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Three important transitions took place this weekend:

Firstly, we welcome Revd Christopher Chan and Revd Daniel Lim to Cathedral. They bring with them strong pastoral experience and special giftings that will be a blessing to this community. I hope you will take the opportunity to get to know them and their family.



Back: Revd Daniel and Jane, Front: Josh, Abigail and Zach

Secondly, with the timely provision of phase 3, we are able to introduce additional services to cater for more members to come onsite on weekends. Please pray for the volunteers, ushers, servers, lay readers and staff as they cope with the increased demands. I am thankful that everyone is offering their five loaves and two fishes to bless the Lord and to serve the wider community on weekends. Let's show our appreciation to those on duty whenever we bump into them on weekends. More hands are needed to serve at the services. If you are able and are looking for an area to serve, please speak to one of the pastors or staff.

Thirdly, we embark on a common sermon series that is taken from the book of Nehemiah. The seven sermons will focus on: re-envision, re-build and re-ignite. To re-envision God's purpose for the season and the church; to re-build as a community and to be re-ignited in our passion for Christ. I encourage you to come each weekend spiritually and mentally prepared for the Lord to speak to your heart. More information on the sermon series can be found in the bulletin.

Finally, this common sermon series is motivated by our focus for 2021 - a deeper life in Christ. If you desire to have a deeper life in Christ in 2021, you need to know that it begins with us learning to abide in Christ! I hope you will take the time to mediate and to memorise the passage from John 15:5-11 - *"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full."*



Stay tuned to find out more about our focus for 2021, and if you are yet a member of Cathedral or if you are already a member and have yet to join a connect group, please get in touch with our staff soon.