

The 5pm Jr Cell with their Thank You cards for our migrant workers.

# 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** 



# 17 MAY 2020

# COLLECT FOR SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our 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 17:22-31 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21



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

# THE VICAR WRITES

# an overflow of many expressions of thanks to GOD

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Cor 9:12

Our Finance and Assets Committee met on Wednesday evening. We were encouraged to note that for the period of January to April, the Cathedral is not facing a deficit. The income (from tithing, pledges and offerings) received was able to meet the expenses incurred during this period. These expenses include missions giving to other churches and ministries, here and overseas

This is certainly a point of praise that the whole SAC community can rejoice together in. Your love for the Lord and the work of His church is "overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God."

I should pause to thank the Lord for each of you for the commitment to the Church and her ministry all these years. These go beyond your money to other resources as well, such as your talents, time and energy. You are giving your best, and these include missions and community work. In this season, this is being tested more than ever and the SAC community is passing with many flying colours.

Your positive participation in the "barebone" online worship life has been very heartening. Many of you also gave encouraging or helpful feedback, which further enthuse the teams working hard behind them.



Connect and Ministry groups are also taking the initiative to gather regularly online to encourage each other. The post-Service Zoom chat groups are also fun and encouraging to be a part of. It is always good to get to know new people or simply, just getting to know each other better.

Much is happening and I am not informed on everything. However, the Lord sees and He is glorified. As we continue to live for an audience of One, His Body will be encouraged and built up.



We are all missing the physical gatherings and meet ups. Till we are able to, let's continue to seek first His rule and purpose for our lives (or "kingdom" in Matthew 6:33).

In so doing, His body will be edified.





# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD

In a time of global shaking, pray that people will turn to God for stability and comfort. Pray especially for those who do not yet know Jesus; that through various means, in the midst of all that is happening they will hear the gospel, be convicted by the Holy Spirit, repent, receive God's forgiveness and his gift of eternal life in Christ.

Pray for Revd Dana Craft and his wife Damaris, church planters in Guatemala City. The situation in their slum parish is desperate as businesses have been ordered to close and people are in dire need of food. Pray they will be divinely guided and richly supplied as they organise food distribution to those in greatest need, especially single mothers who have lost their jobs and are now forced to homeschool their children.

## **SINGAPORE**

Thank God for the provision of more sites for the medical and re-housing needs of our migrant workers. Pray that our frontline medical healthcare workers and volunteers will have the stamina to cope with the number of infections among migrant workers. Pray that our government will be divinely led as they decide on matters relating to the gradual re-opening of our economy. Pray that everyone will be vigilant in the maintenance of safety measures, as the circuit breaker restrictions are progressively lifted. Pray against fake news and scams by those who seek to exploit the vulnerable in our communities.

#### **DIOCESE**

# St George's Church

Thank God for the recently completed ALPHA course and for the start of another evangelistic course "Christianity Explored" with 40 people. Pray that the gospel seed sown in hearts will take root and bear fruit

in many lives. Pray that the church's active involvement in caring for Guest workers, the homeless and church members in need, will touch lives with Christ's love and the hope He gives. Praise God for the past work of the PCC. Pray that the forthcoming church AGM will be an encouragement and a godly new PCC will be elected. Pray that couples separated because of border closures will be reunited soon.

#### St Peter's Church

Thank God that many elderly members are learning to use zoom during the circuit breaker isolation and some care groups are also meeting on this virtual platform. Pray that the midweek sharing on Sacred Space (a spiritual journey with the Lord) will bless the community. Pray also for the safe arrival of a newborn at the end of this month and for the wellbeing of mother and baby.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

# 289 Fellowship of the Manger

Pray that God will grant villagers in Batam good health and protect them from Covid19 and other diseases; for health authorities to educate the villagers on the virus and prevention methods. Pray that their daily needs for food, finance, children's nutrition and education will be met and for their mental and emotional well-being. Pray that the Indonesian government will address underlying and structural issues that create vulnerabilities i.e. provide healthcare services to the poor such as safe drinking water, nutrition, immunisation and treatment of diseases. Pray for God's provision for the churches and pastoral staff and for perseverance in ministry. Pray for 289 Fellowship of the Manger as they support local pastors through online communication and in the quarterly food distribution to the villages of Kg Nanas, Baloi Kolam and Kg Air. Pray that mission members will stay united, passionate and focused on the Lord.





31 MAY, 10.30 AM

Speakers: Bishop Rennis Ponniah \* And Bishop-designate Revd Canon Dr Titus Chung

Message will be translated to Mandarin and Tamil.

# NLINE meetings Join us

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

**SATURDAY 4:30pm Service** "The Upper Room" 4:30pm-5:30pm To Join, click HERE

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# **SUNDAY** 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

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





# Saturday 23 May 2020 10am - 12pm

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

# 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

Register **HERE** 



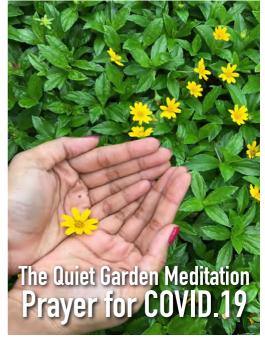


# FEELING WORRIED, ANXIOUS, FRUSTRATED OR ALONE DURING THIS COVID-19 SEASON?

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



# **CREATION CARE**

Scientist Benjamin and Ps Kuo Yong help us to see why caring for creation is a part of a Christian's calling.



# 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 11 May 2020:

From English Congregation: \$1.2m From Mandarin Congregation: \$1.2m

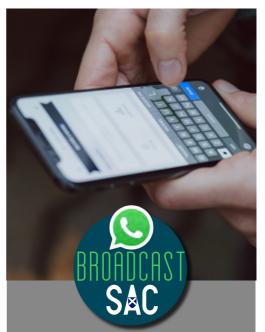
Grant from Preservation of

Sites & Monuments Board: \$0.98m

Donations pledged/received

from SAC members/friends: \$1.31m

Balance to be raised: \$1.31m



We want to stay connected with you.

3 easy steps:

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

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.





(Update, 14 May 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.sq/)

The work is in factory-converted dormitories, housing workers who are mainly Indian and Bangladeshi The CRA healthcare team of doctors and nurses, provides the medical support needed in the dormitories during this virus pandemic. Volunteers from the Cathedral Distribution serve in Teams to bring necessary supplies to the workers. For the CB period, now extended to 1 June 2020, SAC is committed to serving 6,500 workers living in 56 dormitories.

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

- 1. a whole fruits package per week
- 2. a snack pack per week (10-16/5: coffee and dates)
- 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 SAC 47 volunteers for this work)
- 3. funding this work which is estimated to cost \$200,000.

# You can give via:

- Cheque pay "ST CATHEDRAL". (On the reverse side, write, "CRA CV19 Relief").
- PayNow (UEN): T08CC4055LT01. (For remarks, indicate "CRA CV19 Relief") For receipt purposes, please let us have your email address or mobile number.

Information and photos of the work can be found at https://www.facebook.com/cra.org.sg/

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



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

PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C

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

PayNow

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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