



*Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong was the guest-of-honour
at the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service, St Andrew's Cathedral*



ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL

THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

22 DECEMBER 2019
FOURTH 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.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

Each Service has special provisions for families with young children. Please see page 4.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-16;
Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-25

HYMNS

8.00am & 11.15am: CP26; CP35; CP32; CP362
5.00pm: HP69; HP73; HP79; HP71

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

The glory of the Lord has been
revealed

Jesus is the Light of the world

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

The darkness is not dark to you,
the night is as bright as the day.

Let your light scatter the darkness
and fill your Church with your glory.

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the
Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother
of your Son: grant that, as she looked
for his coming as our Saviour, so we
may be ready to greet him when he
comes again as our judge; who is
alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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

INSPIRED BY THOSE WE SING OF

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. MATTHEW 5:16

This Bicentennial has been a very special year for many of us. We have looked back. We have researched. We have dug up hidden “artefacts.” I echo the feelings of those who have worked hard in the past: *we have been richly blessed by the lives of those who have come before us.*

It wasn't difficult at all; if not a huge privilege; for us to write, tell and sing of them. Our mission and motivation at working hard at the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Services; including the publication of a special edition of the Courier; were simple: we needed to tell *their stories* well, that our Father may be glorified. And after that, we recede into the background. For the real heroes and heroines are not on our stages, pulpits or pews today. They are long gone. To bask in their glory would have diminished the very stories we are attempting to tell.

In the process, what lessons can be drawn from these historical observations?

Think of the Christian faith of some of our English forebears which formed their values and shaped the way they seeded our society. While there are some truths about how the imposition of a Western world view has its own ills (i.e. Edward Said in his magisterial book *Orientalism*), a belief in a God of Creation should underline our conviction that every culture at every season needs to be challenged by His revelation through Word and Creation (Psalm 19); even if

at times, this had to come through another culture.

The English Reformation in the 16th century and the flowering of education (through breakthroughs in printing) led to a Christianisation of a nation where almost every child needed to study Greek and Latin in schools through catechisms where Biblical truths were carefully taught. The same education finally led to the abolishment of slavery: we should be familiar with the heroic efforts of William Wilberforce. Stamford Raffles was a very close friend of William, and they lived as neighbours. Raffles shared some of these values and permitted Christian missionaries to serve in the earlier years of our city.

Another lesson to be drawn is the authentic unity that was forged “in the trenches” of the war years. Both Changi Prison and the Cathedral served as hubs for Christians of every stream. Today the Church has undoubtedly benefited from the wealth of the city and has gained significant social standing. Unlike our counterparts in the war years — who were literally disrobed and stripped to their bare bones — today, church leaders meet under very different circumstances, often adorned in glorious array.

My last word shall be this: that we need to drop the celebrity culture and consider what being Christ-like means. We would certainly honour our forebears if we love everyone equally, as Christ has commanded us. These include people of other faiths and closer home, Christians from different streams need to respect one another.

We have sung about them. By His grace, let's also live like them.

"LOVE
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PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

India

Violence has erupted in India's northern eastern state of Assam as protests grew over a new citizenship law which allows for the fast-tracking of citizenship applications from religious minorities from three neighbouring countries, but not Muslims. It is feared that this new legislation will grant citizenship to large numbers of immigrants from Bangladesh who are accused of stealing jobs and diluting the region's cultural identity. Violent clashes between protestors and police have led to physical injuries and fatalities. Pray for the government of India to act with wisdom and speed to address this critical situation, to alleviate the fears of the people and to restore peace to the land.

New Zealand

Pray for God's comfort to be upon the bereaved families who lost their loved ones during the recent volcanic eruption on White Island, New Zealand and for His healing hands to be laid on those who are suffering from burns to their skin and lungs.

SINGAPORE

At the recently concluded UN Climate Summit in Madrid, Singapore's Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Masagos Zulkifli, remarked that this Summit was "a reminder of the importance of support for multilateralism as a key framework, for diverse countries to jointly advocate common causes such as climate change, free trade and peace". Pray that Singapore will continue to play an active role on the global stage, in advocating a "common objective of safeguarding our planet for future generations" and that countries will implement effective and timely measures to tackle the challenges ahead.

Christmas Celebrations

Pray that all over Singapore, in Orchard Road, in churches and in every nook and

corner, the true message of Christmas will be boldly proclaimed. Pray that the hearts of hearers will be illumined and their eyes opened, to the God of love who became incarnate in Christ that He may die for the sins of the whole world. Pray for the powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit on every Christmas message, that lives will be touched and drawn to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DIOCESE

Clergy (Overseas Assignment/ Sabbatical and others)

Pray for our clergy who are on overseas assignments or on sabbatical; that God will bless and prosper the work of their hands, renew and refresh them in body, mind and spirit and strengthen them in their times of communion with Him.

Retired Clergy

Pray for our retired clergy to have new direction and new purpose for their lives; they will be recharged like Caleb, to advance God's Kingdom and aim to finish well, the race He has set before them. Pray that they will grow deep in their walk with the Lord and be role models for the generations to come.

CATHEDRAL

Thanksgiving

Thank God for the opportunity He has given our Cathedral to host many significant events this Christmas time, for the Myanmar and Filipino COHs, the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Services and the Christmas Drama, all of which He has blessed and graced with His loving presence.

Christmas Services

Pray for the Evening of Christmas Praise (22 Dec), the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services to be channels of God's love and truth; for the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the preachers, choirs and for the hearts of many to be turned to Christ.



THE KING IS COMING

CHRISTMAS EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

Wednesday 25 December 2019
10 am @ Cathedral New Sanctuary

Followed by lunch at the Pavilion, 12.00pm

Adult : \$10 Child : \$5 (Ages 5 - 12 years)

Lunch tickets available at 9am Service Info Desk

SATURDAY SERVICE 21 DECEMBER

4.30 pm *No Service*

SUNDAY SERVICE 22 DECEMBER

- 7.00 am** **Holy Communion Nave**
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion Nave**
Vicar Terry Wong
- 9.00 am** **Contemporary Service CNS**
Rev'd Hambali Leonardi
- 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**
Vicar Terry Wong
- 11.30 am** **Contemporary Service**
Prayer Halls
Rev'd Calvin Wee
- 2.00 pm** **Filipino Service NT Hall**
Ps Carolina Alar
- 2.00 pm** **Myanmar Worship Service CNS**
Rev'd Moses Israeli
- 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**
Rev'd Freddy Lim
- 5.00 pm** **Holy Communion Nave**
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 5.00 pm** **Service in Mandarin CNS**

EXTENSION CENTRES

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

SATURDAY SERVICE 28 DECEMBER

4.30 pm **Contemporary Service CNS**
Rev'd Calvin Wee

SUNDAY SERVICE 29 DECEMBER

- 7.00 am** **Holy Communion Nave**
Ds June Tan
- 8.00 am** **Holy Communion Nave**
Rev'd Calvin Wee
- 9.00 am** **Contemporary Service CNS**
Ds Bessie Lee
- 9.00 am** **Tamil Service**
Chapel for All Peoples
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Ds June Tan
- 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, 23 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

TUESDAY, 24 DECEMBER

7.30 am Clergy and Leaders
Holy Communion *Nave*

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER

7.30 am The Quiet Garden Meditation
West House

12.30 pm Holy Communion *Nave*

THURSDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9.30 am Holy Communion
Chapel for All Peoples

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

FRIDAY, 27 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

7.00 pm Young Adults' Ministry
No YA until January

SATURDAY, 28 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

- 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
- 10** Day DCBS Course
- 10-11** Leaders Conference
- 16** DCBS Course
- 17** Day DCBS Course
- 22** PCC
- 23** DCBS Course
- 24** CNY Eve
- 25** CNY 25-27

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF 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)



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LUNCHTIME 12PM

EVENINGS 7PM

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Alpha

THE QUIET GARDEN RETREAT: RECOLLECTION & RENEWAL

Saturday 4 January 2020, 9am - 1pm
South Transept Hall, Level 1

In this retreat, you will *recollect* the events of the year past. With gratitude, *review* the events and take a walk with the Lord. For your failing to respond in the image of God, there will be time to ask for forgiveness and look forward to *renew* your commitment.

Suggested scripture text for meditation will be provided. Retreat ends with 'bring and share' lunch and conversation. The retreat is free.

Enquiries: priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg
Sign up at tinyurl.com/TQGRetreat-0120

THANKSGIVING

We thank God for the life of Mr Lim Seng Leng who went home to be with the Lord on 7 December 2019.

DONATION FOR FLOWERS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

In thanksgiving: Mrs Goodenough Pauline

Planning on getting married?

Register for our MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

1st run: Tue, 4 Feb – 17 Mar 2020
The 1st Run has been fully subscribed

2nd run: Tue, 7 Jul – 18 Aug 2020

7 pm to 9.30 pm, Cathedral Cafe

Course fee is \$100 per couple
payable in cash on the 1st session

For enquiries: mpc@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.

CHRISTMAS

AT THE CATHEDRAL 2019

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

DEC 22 SUN, 7.30 PM @ NAVE

An Evening of Christmas Praise

WITH FRICILIA MIXED CHOIR AND THE DE LANEROLLE BROTHERS

The Fricilia Mixed Choir comes from the North Sulawesi province and is regarded as the number 1 Choir in Manado. The choir is in its 6th year overall and is in its 2nd year under their Artistic Director: Sri Lankan Rohan De Lanerolle. The musician duo, **The De Lanerolle Brothers**, affectionately known as DLB, celebrate the 10th anniversary of their musical career. Throughout these 10 years, they achieved an unbelievable amount of success and a great following amongst people both internationally and in Sri Lanka.

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



EAST LAWN CARPARK CLOSURE

Due to protracted wet weather, we will be closing the East Lawn carpark during some weekends during this period. We apologise for inconvenience caused. Please park at nearby carparks:

The Adelphi, (\$3.21 per entry), Capitol Piazza, (\$2 for first 2 hrs), Raffles City (\$2.20 for first 2 hrs), and National Gallery (\$1.30 per 30 mins).

RESUMPTION OF WEEKDAY SERVICES AT THE NAVE

Please note that the following weekday services have returned to their original venue at the Nave:

Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri Mid-day prayers

Tue, Holy Communion

Wed, 12.30pm Holy Communion

Thu, 9.30am Holy Communion

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
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*Includes EHW book and workbook



MID-DAY PRAYERS

12.30 - 1PM
St Andrew's Cathedral, Nave
MONDAY - FRIDAY (excluding Public Holidays)
Wednesday with Holy Communion

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 16 Dec 2019:

Donations pledged/received from SAC members/friends:	\$0.86m
Balance to be raised:	\$1.76m

Please visit **cathedral.org.sg/chf** for more details.

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 attend an Alpha Course.

☐ I wish to be a member of St Andrew's Cathedral.

☐ I wish to know more about Christianity.

☐ I wish to join a Connect group.

☐ Others : _____



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