

31 MAY 2020

COLLECT FOR PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen





LECTIONARY READINGS

Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3-13 John 20:19-23



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 What will AGM20 be like?

It is going virtual and this we know.

Of a regular community of 3000+ worshippers, we have between 160 - 275 attending our AGM every year. Some may think that this is not too bad given how most AGM attendances generally are.

Can we respond differently to the coming one? Going online should make it easier for everyone to participate out of the comfort of your home. Your participation allows you to:

- Get an overview of how our funds are spent or how we are giving to external ministry and mission needs.
- Hear how we have to adjust our expenditure in the midst of economic downturn. You can ask questions and give us feedback before the AGM and for substantial matters, we can address them on the website for all to read.
- Hear the Vicar give an important address on the shape of life and ministry in the Cathedral during this season.
- Hear the Vicar's Warden give a perspective "from the pew", as a lay leader and a member of the congregation.
- Help elect the Parochial Church

(PCC); of which Council four members will be elected as Synod representatives to serve in the new Diocesan Synod which will then work closely with our with our Bishop-Designate Titus Chung. As SAC is the Mother Church for the Diocese and her six deaneries, the strength of the clergy and lay leadership will be crucial. In fact, what happens here does have implications for the witness and role of the Church in our wider society.

Help the church observe good governance as your voting and approval protect the life of the Church and ensure that key decisions are not just left to a few individuals. You are helping the church to abide by the laws of the land and "fulfil all righteousness."

And to do all these, we hope to keep the virtual AGM well within an hour! In part, this is possible because much of the AGM work is done before the virtual AGM itself.

If you are an electoral member, please do get engaged in the AGM process. Your participation will signal your love and commitment to the Lord's work in our vineyard.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the 2020 Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parish of St Andrew's Cathedral will be held by way of ZOOM Webinar on Sunday, 28 June 2020 at 1pm (Singapore time).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

about the AGM, click here: https://cathedral.org.sg/AGM2020

REGISTRATION FOR AGM:

All ER members who wish to attend the virtual AGM, vote or receive the Financials & Budget are required to register by 12 noon, 7 June 2020.

To register, click here:

https://form.jotform.com/SACMembership/ AGMReg

CHECKING IF YOU ARE ON ELECTORAL ROLL

Click here https://form.jotform.com/ SACMembership/ER-enquiry

NOMINATION FORMS

(to be submitted by 12noon, 10 June 2020) are available here:

https://form.jotform.com/SACMembership/ NominationForm

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members must submit their questions via email to secretariat@cathedral.org.sg or post not later than 12 noon on 10 June 2020. The answers to substantial and relevant questions will be addressed and posted on the Cathedral website before the AGM.

ENQUIRIES

Members who have enquiries or require help in matters relating to the Virtual AGM, Proxy Votingform etc may email secretariat@cathedral.org.sg or call 63376104.

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS



THE WORLD

Pray that countries where coronavirus infections are declining will have the wisdom to ease restrictions gradually or they may face a possible second peak. Epidemics often come in waves so outbreaks could come back later this vear in places where the first wave has subsided. Infection rates could also rise again more quickly if measures to curb the first wave of contagion were lifted too soon. Pray that countries in Europe and North America will be vigilant in maintaining public health and social measures, surveillance measures, testing measures and a comprehensive strategy, to ensure a downward trend in the number of infections.

Pray also for calm to be restored in Hong Kong as protests have once again erupted, in the wake of China's intentions to pass a national security law that would tighten Beijing's control over Hong Kong. Pray for a good resolution to this potentially explosive situation that could worsen fragile international relations, intensify trade wars, increase sanctions and result in a further de-stabilizing of an already battered global economy.

SINGAPORE

Pray for our government leaders as they continue to closely monitor and manage the volatile COVID19 situation in Singapore. Pray that they will have divine wisdom to steward the nation's reserves as they help businesses and people cope with the economic impact from the pandemic. Pray for divine guidance to re-open economic activities safely so as

to avoid a resurgence in infections. Pray also for social, family and psychological support systems to be strengthened, to meet the needs of those who are going through mental distress, family violence and other issues arising from the impact of COVID19. Pray for people in Singapore to be adaptable, to learn and upskill themselves and for the creation of new jobs for those seeking re-employment. Pray that we will stay united, remain courageous and resilient in the face of adversity and stand in solidarity with one another.

DIOCESE

Pray for Bp Rennis, Assistant Bishop Low Jee King, Bp-designate Canon Titus and senior clergy of the Diocese as they continue to seek God's direction on how the church should adjust to the new normal after circuit breaker restrictions are gradually eased. Pray for God's shalom to rest upon them as they discern God's re-set for the church and as they lead God's people into a new season of spiritual growth in this year of discipleship.

Pray that God will deepen the unity of His Church in Singapore through the various platforms such as the National Council of Churches Singapore, the Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore, the Bible Society of Singapore and the various Missionary Societies. Pray that there will be a closer collaboration among the organisations, for the one goal of advancing the gospel and making disciples of all nations, for the glory of God.

CATHEDRAL

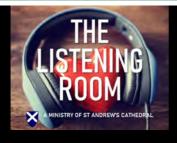
Pray that God will strengthen the spiritual foundation of every Cathedral member, give us a spirit of wisdom and of revelation to know Him personally, that our eyes will be focused and clear, so that we may see exactly what it is that He is calling us to do and grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for us who trust in Him. Pray that in all things, God's Name will be highly exalted and glorified, in and through His Church.

Whitsunday free-will offering



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



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.

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

SUNDAY 7 am Service

This Sunday - No 7am Service Zoom Meeting

8 am Service 11.45am
To Join, click HERE

9 am Service 10.30am to 12pm To Join, click **HERE**

11.15am Service 11.45am
To Join, click HERE

5.00pm Service 5.00pm to 6.30 pm To Join, click HERE







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 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 25 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: \$1.32m

Balance to be raised: \$1.30m



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

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.





Bringing Relief to Migrant Workers at the Dormitories

(Update, 29 May 2020)

During the 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 factoryconverted dormitories, workers who housing 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.



SAC volunteers provided each migrant worker with a whole fruits package and a snacks pack every week. Messages and a listening ear by SAC's Tamil Congregation were also shared with some workers who requested for these services.

A weekly average of 7400 workers in up to 64 dormitories received these relief provisions, amounting to \$152,000. The total funding of this work is estimated at \$200.000.



From this week, this relief work will be adjusted as the Circuit Breaker lifts in phases.

We will continue to provide 4040 workers in 44 dormitories, each with a weekly pack of fresh fruits. We will also be stepping up our work in providing on-line conversational English lessons for the workers.

We thank all supporters for funding this work and volunteers who respond at short notice to deliver supplies to the dormitories.

If you would like to give towards this cause, please do 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

For receipt purposes, please let us have your email address or mobile number.



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 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

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