



***Dorm 3 says Thanks!***

*During this Covid-19 Circuit Breaker, St Andrew's Cathedral works with Crisis Relief Alliance to bring help and hope to migrant workers.*

**24 MAY 2020**

## **COLLECT FOR SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son  
Jesus Christ with great triumph  
to your kingdom in heaven: we  
beseech you, leave us not  
comfortless, but send your  
Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where  
our Saviour Christ is gone  
before, who is alive and reigns  
with you, in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever. Amen

## **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Acts 1:6-14

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

# 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](#)

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

**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 Lim, 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 Online Season

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Even as we prepare for early June's "unease easing of restrictions", we are already planning ahead on how church life can be lived out during this Covid19 season which could go deep into 2021. June's easing of restriction for private worship for a group of no more than five from the same household should best be seen as allowance for the household to pray in a sacred religious space. Gatherings "between households" are still not permitted and we have yet to hear from the authorities if these private worship gatherings can be facilitated by clergy or pastors.

What we should continue to do is to build up our **online communication, worship and ministries**. Traditional means like using the phone should continue as well. **Connect and Ministry Groups** are already actively engaging in online meetings and I want to encourage you to join one if you are not connected to any.

We are actively preparing to run our next DCBS courses online in July. The same goes for our Marriage Preparation Course, and our Baptism/

Confirmation and Anglicanism Courses. We are also working on new tools to allow for interactive discipleship and learning groups. We will be surprised how effective it can be to learn online together. I will venture to say that for some areas, online facilities can be even more effective.

The **Cathedral SG Live Radio App** has been useful for daily prayers during set times and we will continue to expand on this tool. We are now considering how additional morning slots can be added. Our Youtube channel will contain a repository of all our past Online Services which you can go back to from time to time. We will also post to the channel all previous videos of key events in our community life.

All audio **sermons and podcasts** can be accessed too via our website or our app. Please listen to them again and like a "living Word", past sermons can speak afresh. Our website will contain sermons from a few years ago.

Note that we have started preparing for our **AGM on the 28th of June** at 1 pm. Virtual, of course. More information will be released soon.

# PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

## THE WORLD

As countries face different challenges and adopt different strategies to fight the COVID19 pandemic pray that they will still work together, for the common goal of keeping their people safe. Pray for the World Health Organization to provide strong leadership and expertise to the international community to find a vaccine, contain the spread of the contagion and help economies recover. Pray that as countries start to gradually re-open their economies, governments will find a right balance between preserving people's livelihoods and protecting people's lives; they will have wisdom to cautiously lift lockdown measures, so as to avoid second waves of infections. Pray that countries will be able adapt to new ways of working and living, as they begin to plan for recovery from the pandemic.

## SINGAPORE

After the circuit breaker, pray that people in Singapore will remain disciplined; we will continue to observe safe distancing and other measures to protect the community and avoid a resurgence of new transmissions. Dengue is also an increasing public health concern as the number of cases this year is projected to exceed the 16,000 cases in 2019. Weekly figures remain high at around 300 to 400 cases. Pray that our National Environment Agency officials will be divinely led as they continue to explore new ways to curb the Aedes mosquito population and co-ordinate with other agencies to remove potential breeding grounds. Pray that residents will be alert to mosquito breeding within their own premises and take proactive steps to break the transmission chain.

## DIOCESE

**Combined Pentecost Service (31 May, 10.30 am)**

Pray for our hearts to be knit together as we

meet across different language groups and cultures, to commemorate the first coming of the Holy Spirit and the founding of the first church at Pentecost. Pray that God will renew in each one of us a deep longing for a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit in His Church. Pray for God's anointing upon Bp Rennis and Bp-Designate Canon Titus as they bring God's Word to us. Pray that as we unite to worship Him and to hear His Word, our Heavenly Father will be moved to send upon us once again, a mighty outpouring of His Holy Spirit, that through His Church, His Kingdom will advance and His Name be highly exalted in all the earth.

## Deanery of Laos

Thank God that Laos has coped with COVID-19 with only 19 infections and no deaths and for the creative ways God has enabled His people to share the gospel during this time. Pray for safety for the workers in Laos as it is now not possible for them to go to neighbouring Thailand for medical treatment if they are sick or injured.

Pray for financial provision for the Anglican Relief and Development Agency (ARDA), an English language teaching centre, as it had to suspend classes and suffer loss of income. Pray for Hope Centre (an arm of ARDA) which serves street children and feeds them. The Centre's activities are suspended but many of the children stay in the Centre's dormitories. Pray for the health protection of the children.

## CATHEDRAL

Pray for our Audio visual and Media teams as they serve tirelessly in the production of online Services and in various media channels. Thank God that through their ministry, Cathedral members can remain connected with the church, with one another and with the wider Christian community, during this period of closure. Pray for creativity and joy in their service to the Lord, for renewal of strength and refreshment in their times of rest and of waiting upon the Lord.



DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE



COMBINED

# Pentecost

SERVICE

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.





## What we want to see happen this coming Pentecost:

- God's victory over COVID-19.
- People coming to faith in Jesus Christ through our personal testimonies and online services.
- The Diocese, and the Church all over the world, rising up with a new heart for God and a new power to touch a lost and fearful world with the love of Christ!

Only the Holy Spirit can make that happen!

So let us pray beseechingly and prepare our hearts and homes for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on **31st May, 10.30am**

This year's **Whitsunday free-will offering** will be given towards the Diocesan Missions Fund for allocation towards church growth.

**The Whitsunday offering** will be taken during the Pentecost Combined Online Service on Sunday 31 May 2020. Cheques can be made payable to "The Diocese of Singapore", please write "Whitsunday 2020" on the back, and post to: Diocese of Singapore  
1 Francis Thomas Drive, #01-01  
Singapore 359340

# **ONLINE** **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\*\*](#)

**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**  
 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\*\*](#)





## 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.



## The Quiet Garden Meditation Prayer for COVID.19

**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 YOUR STORIES.

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

Read some of these stories [HERE](#)

# 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. 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 18 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
<b>Balance to be raised:</b>	<b>\$1.31m</b>



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”

**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  
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.



**All submissions should be  
sent by email to  
[media@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:media@cathedral.org.sg)**







# #loveyourneighbour

## Bringing Relief to Migrant Workers at the Dormitories

(Update, 22 May 2020)

During this Covid-19 Circuit Breaker (CB), 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 currently committed to serving 6,618 workers living in 64 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 (17-23/5: coffee, canned food, dates)
3. masks, sanitizer
4. a listening ear (Tamil)
5. on-line English lessons

We thank members who have supported this work by:

1. providing medical support at the dormitories.
2. responding at short notice to deliver supplied to the dormitories.
3. funding this work which is estimated to cost \$200,000.

As of 20 May, a total of \$112,000 has been spent on this work.

You can give via:

- Cheque - pay "ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL". (On the reverse side, write, "SAC-CRA Covid-19 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](mailto:missions@cathedral.org.sg) or leave a message at 63376104 (we will call you back).

# GIVING TITHES & OFFERINGS

## ON-LINE BANKING

## CHEQUES

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 [finance@cathedral.org.sg](mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg) 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 [cathedral.org.sg/giving](https://cathedral.org.sg/giving)

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