



Christmas celebrations at the Filipino Celebration of Hope, St Andrew's Cathedral

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

29 DECEMBER 2019
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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.

PRAYER & MINISTRY

If you would like to talk to someone or receive prayer ministry, in most Services this is offered either during or after a Service. Note the following:

Sat 4.30pm	In Service
7.00am	After Service at Graham White Library, North Transept, Ground floor
8.00am	After Service at prayer table
9.00am	In Service
11.15am	After Service at communion rails
eleven.30	In Service
5.00pm	After Service at communion rails

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.

COLLECT

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 63:7-9;
Hebrews 2:10-18;
Matthew 2:13-23

HYMNS

8.00am: CP63; CP74; CP58; HP82
11.15am: CP63; CP74; CP58; HP82
5.00pm: HP78; We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise; I Stand In Awe Of You; Lord You Are Always Here With Me; You Are My All In All; HP77

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

OF CREEDS AND COVENANTS

We need to reaffirm our creeds and renew our covenants (i.e. our promises and vows) from time to time. Our lives will be drifting, free-floating or going down the rabbit hole *aka* Alice in Wonderland - often heading into disaster zone - without these creedal anchors and the "ties that bind", may it be family, marriage, friendships, church commitments or faith.

Coming to creeds, the important ones are the *The Nicene Creed*, *The Apostles Creed* and our *Baptismal Creed*. We don't read *The Apostles Creed* enough, which ironically is better framed for a public confession. In part, this is because it is found in our Morning Prayer (Matins) liturgy but we don't do Matins on Sunday. As for the Baptismal Creed, we get to reaffirm it during Easter Sunday and our New Year Services.

Why are these Creeds important? The most obvious reason is because they frame our Christian beliefs. As with all creeds, we need to reaffirm them as our beliefs can get unclear and woolly with time. Some of us may have been experiencing an overload of pain and suffering. Sometimes these tragedies can void us of any sense of meaning and purpose in life. There is just no energy left to carry on. Reaffirming these creeds steadies our lives, reminding us of the timeless grace and faithfulness of God.

The Creeds also join us with the *communion of saints* in space and

time. Like Elijah, we realise that we are not alone (see his lament in 1 Kings 18:22 and the Lord's reply in 19:18). In *time*, we affirm with believers through the ages. In *space*, we are reminded that we are part of a much wider Body. It is strange how narrow-minded some parts of the Christian family can be and we are so easily divided over many secondary issues. The Creeds remind us of what truly matter and what can bind us together regardless of race, culture, church affiliation and nationality.

If creeds remind us on what we should hold on to, covenants focus on our resolve to have a "long obedience in the same direction." Confessions are one thing but it can be quite another to live them out consistently. The way promises and covenants work is that *they are meant to be kept all the time*. Imagine telling your spouse that you would like to remove your ring and have a short vacation from your marriage! If we only keep our promises some of the time, we know we have failed. This is one reason why we confess our sins, failures, shortcomings and renew our covenants regularly. It is confessing how much we need His grace, that we may be forgiven and renewed to live out our promises.

May we renew our faith and commitments as the year turns.

HAVE A
*Blessed
New Year!*

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

West Malaysia

As of 15 Dec, there is a recorded 4,000 victims who are housed in 53 temporary flood relief centres in seven of Johor's flood-affected districts. The most affected district was Mersing with 1,262 victims, followed by Kota Tinggi with 1,072 victims and Kluang with 1,053 victims. The rest of the affected areas are Segamat (342), Kulai (80), Muar (21), and Batu Pahat (six). Flooding has hit Kelantan too. Pray for the heavy rains to stop and for the flood waters to recede, for those trapped by flood waters to be rescued and for food supplies to reach those in need. Pray also for shelter for displaced families and for the avoidance of water-borne diseases. Pray that those whose livelihoods have been affected will be able to tide through this difficult time and that measures will be taken to improve drainage systems to avoid future occurrences of massive flooding during the monsoon season.

SINGAPORE

Transformation of SMEs

Singapore's small to medium enterprises (SMEs) need to transform their businesses to remain relevant and competitive in an increasingly digital world. However, our SMEs seem to be lagging in this innovation drive. The key challenges hindering businesses in their transformation efforts comes down to talent and technology. Pray for CEOs of our SMEs to take bold steps to tap into government programs and get into partnerships with training institutes that will help them develop comprehensive strategies, develop digitally skilled talent internally, deploy technology effectively and drive innovation in their companies.

DIOCESE

Theological Education Board

Pray for the Diocesan Director of Lay Training Canon Terry Wong, the Convenors of the 5 theological training tracks, the Ag. Warden of St Peter's Hall Rt. Rev. Kuan Kim Seng, that they will be divinely led to provide relevant and effective continuing education to further develop and upgrade the competencies and skill sets of full time pastors, lay leaders and members, to better equip them for the Lord's service. Pray for the principals and teachers of Trinity Theological and other training colleges to have divine wisdom as they train students in the pursuit of godly character and academic excellence.

CATHEDRAL

Restoration Works Project 2020-2022

Thank God for the Cathedral which He has planted as a place of worship in the heart of our city. As God has entrusted the stewardship of this historic building to us, let us all contribute to its restoration, maintenance and preservation for future generations. Pray for the financial cost of \$6 million to be met and for the work to be carried out by highly competent and excellent workmen.

New Year Services

Pray that as we draw to a close of 2019 and look ahead to 2020, we will learn from the lessons of the past and move forward with faith and expectation to the new things God has in store for us, in the coming year. Pray for the preaching of the word at the New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Services, to be Spirit-led and anointed, to prepare God's people to enter 2020 with ready hearts and willing hands, to serve the Lord.

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 LIFE OF FAITH

Faith starts off as a seed. Prof Lawrence Chia shares insights from his eventful life to show us how faith grows, deepens and creatively responds to life's realities.



SATURDAY SERVICE 28 DECEMBER

4.30 pm Contemporary Service *CNS*
Revd Calvin Wee

SUNDAY SERVICE 29 DECEMBER

- 7.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Ds June Tan
- 8.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Revd Calvin Wee
- 9.00 am** Contemporary Service *CNS*
Ds Bessie Lee
- 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 Calvin Wee
- 11.30 am** Contemporary Service
Prayer Halls
Vicar Terry Wong
- 2.00 pm** Filipino Service *NT Hall*
Revd Joshua Raj
- 2.00 pm** Myanmar Worship Service *CNS*
Revd Moses Israelii
- 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*
Ds June Tan
- 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 4 JANUARY

4.30 pm Holy Communion *CNS*
Revd Calvin Wee

SUNDAY SERVICE 5 JANUARY

- 7.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Ds June Tan
- 8.00 am** Holy Communion *Nave*
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 9.00 am** Holy Communion *CNS*
Revd 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*
Canon Rinji Kwashi
- 11.30 am** Contemporary Service
Prayer Halls
Revd Hambali Leonardi
- 2.00 pm** Filipino Service *NT Hall*
Ps Carolina Alar
- 2.00 pm** Myanmar Worship Service *CNS*
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Revd Freddy Lim
- 5.00 pm** Holy Communion *Nave*
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, 30 DECEMBER

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

TUESDAY, 31 DECEMBER

7.30 am Clergy and Leaders
Holy Communion *Nave*

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

WEDNESDAY, 1 JANUARY

New Year's Day

THURSDAY, 2 JANUARY

9.30 am Holy Communion
Chapel for All Peoples

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

FRIDAY, 3 JANUARY

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer *Nave*

7.00 pm Young Adults' Ministry
2020 Homecoming

SATURDAY, 4 JANUARY

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

31 New Year Eve Covenant Service @
Nave, 10.30 pm

JANUARY 2020

1 New Year's Day Service @
Nave, 9 am

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

23 DCBS Course

24 CNY Eve

25 CNY 25-27

28 Prayer & Praise

30 DCBS Course

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
cathedral.org.sg/daydcbs

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



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Starts Wed 12 Feb 2020
LUNCHTIME 12PM
EVENINGS 7PM

Find out more at
cathedral.org.sg/alpha

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

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.

PRAYER & PRAISE

Tuesday 28 January,
7.14pm, Prayer Halls



DONATION FOR FLOWERS TODAY

These are received in memory of Joseph Rich Cheong Kum Wah and Lim Seng Leng.

CATHEDRAL CLOSED

We wish to inform all members that the Cathedral office and compound will be closed from 1pm on New Year's Day (1 Jan 2020).

The Cathedral Welcome Centre and Café will be closed on: -

31 Dec (After 1 pm)
1 Jan 2020 (Full Day)

New Year's

SERVICES

TUES, 31 DEC 2019

NEW YEAR'S EVE COVENANT SERVICE

with Holy Communion

10.30 pm at the Nave

Message by Vicar Terry Wong

At the stroke of midnight, we will watch the fireworks together.
This will be followed by supper served at the Pavilion
- with love from the SAC Food Ministry team.

WED, 1 JAN 2020

NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE

with Holy Communion

9 am at the Nave

People of the New Covenant

Message by Revd Bertram Cheong

All are welcome.

Blessed New Year!

from Vicar, Clergy, Deaconesses, Staff and PCC of SAC

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
cathedral.org.sg/ehw

*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 20 Dec 2019:

Donations pledged/received from SAC members/friends:	\$0.87m
Balance to be raised:	\$1.75m

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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