both retired as Diocesan Bishops of Singapore and West Malaysia respectively. At the same time, we rejoice and welcome Bishop Titus Chung Khiam Boon who was consecrated and installed as the 10th Bishop of Singapore on 18th October 2020. We congratulate and welcome the appointment of Bishop-Designate Revd. Canon Dr. D. Steven Abarrow as the 5th Bishop of West Malaysia. Praise the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness to us!

As we celebrate God's faithfulness towards us, we remember the words of Jesus exhorting us to remain faithful to the end. Against a backdrop of many troubles and challenges, we are aware that we are drawing closer to the Second Coming of Christ. But the end is not here yet. I therefore call the Church to remain faithful in at least these 3 ways:

JESUS - to remain in intimate relationship with Jesus. Let us hold fast to Jesus in whatever circumstance or situation in life, both in good times and in hard times. "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10b). For there awaits us, the Crown of Life if we remain faithful to Jesus.

HIS TEACHINGS. In John 15:7-8, Jesus said, "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." Hold on to the teachings of Jesus, for in them we find hope, strength and comfort in whatever situations.

Bishop Dr Titus & Mrs Connie Chung



HIS MISSION. The Church is to demonstrate and

reflect the reality of God's presence, to preach the good news of the Kingdom of God. Confronted with many "new normal", in order to remain faithful to the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church, we need new innovations and creativity in preaching the gospel. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:13-14)

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

May the Lord bless you and keep you safe. May the Lord make His face so shine upon you, as you reflect His Light to a world in darkness. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and grant you peace.

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The Most Revd. Datuk Melter Jiki Tais Primate of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia Bishop of Sabah



#### DIOCESE OF SABAH

Diocesan Bishop: The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Bin Tais Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd John Yeo

#### **THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- 1. His faithfulness in providing the financial resources for the Diocese despite the waiver of 2 quarters' assessment from the parishes and churches.
- 2. The 31st Diocesan Synod was successfully conducted entirely online for the first time. We praise God for the new office bearers elected to the Diocesan Standing Committee and other positions in the Diocese.
- 12 brothers who will be ordained to the diaconate and priesthood. We thank the Lord for their obedience to the call of God in their lives.
- 4. The faithful and amazing provision of our needs in the midst of the pandemic. We thank and praise God for enabling our people to sow seeds of generosity and kindness.
- 5. The gift of innovation and creativity to the Diocese, for ministry, evangelism and discipleship. We praise God for the resources made available to us to conduct online worship services and prayers.

#### INTERCESSION

1. In this "Year of Reaping" for our Diocese, ask the Lord to continue to grant us creativity, innovation and sensitivity as we seek open doors and opportunities to sow the seeds of the gospel, faith, generosity and kindness in this coming year, so that we might reap a mighty harvest of righteousness.

- Pray for effective continuity of mission work and ministry among our people. Pray for all God's servants and God's people to remain faithful to the call and mission of God to the world.
- 3. Pray for provision and financial miracles for the people and the Diocese, so that God might be glorified in and through us.
- 4. Pray for all those who have been adversely affected by the pandemic, the children (students), the elderly, those who have lost their livelihood and suffered loss of income. Pray for healing of emotion and restoration.
- 5. Ask the Lord to open the eyes of God's people, to see opportunities in adversity, so that we might prosper in all our ways and be fruitful amidst unprecedented challenges.



#### DIOCESE OF KUCHING

Diocesan Bishop: The Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd Nelson Ugas Bulang

#### **THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- 1. For God's grace, loving kindness, and manifold blessings in the past year, even as the whole world continue to face the Covid-19 pandemic: thanking God also for the sacrifices made by many front-liners, including church people.
- 2. The faithfulness of leaders and members of the Church the past year - as challenging as the year was and will be for a while; for all the necessary changes, adjustments and new initiatives in ministry made.
- 3. Creation of two new Parishes St Benedict's, Skrang and Christ Church, Stunggang.
- 4. For the Ordination of 5 new deacons and 3 priests and Collation of 2 new Canons
- 5. For the many years of faithful ministry of Canon James Juhari and Rev Kenny Tan, who retire this year.
- 6. The various training and equipping programs, including Discipleship Training held throughout the Diocese both in person as well as online.

#### INTERCESSION

- 1. The Ordinands in training, and Internship Programs in the parishes.
- 2. The construction of the House of Epiphany, our Training Centre in Kuching for generosity in support for the project.
- 3. The various ministries, committees and boards Diocesan Women's Fellowship, Children Ministry, Anglican Diocesan Youth Council, Missions Board, Christian Education & Literature Board, Boards of Management of Mission Schools
- Diocesan Clergy Retreat and Diocesan Synod in September 2021
- 5. Effective and Impactful ministry in the face of Covid-19 challenges.



#### **THANKSGIVING & PRAISE**

- 1. Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah's term of service as our Diocesan Bishop, which was specially recognised during a thanksgiving service on 30 August 2020.
- 2. The consecration and enthronement of our new Diocesan Bishop, Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung, on 18 October 2020
- Coming together as a diocese through online worship during the Pentecost Sunday service on 31 May 2020 and the combined Holy Communion service on 2 August 2020.
- 4. Making of 3 deaconesses on 26 July 2020 and ordination of 5 priests on 23 August 2020, the latter also included the joint ordination of a Burmese Priest, with the Church of the Province of Myanmar.
- 5. Launch of Anglican Preschool Services to augment our education mission.

#### INTERCESSION

- For a spirit of unity as we serve under our new Diocesan Bishop.
- For God to establish the work of our hands as we seek to strengthen our churches and fulfil the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
- For sustained fruitfulness in our chaplaincy work in schools and community services, and in our efforts to develop our mission deaneries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Nepal, Thailand and Vietnam) into dioceses.
- 4. For greater effectiveness in our training and development of clergy as well as laity.
- For God's abundant provision and our wise stewardship of resources as diocesan needs continue to grow.



#### DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA

Diocesan Bishop : The Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow Suffragan Bishop : The Rt Revd Dr Jason Selvaraj

#### THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- 1. For the new diocesan bishop, the Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Abbarow. Pray for his wife, Anne and their children, Ruel and Naomi. Pray that the Lord will bless him with wisdom, courage, perseverance and good health.
- 2. For retired Bishop Datuk Ng Moon Hing and his faithful 13½ years of episcopacy ministry.
- 3. For retired Suffragan Bishop, Datuk Charles Samuel who retired in December 2020 after 41 years since his diaconate in 1979.
- 4. For God's sustenance, grace and mercy upon our churches despite Covid-19 pandemic. While all churches suffered a drop in attendance and income, church life continues through online as well as on-site church services, bible studies, prayer meetings, cell meetings, WhatsApp groupings and other zoom meetings. More and more parishioners are also learning to give via internet banking.

#### INTERCESSION

- 1. For smooth progress of work on the new diocesan headquarters, a 5½ storey building sitting on the old diocesan office land. A ground-breaking ceremony took place on 14th February 2020, a month before the implementation of the first MCO.
- 2. For God's blessings on the future of St Mary's Place, Kuala Lumpur as E&O Hotel has terminated its contract.
- For continued training and equipping of clergy, deaconesses, church workers and lay members through Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, St Paul's Theological College and Anglican Institute of Ministry.
- 4. For our Suffragan bishop, Dr Jason Selvaraj and the seven Archdeacons in the Diocese namely the Ven. Dr Stephen Soe (Upper North), Ven. John Kennady (Lower North), Ven. Eddie Ong (Upper Central), Ven. Stephen Chan (Middle Central), Ven. Charles Fraser (Lower Central), Ven. Edward John (South) and Ven. Jacob George (East), Remember in prayer our Dean, the Very Dr Andrew Cheah, the 125-plus clergy and deaconesses (both full-time and honorary), and about 45 retired bishops, clergy and deaconesses.



### EMPOWERING For the next season



10-Mar-21 7.30-9pm Develop An Antifragile Mindset

Facilitator: Mr Eugene Seah

23-Mar-21 7.30-9pm

**Optimising Linkedin for Career Success** 

Facilitator: Mr Eugene Seah



6-Apr-21 7.30-9pm

How to Prepare an Effective Curriculum Vitae

Facilitator: Mrs Doris De Souza

20-Apr-21 7.30-9pm

How to Prepare for a Job Interview

Facilitator: Mrs Doris De Souza



4-May-21 7.30-9pm Biblical Self-Care

Facilitator: Dr Gilbert Tan

Please register online at

http://tinyurl.com/cswcworkshops

For enquiries, please email <a href="mailto:karenchuakc@gmail.com">karenchuakc@gmail.com</a>

Please visit cathedral.org.sg/marketplace for more information.



Dates: Mar 11,18 25 Apr 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 8pm to 9.30pm

Fee: \$10 per person (for guest manual)

Closing Date for Registration: 3 Mar 2021. Please register at https://bit.ly/3cuM8uu

Developed by Nicky and Sila Lee from Holy Trinity Brompton, London, this course is part of the series of programmes offered by Alpha Singapore. It will be conducted virtually via Zoom.

For more information, please email <a href="mailto:familylifesac@gmail.com">familylifesac@gmail.com</a>

Christ-centered families growing and journeying together.



### Chinese New Year Art & Craft

Come and have fun creating your own Ang Pau art work

February 18, 2021 (Thursday)
11 AM via zoom

Facilitator: Steven Wong (Creative Arts Ministry)
Please prepare ang pau packets & stapler.

Registration: David Ng at 98332786 (WhatsApp) or <a href="mailto:davidng@cathedral.org.sg">davidng@cathedral.org.sg</a> (email).

This event is organised by the Senior Members' Fellowship

#### Online chats with your Service pastors



**SUNDAY 7am Service** 

6.15 - 6.45am
Pre-Service Prayer
8.35am to 9.30am
Zoom Meeting
To Join, click HERE

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

To Join, click **HERE** 

9am Service 9.00am To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

7 Saturdays from 20 Feb to 3 April 9.00am

### the EXAMEN through LENT

Venue: Chapel for All Peoples, SAC Register: priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg

Limited to 20pax Closing date: 14 Feb 2021 or when FULL

#### Stay connected with us by using these social media and communication channels.



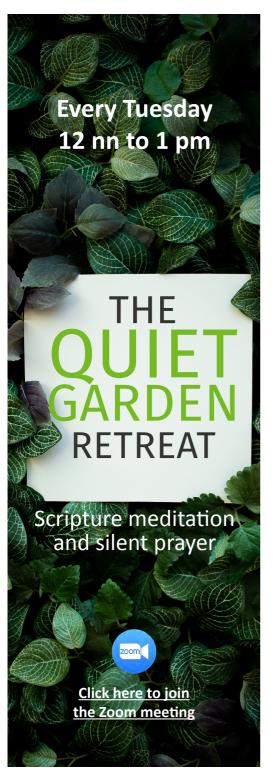
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### SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



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 20 January 2021:

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: \$1.43m

Balance to be raised: \$1.19m

# 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

