



Centennial Experience



Senior Members' Fellowship at the Bicentennial Experience



ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

8 DECEMBER 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all members and visitors to our Services today.

HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome all confirmed members of the Anglican Church and visitors who are communicant members of other churches to share in the Holy Communion with us. Our practice is to have the Holy Communion by intinction (dipping of the wafer into the wine). If you are not partaking of the Communion, you are welcome to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing. Please keep your hands clasped to indicate that you are not receiving the Communion.

CAR PARKING

There are very limited carpark lots available within the Cathedral. Members and visitors are encouraged to park at the surrounding carparks on Sunday.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10;
Romans 15:4-13;
Matthew 3:1-12

HYMNS

8.00am & 11.15am: CP449; CP34; CP39; CP444
5.00pm: CP36; Holy, Holy, Holy; 10,000 Reasons;
I Love You Lord; This Kingdom; CP470

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

Jesus Christ is the light of the world
a light no darkness can quench

Jesus has brought us out of darkness
to live in the light of his glory

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon our path

A city on a hill cannot be hidden
we are the light of the world

Christ in you, the hope of glory
this is the gospel we proclaim!

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and
wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running
the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may
speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Bishop of Singapore and Dean The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Vicar Revd Canon Terry Wong

Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, Revd Peter Cook, Revd Michael Lim, 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

THE SUMMONING

"Summon for me the people so that I can tell them my words, that they may learn to fear me all of the days they are alive on the earth and so that they may teach their children."

DEUTERONOMY 4:10 (LEXHAM ENGLISH BIBLE)

Most Bible versions will use terms like "gather" or "assemble" for this verse. But somehow the word "*summon*" conveys a greater sense of urgency or obligation, a mandate that needs to be obeyed.



To equate our nation and existence with Old Testament parallels may seem audacious and self-serving.

And indeed some nations (and kings and queens) have abused these ideas of divine calling to justify the idea of their supremacy over others.

It is, however, a Christian idea that a people or nation's calling and *raison d'être* for existence is divine in origin, not to stamp one's supremacy but to *obligate one to serve the world*. It is a self-consciousness that we are a people who were blessed with blessings that were not our own (i.e. 1 Chronicles 29:14b). And arising from this sense of humility and gratitude, we serve.

Therefore, we are *summoned*

- Out of our self-occupation to our sense of destiny to serve His wide purpose in time and space.
- To pause to "say grace" over the spread on our table as a nation (Psalm 23:5), whether in seasons of abundance or want.
- That we may gather and remember, for ourselves and those coming after us.
- To sing, for we are a people who have songs from our shared history and destiny.

This is why these milestone gatherings are always important, Sunday Worship,

Easter and Christmas Services and yes, *Bicentennials*. Surely, our 200 years of existence as a "founded" modern nation should be a moment for deep spiritual commemoration.

I have never quite fathomed why the bells had to be restored and enhanced in 2019. Yet the winds of the Spirit led us to do it and in a way, they have a *summoning* role to call us to worship. The coming Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service is a unique idea in itself, celebrating the event of the birth of the Christ and that of our nation in one breath. We are acknowledging the true Architect of our nation, "*from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*" (Ephesians 3:15).

THE BICENTENNIAL
Christmas
CAROL SERVICE

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2019
ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

Organ preludes start at 6.45 pm
Service at 7.15 pm

[DETAILS ON PAGE 8](#)

This Thursday evening's Service is an event not to be missed. If you have not been able to secure tickets, we will be preparing good overflow AV facilities at the CNS and Prayer Halls so that as many as possible can participate in this unique event.

My fellow brothers and sisters, whether you are a citizen, resident or visitor, join in to give Him the honour and praise!



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Vietnam

Vietnam gained independence from France in 1954. This was followed by three decades of war until the reunification of the North and South under the Communist Party in 1975. One of the major challenges facing the country is the need to reform its economy. Pray for the government to have wisdom as they seek to address various economic issues, reduce poverty, create jobs and attract foreign investment. Pray also for our Anglican priests Revd Hong Chi and Revd Vu Hong Thai who are pastoring their congregations in Ho Chi Minh and Hanoi respectively; that they will lead God's people with courage, strength and faith; build His church and serve the people of Vietnam through language training and humanitarian outreach efforts.

SINGAPORE

Dengue

The number of dengue cases has increased more than five times from the same period last year. From the beginning of this year till 23 Nov, there were 14,658 dengue cases and 76 active dengue clusters. Pray that the National Environment Agency, the Inter-Agency Dengue Task Force, Town Councils and Singapore residents will step up efforts to prevent the breeding of Aedes mosquitoes and find effective solutions to eliminate the spread of dengue.

Celebrate Christmas In Singapore (CCIS - 16 to 23 Dec 2019)

CCIS comes to Orchard Road from 16-23 December. There will be performances, interactive activities, carols, floats, choirs and much more, presented by local and invited overseas guest artistes. Pray for good weather, excellent organisation and anointed performances that will bring the true message of Christmas to the crowds in Orchard Road and turn many to Christ.

DIOCESE

Chapel of the Resurrection

Pray for the Vicar Revd David Lee, staff and leadership team to be refreshed and filled with joy as they consecrate themselves to the Lord's service. Pray for the various Christmas Outreach events in Cambodia, Batam and Singapore to be effective platforms for sharing the gospel and bringing many to salvation in Christ. Pray especially for God's favour on "Joy to Potong Pasir" (COR's first jointly organised Christmas Carnival with the People's Association on 21 Dec). Pray that the estimated 2000 participants attending this event, will experience Christ in a very special way and be drawn to Him.

CATHEDRAL

Filipino Christmas Festival (15 Dec 2019)

Pray that the Lord will bless this massive outreach to the Filipino community; for great weather, a good turn-out of Filipinos from all over Singapore, who will fill the Cathedral grounds. Pray that they will be touched by the warm hospitality of the Filipino and Cathedral community; they will have a beautiful time of fellowship and their hearts will be receptive to the love of God.

SAC Youth Camp (16 - 19 Dec 2019)

Pray for more sign-ups as the Camp draws nearer, for our Cathedral youths to come and be engaged with one another in community and in learning together. Pray for open hearts to receive God's word (the camp theme: Speak Lord, I'm listening") and for the camp speaker Wayne Sim from YWAM to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading. Pray for the camp organisers to work together in unity and for God's presence to fill the camp.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Annie Dang, Marjorie Lau, Nancy Li, Barbara Rayney, Joy Brett, Doris Proctor, Ana Pelaez and Lim Soon Chye.

Members who know them are encouraged to visit and pray with them.



The Cathedral Podcast

Listen to episodes at cathedral.org.sg/podcast



A ROAD LESS TRIED

Potters Kenneth and Huiwen, founders of Asobi Studio share the contours of their journey to step away from the mainstream to pursue life-giving joy and a simpler life built around core values.

SATURDAY SERVICE 7 DECEMBER

4.30 pm Contemporary Service *CNS*
Vicar Terry Wong

SUNDAY SERVICE 8 DECEMBER

- 7.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Chua Wee Hian
- 8.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 9.00 am** Contemporary Service *CNS*
Vicar Terry Wong
- 9.00 am** Tamil Service
Chapel for All Peoples
- 9.30 am** Service in Mandarin *Nave*
- 11.15 am** Service in Mandarin *CNS*
- 11.15 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 11.30 am** Contemporary Service
No Service
- 2.00 pm** Filipino Service *NT Hall*
Ps Carolina Alar
- 2.00 pm** Myanmar Worship Service *CNS*
COH Myanmar 2019
- 2.30 pm** Bahasa Indonesia Service
South Transept Hall
Mr Victor Effendie
- 2.30 pm** Service in Cantonese *Nave*
- 4.30 pm** Hokkien Service *Prayer Halls*
Revd Freddy Lim
- 5.00 pm** Evensong *Nave*
Revd Chua Wee Hian
- 5.00 pm** Service in Mandarin *CNS*

EXTENSION CENTRES

- 10.00 am** Westside Anglican Church
Revd Bertram Cheong
- 10.00 am** Jurong Anglican Church
Mandarin
Bestway Centre
- 10.00 am** ACTS Centre
My Saviour's Church
Revd Michael Lim

SATURDAY SERVICE 14 DECEMBER

4.30 pm Contemporary Service *CNS*
Revd Calvin Wee

SUNDAY SERVICE 15 DECEMBER

- 7.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Joshua Raj
- 8.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Peter Cook
- 9.00 am** Holy Communion *CNS*
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 9.00 am** Tamil Service
Chapel for All Peoples
- 9.30 am** Service in Mandarin *Nave*
- 11.15 am** Service in Mandarin *CNS*
- 11.15 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Peter Cook
- 11.30 am** Contemporary Service
Prayer Halls
Revd Hambali Leonardi
- 2.00 pm** Filipino Service *NT Hall*
NetFil Christmas Celebration
- 2.00 pm** Myanmar Worship Service
No Service
- 2.30 pm** Bahasa Indonesia Service
South Transept Hall
Mr Victor Effendie
- 2.30 pm** Service in Cantonese *Nave*
- 4.30 pm** Hokkien Service *Prayer Halls*
Revd Freddy Lim
- 5.00 pm** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Joshua Raj
- 5.00 pm** Service in Mandarin *CNS*

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES

- 4.30 pm** Saturday CITYKids Ministry
Prayer Halls, B1
- 8.00 am** Sunday School
North & South Transept Halls
- 9.00 am** Sunday School *Enquire at CNS, B2*
- 9.30 am** Sunday School (Mandarin)
- 11.15 am** Sunday School
Enquire at North Transept Hall
- 5.00 pm** Junior Cell *South Transept Hall*

WEEKDAY SERVICES/MEETINGS

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer
Chapel for All Peoples

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER

7.30 am Clergy and Leaders
Holy Communion *Prayer Halls*
12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer
Chapel for All Peoples

WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER

7.30 am The Quiet Garden Meditation
West House
12.30 pm Holy Communion *Prayer Hall*

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER

9.30 am Holy Communion
Chapel for All Peoples
12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer
Chapel for All Peoples

FRIDAY, 13 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer
Chapel for All Peoples
7.00 pm Young Adults' Ministry
Off-site: Small groups Chat and Chill

SATURDAY, 14 DECEMBER

2.00 pm LYnC Youth Ministry
Chapel for All Peoples
2.30 pm Shalomkids Ministry *Prayer Halls*
(For children with autism)

COMING UP

DECEMBER 2019

- 15** Filipino Christmas Festival
- 20-21** Drama Production @CNS
- 22** An Evening of Christmas Praise
- 24** Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service @Nave, 10.30pm
- 25** Christmas Day Holy Communion Service @Nave, 8am & 11.30am
- 25** Christmas Day Contemporary Service @CNS, 10am followed by Lunch
- 31** New Year Eve Covenant Service @ Nave, 10.30pm

JANUARY 2020

- 1** New Year's Day Service
- 4** The Quiet Garden Retreat
- 9** DCBS Course
- 9** SMF CNY Shopping Trip
- 10** Day DCBS Course
- 10-11** Leaders Conference
- 16** DCBS Course
- 17** Day DCBS Course
- 22** PCC

LYNC YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENTS 2019'S

SAC Youth Camp

START

16

DECEMBER



SPEAK LORD

I am listening

END

19

DECEMBER

NSRCC (NO. 19-21)

Cost: \$60

Sign up by 13 Dec: tinyurl.com/sacyouthcamp19

BIBLICAL STUDIES

TERM 1

DCBS

THURS 9 JAN – 21 MAR 2020
7.30 PM – 9.30 PM

Module 1A: Background Overview of the OT
Instructor: Ms Vivien Chen

Module 1B: Background Overview of the NT
Instructor: Ps Ti Lian Swan

Module 4B: Jeremiah & Ezekiel
Instructors: Rev Peter Cook, Rev Hambali Leonardi, Ps Grace Tan

Module 12: Ephesians to Philemon
Instructors: Ps Stanley Tay, Ms Vivien Chen, Ms Amy Lau, Mr Kwan Fook Seng

REGISTER AT
cathedral.org.sg/dcbs

SEMESTER 1

DAY DCBS

FRI 10 JAN – 24 APR 2020
12.30 PM – 2.00 PM

Module 8: The Gospels
Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
Instructors: Ds Bessie Lee, Ps Angeline Leong, Mr Kwan Fook Seng

REGISTER AT
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COURSE FEES

\$10 per module;
\$5 for written examination
(Modules 1A & 1B are free-of-charge)



CATHEDRAL CLOSED

The Cathedral will be closed on Friday, 13 December 2019 in preparation for the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service on that evening.

TUESDAY MORNING CLERGY'S BREAKFAST

Our bishops and clergy gather at SAC every Tuesday morning for a Holy Communion Service, followed by breakfast fellowship and meeting. In the earlier years, the breakfast was prepared by SAC members but in the last few years, it was catered.

As of January 2020, we plan to revert to preparing the breakfast ourselves and the new kitchen at the Pavilion will facilitate this well. If you would like to serve the clergy as a part of our rostered teams, please contact Monica Lee at monicalee@cathedral.org.sg

2019 FINANCES

As we approach the end of another year, our finances are in deficit in relation to our approved budget. Do remain faithful in your giving (tithing, pledges, offerings etc) so that we can meet our obligations internally and the needs of missions, as planned, before the year ends. We give as unto the Lord to the Church we love and to the work of missions via her leadership, trusting that they will prayerfully make the right call.

THANKSGIVING

We thank God for the life of Philip Soon who went home to be with the Lord on 28 November 2019.

The Emotionally Healthy Woman

A discipleship course for women,
facilitated by women.



11 Feb - 31 March 2020
Tuesdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm
North Transept Hall, SAC
Cost: \$40*

Register at
cathedral.org.sg/ehw

*Includes EHW book and workbook

CHRISTMAS

AT THE CATHEDRAL 2019

Come and invite your friends to experience the spirit of Christmas with us this December

DEC 19 - 21 THU - SAT, 12 PM @ THE CATHEDRAL CAFE

Noontime Christmas Performances

DEC 20 - 21 FRI - SAT, 5.30 PM

Christmas Market @ Pavilion

SPECIALLY CURATED FOOD, DRINKS AND WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES

DEC 20 - 21 FRI - SAT, 7 PM @ CNS

"Love Meets You Where You Are"

A LOVE-FILLED DRAMA BASED ON TRUE STORIES WITH TALK BY DR LESLIE TAY (IEATISHOOTIPOST)

DEC 22 SUN, 7.30 PM @ NAVE

An Evening of Christmas Praise

WITH FRICILIA MIXED CHOIR AND THE DE LANEROLLE BROTHERS

DEC 24 TUE 10.30 PM @ NAVE

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

DEC 25 WED 8 & 11:30 AM @ NAVE

Christmas Day Holy Communion Services

DEC 25 WED 10 AM @ CNS

"Ready or Not - The King is Coming"

CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

ALL ARE WELCOME.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

cathedral.org.sg/christmas



Get your tickets at sac-christmas2019.eventbrite.sg for \$10



THE BICENTENNIAL
Christmas
CAROL SERVICE

with the *Sidney Sussex Choir, led by Dr David Skinner and the Singapore Church Combined Choir, led by Dr Peter Low.*

12 DECEMBER 2019 ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
Organ preludes start at 6.45 pm | Service at 7.15 pm

The response to the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service has been very good and all tickets have been snapped up. If you were unable to get tickets for the 12th December Service, we are preparing **good overflow facilities at the CNS and Prayer Halls** in terms of visual and audio. There are a total of almost 1000 seats, and we invite you to join us there. Please be seated by 6.45 pm.

SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022

This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building that have succumbed to environmental wear and tear. The Restoration Works will involve re-plastering and re-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. Its 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

Cash - Use the "Heritage Fund" envelope and drop your cash into the Heritage Fund donation box or offertory bags

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 2 Dec 2019:

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:	\$0.85m
Balance to be raised:	\$1.77m

For enquires, please write to Vivien Chen at heritagefund@cathedral.org.sg

We warmly welcome you to St Andrew's Cathedral

Please complete and return this portion to the ushers or the Info Desk, or simply drop it into an offering bag.

Your Name : _____

Sex : F/M Age: 12-18 19-25 26-44 45-64 65+ Service attended: _____

Telephone: _____ (HP) Email: _____

- I am a visitor. I would like to be contacted. I wish to know more about Christianity.
 I wish to attend an Alpha Course. I wish to join a Connect group.
 I wish to be a member of St Andrew's Cathedral. Others : _____



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