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28 JUNE 2020

COLLECT FOR THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

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

LECTIONARY READINGS

Genesis 22:1-14 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

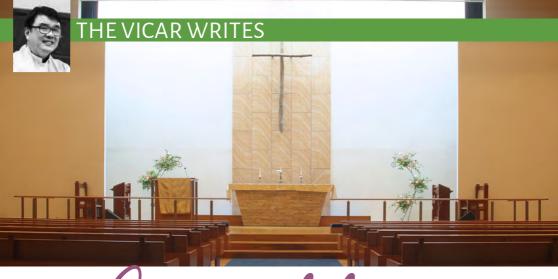


Bishop of Singapore and Dean The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah **Vicar** Revd Canon Terry Wong

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



My soul longs, YES, FAINTS...

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

Psalm 84:1-2

uring this Covid19 season, the term "social distancing" competing with "lockdown" as words of the year) may be a misnomer as we are actually talking about *physical* distancing. For a long time now, people know that they can socialise and be intimate without physical proximity. We can think of written messages, love letters, phone calls and in contemporary times, social media and so on. While

these don't displace physical gatherings totally, they complement them very well. During the circuit breaker, we can say that these physical gatherings have been totally displaced but yet, those who desire to commune will find that online options do serve us very well. We can hear the timbre of one's voice and see visual cues very well. Some may actually find these online interactions even more helpful. If you are hard of

hearing, you can increase the volume. If you haven't already noticed, in Zoom meetings, people speak in turn. Conversations are better regulated and normally those who want to speak get a chance. And if we have time to gather our thoughts, we communicate better.

So, wither the need for physical gathering? Online gatherings can complement but should never replace occasional physical meet-ups. the And we all do miss communal singing and worship, including breaking the Lord's bread as these are difficult to do online (though not impossible). Online gatherings tend to pre-determine participants but open gatherings (such as a church service) allow for walk-ins or outsiders. Some will argue about the importance of touch but I tend to see that as best reserved for family or very close friends. After Covid19, few will argue about that.

Then, there is the issue of a *place*. From time memorial, places and facilities

have played a big part in the life of every society. Think of those that are directly derived from nature such as a tree, river, field or hill. They give rise to specific activities and social interactions. Manmade structures also play a similar role such as an arena, a synagogue, market or coliseum. They are culture-creating and tradition-forming over many generations. You will see this aplenty in the Psalms which sing about places and buildings. Communal life needs to be "facilitated."

Perhaps what is needed is to find a *new balance*. This needs to be driven by *intention*. While we may bump into each other in physical gatherings, we go online because we want to meet. These online moments can form the "IBM" experiences (in between meetings) and enhance our friendship and our working together.

As the Psalmist indicates, desire (our soul longs) comes first before entering the 'dwelling places." And I think at

the end of the day, this matters most. It is not about physical versus online. It is whether we long to be with His people. Or, not.

Some food for thought for this season.



5pm Service zoom meeting

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).

PROXY VOTING FORMS

The submission of the Proxy Voting Forms is now closed. The Cathedral leadership wish to thank all members who have submitted the Proxy Voting forms.

PRIVACY ASSURANCE STATEMENT

The proxy form voting system, as prescribed by law, is an open voting system. We understand that members may have concerns about the secrecy of their votes cast at the forthcoming virtual AGM. The Cathedral has put into place practicable measures that will ensure that the secrecy of members' votes will be preserved and secured to the fullest extent possible.

The Virtual AGM will be held this Sunday, 28 June at 1pm, via ZOOM Webinar.

For this AGM, please note the following:

- 1. During the Webinar, only the panelists are visible to the attendees.
- For this AGM, the panelists are Bishop-Designate Dr Titus Chung, Vicar Revd Canon Terry Wong, Vicar's Warden Mr Keith Chua, People's Warden A/P Joseph Thambiah, Hon Secretary Dr Stanley Lai, and Hon Treasurer Mr Chan Kheng Tek.
- 3. We will not be holding a Question & Answer session at this AGM and the chat function will be disabled.

AGENDA FOR THE AGM

- 1. Dean's Address and Opening Prayer
- 2. Vicar's Address
- Receive the nomination of the Vicar's Warden
- 4. Report from the Vicar's Warden
- 5. Report from the People's Warden

- Announcement of Acceptance of Financial Statements for the year 2019
- 7. Announcement of Acceptance of Budget for the year 2020
- 8. Announcement of Re-Appointment of Auditor
- Announcement of Acceptance of Annual Report 2019
- 10. Announcement of the Results of the Elections
 - a. The People's Warden
 - b. 4 Synod Representatives (term of 2020 2023)
 - c. 12 members of the Parochial Church Council
- Closing Address and Prayer by Bishop-Designate

GETTING READY FOR THE VIRTUAL AGM

On Saturday, 27 June, an email containing the meeting link will be sent to all who have registered for the virtual AGM. We encourage all registered attendees to log in to the Virtual AGM 30 minutes before AGM begins to test your set-up.

If this is the first time you are using ZOOM or ZOOM Webinar, we recommend that you download ZOOM on your desktop or mobile phone before 28 June. For more information on how to download ZOOM, please click on this link https://zoom.us/download and choose the "Zoom Client for Meetings" if you are using a computer, or "ZOOM Mobile Apps" if you are using a mobile device.

If you are unsure of using ZOOM, please contact any of the pastoral staff, or call 63376104. We will be happy to guide you through this.

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS



THE WORLD United States

With the lifting up of lockdowns in the United States, the number of COVID19 cases have soared to record highs in the states of Texas, Arizona and Nevada and in ten other states from Florida to California the numbers are creeping up. Pray for the government, city and state officials to work closely with healthcare authorities to contain and manage the soaring number of infections. Pray that the people of America will be resolved to stand together in their fight against this pandemic.

India

Pray that the tension between India and China over competing territorial claims in the Galwan Valley will soon be resolved through peaceful dialogue and negotiations without any further bloodshed.

SINGAPORE

Thank God for watching over Singapore during the circuit breaker period and for enabling us to move into Phase 2 of our reopening. Pray for divine wisdom to guide our government leaders as they study emerging major trends that are reshaping the global economy and help businesses as well as our workforce to leverage on these. Pray that the Emerging Stronger Taskforce will have divine favour as they seek creative solutions to help Singapore restructure its economy, to meet the challenges in a post COVID19 world.

Pray also for the forthcoming general elections on 10 July, that the right people will be elected to positions of leadership to bring Singapore into her God-appointed destiny.

DIOCESE

Deanery of Vietnam

Pray for the Dean of Vietnam Revd John Lin, that God will bless Him with wisdom and divine counsel as he continues to provide leadership and oversight to the clergy and church leadership for the churches in Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh city. Thank God that the Covid-19 lockdown has been lifted in Vietnam and physical Church Services were resumed on 2 May. Thank God for the joy of being able to gather for Church Service and celebrate Holy Communion together again. Pray for church members and thousands of Vietnamese who have lost jobs that their jobs will be restored and their salaries reinstated. Pray for God's people to have a steadfast trust in God and a firm security in Jesus Christ during such challenging times. Pray for many opportunities to proclaim the good news of the gospel and the eternal hope in Jesus Christ to the many Vietnamese people who are struggling in life.

CATHEDRAL

AGM

Pray for good internet connections and clear audio, visuals for our online AGM meeting and for the process to be smooth. Pray also for the newly elected PCC to seek the Lord and discern God's plans for the Cathedral. Pray also for unity of heart, mind and spirit as they avail themselves to His service.

Phase 2 re-opening

Pray for divine wisdom for the Cathedral leadership as they seek the Lord's will and work through the details for the re-opening of the Cathedral in Phase 2. Pray also for members to adapt well to the new norms and though worship is limited to smaller number, it will be vibrant, Spirit filled and Spirit led that the Lord's name will be lifted up as His people gather in one place, and His glory will be revealed in this nation.



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

9 am Service 9.00am to 10.30am To Join, click **HERE**

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





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"



FOR CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES (CWS)

These weekly Holy Communion Services will be said for up to 50 Cathedral members.

Each Service will be for an hour and they will be held in the Nave. Members may attend individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

in Mandarin

in English

: 4.30pm in English

Sun : 7.30am in English
: 9.30am in Mandarin
: 11.30am in English
: 2.30pm in Mandarin

11.30am

Sat

Wed: 12.30pm in English

4.30pm

Thu: 12.30pm in English

In the interest of safety against Covid-19,

all worshippers (including their vehicles) are to arrive at the church premises not earlier than 30 minutes before the start of a Service, and leave the premises not later

than 30 minutes after the end of a Service. Worshippers must be masked during the Services.

In this early Covid-19 Phase 2, Seniors (70 years and older)

are not yet encouraged to come to church to attend Services. They are advised to join in the Cathedral's weekly on-line Services. They can also contact the pastoral team of their Services to request for Holy Communion to be administered to them at home.

A special Diocesan on-line Communion Service will be held on 2 August 2020 (details will be available soon).

Members are encouraged to join one of these on-site Services not more than once a month.

This gives other members a chance to come to church to receive Holy Communion. The online Cathedral Services will continue in Phase 2.

Admission to these Services will be by tickets only, free of charge.

Please book your CWS tickets at https://cathedral.org.sg/page/cws or by phoning



63376104. Bookings open at 1pm, a week before the day of the Service (eg. booking for a Sunday Service on 12 July will be open at 1pm on Sunday, 5 July).

Pedestrian and Vehicular Entry / Exit: Worshippers who are entering the church grounds on foot are to do so only at the MRT Gate (the pedestrian gate next to the Welcome Centre / Café) and leave by the same Gate.

Checks for Safe Entry, Temperature and Health will be conducted after the MRT Gate

Worshippers who are driving into the church grounds are to do so only at the SRC Gate

(the vehicular gate facing the Singapore Recreation Centre) and leave by the Padang Gate.

For these worshippers, checks for Safe Entry, Temperature and Health will be conducted at the West Door of the Cathedral.

Entry into the Cathedral Nave for all worshippers will be at the Main Door of the Church

ie the West Door. The 2 doors leading into the North and South Transepts are for exit only.

FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP (PW)

All, including non-members of the Cathedral may enter the Nave for personal prayer. They may do this individually or in groups of not more than 5 each, and they must be masked at all times.

Except on Sundays and Mondays, the Nave is available for PW daily, 10am to 4pm. Each session is for 30 minutes, starting on the hour. Please phone 63376014 to book an appointment. Subject to the availability of space, walk-ins may be permitted.

All who come for PW will enter the church premises at the MRT Gate (next to the Welcome Centre / Café). There will be no entry to vehicles; drivers are advised to park their cars in the carparks outside the cathedral.

If you need prayer or someone to talk to, please phone

The Listening Room

at 83879914, 10am - 6pm, daily.

The Cathedral is Closed on Mondays

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES ONLINE



JUL - NOV THURS 7:30 PM - 9 PM

Module 6 The Writings I | 9 Jul - 3 Sep

OT: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job

Lecturers: Rev David Lee (COR), Ps Grace Tan (SAC), Ms Brenda Goh (SJSM)

9 THURSDAYS • EXAM: SAT, 12 SEP 2020

Register for Old Testament Module 6 >

Module 14 Revelation | 9 Jul - 24 Sep

NT: The Book of Revelation

Lecturers: Ps Stanley Tay (SJSM), Rev Canon Terry Wong (SAC)

12 THURSDAYS • EXAM: SAT, 21 NOV 2020

Register for New Testament Module 14 >



Registration is now open till 5 Jul 2020

Course Fees: \$10 per module; \$5 for examination (Payable online or via crossed cheque to St Andrew's Cathedral)

Full details at cathedral.org.sg/dcbs/



PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION (PHASE 2B)

Notice for Registration for Primary One (Phase 2B) for children born between 2 January 2014 and 1 January 2015, and who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents whose parents are confirmed Anglican Church members, are as follows:

In line with the measures announced by the Government to further enhance safe distancing measures and ensure minimal contact among the public, there will be no in-person registration at schools for the 2020 P1 registration.

Schools:

St Andrew's Junior (boys)

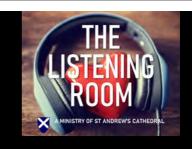
St Hilda's Primary (co-ed)

St Margaret's Primary (girls)

Foreign students are not eligible for Phase 2B.

Full details are available **HERE**





More details will be released soon.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 JUL Making of Deaconesses & Collation of Canons

2 AU6 Combined Online Breaking of Bread Service

8 AUG Virtual Synod

Integration of ACTS

Centre as My Saviour's Church English Congregation

16 AUC Chapel of the Holy Spirit 40th Anniversary Service

23 AUG Ordination Service

30 AUG Thanksgiving and Handing

over of Bishop's Staff



Scripture Meditation & Silent Prayer

Join us for an hour of silent prayer and scripture meditation every Tuesday, 12noon to 1pm Follow this link to join:

https://us04web.zoom. us/j/876046835

ALL ARE WELCOME

Online Retreat SEASONS & SOULSCAPE

Explore your soulscape through different seasons with meditations from the book of Ecclesiastes.

4 July 2020 9am to 12.30pm

To register, click on the link: https://tinyurl.com/TQG-

Retreat-0720

Enquiries email:

priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg



https://cathedral.org.sg/podcast

LIVING WITH LUPUS



Honest and insightful sharing from Wendy Wong on how illness led her on an unconventional path and towards a wholeness and

depth she was surprised by.

SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



This Project aims repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building succumbed have environmental wear and Restoration tear. The 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 22 June 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: \$1.33m

Balance to be raised: \$1.29m



loveyourneighbour

In this Covid-19 pandemic, we are encouraged to know that various members and groups in the Cathedral have gone out of their way to bring tangible relief to others in their difficulty. A Zoom meeting was organised on 27 June for us to hear them share their experiences and to provide do-able opportunities for all to join these groups in the Cathedral's outreach work.

HAPPY HANDS

A group volunteers at a local soup kitchen to provide more than 6,000 meals each



day. There are 2 aspects to this work:

- preparing the meals in the kitchen (washing, cutting, chopping, cooking and packing)
- 2. delivering the meals to the poor and needy

Volunteers can choose the day, time and frequency for serving.



BEFRIENDING MIGRANT WORKERS

During the Circuit Breaker period, supporters and volunteers had provided and delivered **fruits packs*** and snacks/ care packs to an average of 7400 workers

in up to 64 dormitories, weekly. In Phase 2, we provide fruits packs to workers who are not yet able to leave their dormitories for work.

The BMW English Tuition Programme is an additional on-line effort that reaches Indian and Bangladeshi



workers in their dormitories by providing conversational English lessons. Each session is for 30 minutes and it is done via WhatsApp video. An average speaker of English will be able to make use of the lesson plans and conduct the sessions from home. Volunteers, especially men are needed for this work.





LAZARUS MINISTRY

On Friday nights (8.30pm – 12midnight), members pair up to walk about the civic district (areas around the Cathedral) to befriend the homeless and to provide rough sleepers with help and support. This Ministry is also looking to organise itself to reach the lonely elderly living in HDB rental flats.

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Individuals from St Andrew's offer their time and resources to support professional social workers in their case work of caring for the needy. This support is for a fixed term and it is mostly in the form of supplying groceries or supplies vouchers to disadvantaged families and children at risk.

Enquiries and Registration (free of charge)

To enquire on the above or to join in this #loveyourneighbour work, please email missions@cathedral.org.sg or phone 63376104 (leave a message and we will call you back).

- * If you would like to provide fruits packs for migrant workers in the dormitories, please 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.

The expenses for the 11th week of our work (ie from 28 June) will be about \$16,500.





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, but would like to join one, do email us at connect@cathedral.org.sg



SHARE YOR STORIES.

Bring encouragement to one another during this Covid-19 crisis. Read some of these stories HERE



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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