



Hokkien Alpha

ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

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
8.00am	After Service at prayer table
9.00am	In Service
11.15am	After Service at communion rails
eleven.30	In Service

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 3.

22/23 FEBRUARY 2020

COLLECT FOR SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

Exodus 24:12-18;
2 Peter 1:16-21;
Matthew 17:1-9

HYMNS

8.00am: CP248; CP529; CP572; CP585
11.15am: CP248; CP529; CP572; CP585
5.00pm: CP170; We Bring The Sacrifice Of Praise; I Lift My Hands; Exalt The Lord Our God; How Great Is Our God; How Great Thou Art; HP284

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

Auxilliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay,
 Revd Soon Soo Kee, Revd Christopher Tan,
 Revd Freddy Lim

Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee, Ds June Tan

2020 year of
DISCIPLESHIP
 dig deep • walls down • bridges out

GROWING THROUGH THIS CRISIS

"The worst may not be over, but it has not worsened." The situation seems to be stabilising. This is how I see it even as we gather - or stay away- for another weekend of worship. As I said last week, we will do our best to "over-communicate." We do appreciate the feedback we have received, and whatever steps we take need to be coherent and consistent across our Services.

Do note that the prevention factors advised by our Ministry of Health remain as the most important ones, such as the need for us to **stay away if we have any symptoms of sickness, even if they are mild.** We are now broadcasting (or live-streaming) our 8am Service weekly.

The multiple cameras in the Nave allow us to do it quite effectively. As the words read or sung by the congregation are projected on screen, this means that even from your home, you can meaningfully participate in the Service ie. singing along with the hymns and joining in the prayers. You can still watch the video later. My advice is that you don't just run it in the background or watch it from your bed. Set aside time for **intentional worship** or do it together with your family for the needed focus and discipline. If you have a cup of coffee by your side, I would think that is acceptable! **Giving is also an act of worship**, a weekly discipline to be encouraged. Please note the online giving options that are available.

Should our Connect Groups meet? There is no blanket answers to this as each group is different. I have confidence that the leader and core members will find their own rhythm. Please pray for wisdom and love and care for one another in Christ.

While we may postpone our Alpha and Confirmation classes, this is a season where many need to hear the Gospel. We had a lot of training last year on personal evangelism and were reminded not to over-rely on event-based evangelism. This is a good time to pray and learn to "coffee" with your friends and seekers.

It is a different way of being Church and perhaps changes in recent years have

positioned us to respond to this crisis. As we have been told in our clergy meeting, it is time our parishes take IT tools seriously. Indeed, we must. Good Christian Education courses can be made available online. We have so many good sermons preached every Sunday and this should be made easily available. Even if a member did attend a Service, to be able to hear what was being said in another is a blessing. Hymns and worship songs, sung in season, are another source of blessing. The SAC community needs to be connected online and our presence there can also be a form of our witness to the world. We do know how the latest tools can help seniors to be connected. Please do your bit to help some who may not know how to. With the use of apps, it has been reduced to the touching of an icon. It isn't more complicated than that.

And as the Church goes "on screen", we also realise that a huge majority of our city folks, especially those in the youth and young adults category are already spending a lot of time on screens. Our young people in SAC can participate and show the way and help SAC to level up.

About 12 years ago, I wrote an article on the importance of IT in the Trinity Theological College Journal and how it is changing the way we do Church. It was by no means an academic article with a list of footnotes and I am sure it was not highly regarded in some quarters. I know I will always have to struggle with sceptics for the rest of my ministry (God give me strength). I am seeing "what the Father is doing" and in prayer and reflecting deeply, I have always sought to serve His Church prophetically and by His grace, and to lead that we may go from point A to B. "What we should do, where we should be going" is a needed leadership responsibility. It can frustrate those who cannot see or who do not like changes or movements. I don't always have the authority to get everyone headed in the right way. And so I keep talking, explaining, cajoling, writing etc. I am most comforted that this is His Body with many members, where each is to do their part and we let Him orchestrate.

This season will sift, reveal and test the authenticity, robustness and resilience of our faith and relationship with God. As Revd Habbali has shared, "this crisis can disciple us."

Let it.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY

12.30PM & 7.30PM , NAVE

12.30PM REVD SOON SOO KEE Has No One Condemned You?

7.30PM BISHOP RENNIS PONNIAH The Enemy At The Door

SATURDAY SERVICE 22 FEBRUARY

4.30 pm Contemporary Service CNS
Vicar Terry Wong

SUNDAY SERVICE 23 FEBRUARY

7.00 am Holy Communion Nave
Ps Ti Lian Swan

8.00 am Holy Communion Nave
Rev'd Peter Cook

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
Rev'd Peter Cook

11.30 am Contemporary Service
Prayer Halls
Ds Bessie Lee

2.00 pm Filipino Service NT Hall
Canon Louis Tay

2.00 pm Myanmar Worship Service CNS
Rev'd Sa Shine Lukar

2.30 pm Bahasa Indonesia Service
Classroom A
Mr Victor Effendie

2.30 pm Service in Cantonese Nave

4.30 pm Hokkien Alpha Prayer Halls
Rev'd Freddy Lim

5.00 pm Evensong Nave
Ps Ti Lian Swan

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

SATURDAY SERVICE 29 FEBRUARY

4.30 pm Contemporary Service CNS
Mr James Tan

SUNDAY SERVICE 1 MARCH

7.00 am Holy Communion Nave
Vicar Terry Wong

8.00 am Holy Communion Nave
Bishop Rennis Ponniah

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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, 24 FEBRUARY

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer Nave

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY

7.30 am Clergy and Leaders
Holy Communion Nave

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer Nave

WEDNESDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

7.30 am The Quiet Garden Meditation
West House

12.30 pm Holy Communion Nave

THURSDAY, 27 FEBRUARY

9.30 am Holy Communion
Nave

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer Nave

FRIDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

12.30 pm Mid-Day Prayer Nave

7.00 pm Young Adults' Ministry
Chapel for All Peoples
The politics of Jesus

CONFIRMATION COURSE

In view of the Corona Virus situation, the Confirmation Course is postponed to the second half of the year. Please refer to the Cathedral website (cathedral.org.sg/baptism) on the September course.

COMING UP

FEBRUARY 2020

- 25 Marriage Preparation Course
Emotionally Healthy Woman
Prayer & Praise
- 26 Ash Wednesday
Alpha Lunchtime

MARCH 2020

- 3 Marriage Preparation Course
Emotionally Healthy Woman
- 4 Alpha Lunchtime
The Marriage Course
- 7 The Quiet Retreat
- 10 Marriage Preparation Course
Emotionally Healthy Woman
- 11 Alpha Lunchtime
- 15 Dedication of the Pavilion
- 17 Marriage Preparation Course
Emotionally Healthy Woman
- 17-20 Clergy & Family Retreat
- 18 Alpha Lunchtime
The Marriage Course
- 24 Emotionally Healthy Woman
- 25 Alpha Lunchtime
The Marriage Course

GIVING TITHES & PLEDGES

It is always a privilege to worship God through the resources He has blessed us with. Tithing and pledging is a planned and disciplined form of giving which also helps the Cathedral to plan and budget well for her ministries and missions giving.

For those who wish to start tithing or pledging to the work of the Cathedral, please visit cathedral.org.sg/giving for instructions on how you can begin to do so.

7am and 5pm Services
Lent Preaching Series

GROWING STRONG IN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

8 Mar **SUFFERING** Ds June Tan

15 Mar **PRAYER AND FASTING**
Canon Rinji Kwashi

22 Mar **DENIAL OF SELF**
Ps Grace Tan

29 Mar **GIVING** Ds Bessie Lee



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

China

Thank God for the courage He has given His church in China, to rise up and shine for Him; that in many parts of this nation, God's people risk their health and lives to share His love with those in need. Pray for restoration of strength and hope in the midst of an uphill battle against the COVID-19 infection. Pray for the government leaders of China to have divine wisdom as they organise manpower and resources to find a cure, to contain the spread of the virus and provide speedy medical aid for the infected.

SINGAPORE

Thanksgiving and prayer

Thank God for His provision of a good health care system in Singapore and for the many who have recovered from the COVID-19 infection under the care of our dedicated team of doctors and nurses. Pray for continued protection over our healthcare workers and their families. Pray for our government leaders to be divinely guided as they seek to help different sectors of society that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. Pray that Singapore will remain united and strong as we face this crisis together.

The Church in Singapore

Pray that the Singapore Church will stand together in united prayer for our nation and the nations of the world; that in our time of seeking God, we will know His thoughts and understand His ways; that this crisis will make us stronger in faith, more vibrant in witness and channels of blessing to the communities in Singapore.

DIOCESE

Diocesan leadership

Pray for God's divine strength and wisdom to be upon our Bishop, Bishop-designate and senior leadership as they watch and pray over the flock in our Diocese during this critical time. Pray that they will be led by the Holy Spirit in decisions they have to make; that in all things, God's Name will be exalted and glorified.

Deanery of Indonesia

Pray that God will anoint the pastors and church leaders as they provide spiritual direction and leadership to the new church plant in Palu, Central Sulawesi. Pray for members' spiritual growth and commitment, especially in the areas of Palu which were affected by the earthquake and tsunami. Pray also for the establishment of a kindergarten in Palu, the commencement of construction on St Andrew's School in Niki-Niki and the construction of St Margaret's School in Pontianak (in partnership with the Diocese of Kuching) to meet the educational needs of the children.

CATHEDRAL

Pray that our Cathedral doors will always be open to everyone, and many who are lost or fearful will encounter Christ in a very real and personal way. Pray that all who enter the Cathedral grounds, will sense God's presence, peace and find their true identity and security in Him. Pray that the light of Christ will shine in and through our Cathedral, that all may see our good works and glorify our Father who is in heaven.

Pray that in this difficult and uncertain time, we will pause from the distractions of life, re-focus our attention on God's priorities and bring everything into alignment with His perfect will.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

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

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 FEB 2020:

Donations pledged/received from SAC members/friends:	\$1.13m
Balance to be raised:	\$1.49m

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



PRAYER & PRAISE

Tuesday 25 February 2020,
7.14pm, Prayer Halls

THE QUIET GARDEN RETREAT

7th March 2020, 9am to 1pm

North Transept Hall

During this season of Lent, let's take a walk with the people of Israel, the Magi and Jesus as they journey into the wilderness. Let's look at their wilderness journey and learn from them valuable lessons on how to keep the faith and be transformed. Let's look at our own journey and how we can be like them.

Material for meditation will be provided and you are free to use your own. The retreat ends with 'bring and share' lunch.

Please contact priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg for more information or

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/TQG-Retreat-0320>

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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