10 MAY 2020

# CHURCH ONLINE

We invite you and your family to worship the Lord with us online.

# Join us by clicking on these links:

**English Service** 

(every Sunday from 7am)

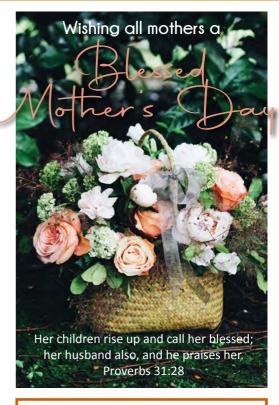
**Mandarin Online Service** 

# COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

# **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Acts 7:55-60 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14



Our Sunday School children will be performing a song tribute to all mothers at the Online Service this Sunday.

Dont miss it!



**Bishop of Singapore and Dean** The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah **Vicar** Revd Canon Terry Wong

Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, 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





# Missing MY MOTHER

"Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.'" Proverbs 31:28-29

She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family..." Proverbs 31:15

Can mothers live forever? If only. My own mother went home to the Lord ten years ago. Till today, my heart still aches when I think of how much I miss her. While I still have many around me who love me deeply and vice versa, my mother is simply irreplaceable. She is one more reason why I long for the day of eternal reunion in Christ.



I wrote this poem with the aforesaid title in memory of her a few years back. I dedicate this to all the mothers out there.

Walking the markets
Wetting her feet
Seeking out the fresh
Plucking, choosing, haggling
The bagged produce
Straining at her fingers
She made her way home

he taps trickled
The leaves rinsed
The lesong rhythmed
The knife chopped
The pot boiled
Ever so softly
For her children were still
In their rooms,
in their dreams

he air came to life Wafting smells Of pounded herbs Of tossed sauces

er children stirred Scented dreams Come true



#### THE WORLD

COVID-19 has killed nearly a quarter of a million people around the world - 140,000 of them in Europe. Pray for God's merciful intervention; for multilateral and close cooperation among world leaders in the sharing of medical analysis, best practices and collaboration on research, to find a vaccine for the coronavirus.

Pray that countries which are easing restrictions and gradually opening up their economies, will manage the transitions carefully and in phases, so as not to risk returning to lockdown. Pray that they will take the necessary steps to put in place safety measures such as surveillance controls and increase the preparedness of their health systems.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Pray for our government to have divine wisdom, stamina and good judgement as they continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in Singapore across multiple fronts. Thank God for the coordinated response from many different agencies, which include medical research experts, professionals providing situational analysis, developing policy options and out implementation working with frontline officers to ensure smooth implementation of measures. Pray that our fatality rate will remain low, our testing capacity will increase and our healthcare system will remain robust; for divine protection upon all who are serving at the frontlines in healthcare institutions, at immigration checkpoints

and in migrant workers' dormitories. Pray that everyone in Singapore will remain united, adaptable, build up skills and capabilities, and aim to emerge stronger in a post COVID-19 world.

#### **DIOCESE**

Pray for Bishop Rennis, Assistant Bishop Low Jee King, Bishop designate Canon Titus, Vicars and Deans in our Diocese, to be knit together in heart and in spirit as they collectively discern God's time and season during this pandemic. Pray that under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit, they will unite God's people to advance the gospel and prepare for Christ's Second Coming.

# Church of the Good Shepherd

Pray for Vicar Revd Huang Ao-you, clergy, pastoral and administrative staff of the Chinese and English congregations as they reach out to members of the Church of the Good Shepherd through various channels during this period where physical gatherings are restricted. Pray that everyone will remain safe and be in good health. Pray that the new extension to the church building will be completed in good time after the Circuit breaker measures are rescinded.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

Pray that this time of enforced "slow down" will enable us to be still before God, bring clarity and sharper focus to our priorities to discern what is the God-thing as opposed to the good things. Pray that our time will be well utilised to draw close to God, to strengthen our faith through the exercise of spiritual disciplines, that we may discern God's leading and re-align ourselves to His true purpose for our lives, our families, our church and our nation.

Pray that everyone will also make an extra effort to meet regularly with other members in zoom meetings after online Service, in connect groups, prayer groups and through other avenues, that we may encourage one another and build up the Body of Christ in the Cathedral.

# Join us this Sunday

for a chat with the Vicar, PCC and your Service pastors.

## 7 am Service

6.15 - 6.45am Pre-Service Prayer 8.20am to 9.30am Zoom Meeting To Join, click HERE

**8 am Service 9.30am to 10.15am** To Join, click **HERE** 

9 am Service 9.00am to 10.30am To Join, click HERE 11.15am Service 12.00pm to 12.45 pm To Join, click HERE

5.00pm Service 5.00pm to 6.30 pm

To Join, click **HERE** 





**STAYING CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER** is especially important in these trying times. We would like to encourage all Connect Groups to continue meeting via **Zoom** (https://www.zoom.us/) or **Google Hangouts** (https://hangouts.google.com/) to pray together and encourage one another. If you're not yet in a Connect Group,

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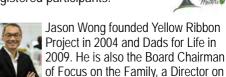


With stay home orders and restrictions imposed on our daily activities, many of us are spending more time at home and with our family. Some see this as an opportunity to build family ties whilst others see this as a threat to already weak family relationships. Some find this helpful whilst others find it most dreadful. Our speaker, Jason Wong, sees the pandemic as a reset button for families. Resetting families involves the resetting of 3 key relationships, namely, Parent/Child Relationship, Husband/Wife Relationship, and most importantly, our individual Relationship with God.

# Register **HERE**

Closing date: 13 May 2020

This talk will be hosted on zoom. Meeting ID and Password will only be sent to registered participants.



the Board of Centre for Fathering, and mentoring fathers and the next generation. Jason is married to Donna, and they have two young adult children.





# What is the family man?

He is a provider, a protector, a champion of his family, a role model and teacher to his children, a lover and partner to his wife, and a SON to his parents and in-laws. The family man carries a heavy burden on his shoulders, juggling the many roles and responsibilities. How can we embrace our limitations and thrive as a family man appointed for God and our household?

SAC Men2Men Ministry presents: Webinar Topic: The Family Man Panelists: Jeremy Gwee, James Kwek, Gavin Raj

Saturday 23 May 2020 10am - 12pm

Venue: via Zoom (a Zoom link will be emailed to you a day before the webinar)

Register HERE

# - GREETINGS FROM

Revd Peter and Ineke Cook send you greetings from the UK.
Click on the image to watch.



The staff and team at PKH send you their warmest greetings!
Click on the image to watch.





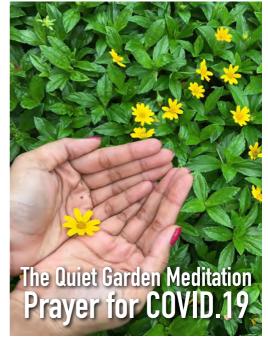


# FEELING WORRIED, ANXIOUS, FRUSTRATED OR ALONE DURING THIS COVID-19 SEASON?

No matter what you are going through, you are not alone.

If you need a listening ear or prayer, call us at the **Listening Room: 83879914**. It is a safe space where trained volunteers will be here to listen and pray with you. Operating hours: 10am-6pm, daily.





Every Tuesday 12n to 1pm (till the end of May 2020)

An hour of silent prayer and meditation to unite our hearts and to hold before the Lord all affected by COVID.19 in Singapore and the world.

Join us by clicking on this **LINK** 

**ALL ARE WELCOME** 



# **SHARE YOR STORIES.**

Bring encouragement to one another during this Covid-19 crisis.

Read some of these stories HERE



# Bringing Relief to Migrant Workers at the Dormitories

(Update, 28 Apr 2020)

During this Covid-19 Circuit (CB), Breaker St Andrew's Cathedral (SAC) works with Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA) to bring help and hope to migrant workers. CRA is a non-profit organisation registered in Singapore; it works to bring relief to communities in crisis especially in healthcare, humanitarian and essential services (https://www.facebook.com/cra. org.sg/)

The work is in factory-converted dormitories, housing workers who are mainly Indian and Bangladeshi men. The CRA healthcare team of doctors and nurses, provides the medical support needed in the dormitories during this virus pandemic. Volunteers from the Cathedral serve in Distribution Teams to bring necessary supplies to the workers. For the CB period, now extended to 1 June 2020, SAC is committed to serving 7,121 workers living in 53 dormitories.

SAC's Distribution Team works to provide each worker with the following:

1. a whole fruits package per week

a snack pack per week (3-9/5: biscuits, milk and tea)

3. masks, sanitizer

4. a listening ear (Tamil)

5. on-line English lessons

You can join in this work by:

1. setting aside 4 hours a week to provide medical support at the dormitories.

You must be a healthcare personnel ie doctor or nurse.

2. forming a Distribution Team comprising 2 volunteers, one of whom is a driver (own vehicle).

This Team is on stand-by; ready to respond at short notice for delivery work to the dormitories. (There is already a sufficient pool of 47 SAC volunteers for this work)

3. funding this work which is estimated to cost \$200,000.

# You can give via:

 Cheque - pay "ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL". (On the reverse side, write, "CRA CV19 Relief").

 PayNow - (UEN): T08CC4055LT01. (For remarks, indicate "CRA CV19 Relief")

If you are interested in this work, please email <a href="missions@cathedral.org.sg">missions@cathedral.org.sg</a> or leave a message at 63376104 (we will call you back).

2 AVENUES FOR MEMBERS OF ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL TO BRING ENCOURAGEMENT TO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR CHURCH, AS WELL AS TO ALL OTHERS, DURING THIS COVID-19 CRISIS.

# HOPE+ STRONGER TOGETHER

Share your story.

# #hope

A daily (Monday to Friday) broadcast by the Cathedral's WhatsApp, Facebook and Website.

Each snippet contains a short story or a saying or an experience (on hope and compassion in a time of suffering), accompanied by Bible verse/s and a short prayer.

# CLICK HERE

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

# #strongertogether words of hope and encouragement to

words of hope and encouragement to emerge strong in the Lord

A weekly video compilation of members - the young and the old, single or in families or connect groups (made possible by video-conferencing).

This will be shown just before each Cathedral online Sunday Service and shared through the Cathedral's Whatsapp and Facebook.

Each video clip enables members to introduce themselves and to share a brief word of encouragement from their homes.



# SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building that succumbed have environmental wear and tear. The Restoration Works will involve re-plastering and repainting 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 5 May 2020:

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: \$1.30m

Balance to be raised: \$1.32m



We want to stay connected with you.

3 easy steps:

- 1 Install WhatsApp
- 2 Save 8281 5916 on your contact list
- 3 Send a WhatsApp message to 8281 5916 with the word, "subscribe"



As our premises are closed from 7 April to 1 June, mail to SAC will only be collected periodically from the post office. If you wish to send cheques by mail, you are advised to post them after 1 June.

Alternatively, may we encourage you to give your tithes & offerings via:

#### FOR TITHES AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Internet Banking

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral

Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

PayNow

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UEN: T08CC4055LT01

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)

• Internet Banking

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral

Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

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PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C

UEN: T08CC4055LT01

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 <a href="mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg">finance@cathedral.org.sg</a> if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

### **CHEQUES**

#### • Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, you may indicate your Tithing number (if any).

#### For specific donations

#### • Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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

For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:cathedral.org.sg/giving">cathedral.org.sg/giving</a>

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