



Thank you. B i s h o p

Last Sunday's Thanksgiving Service for the end of Bishop Renniss Ponniah's stint as the head of our Anglican Church was indeed moving. We have much to celebrate as it was a good eight years of ministry where he imparted and exemplified what it means to live for Christ. Pastoral, caring and priestly in mediating the presence

of God, I have personally been richly blessed and benefitted much.

While most will apply the usual "KPIs" in good Singaporean fashion, to measure the work and worth of a minister, sometimes some of the best fruits are the least obvious. If my past 5 years or so in the Cathedral can be



considered fruitful, I will attribute it in no small measure to the godly and encouraging influence of my bishop. He wears his Christian values and priorities on his sleeves and I didn't need to double guess as to what is right to do in the life and ministry of the Cathedral.

The same can be said for many parishes and often the work of the Bishop is seen in the life of the parish community. As always, the expectations are high across the board, and these include the deaneries, hospitals and schools. And then there is always Communion and Provincial work. The role of the Anglican Church in the affair of the nations has also risen and became demanding in recent years. Every corner of our parishes will want to exact a pound of attention from our dear bishop and like him and his predecessors, the work of the bishop is not easy nor humanly possible.

Coming to the Cathedral, I think some of the best work is unseen and understood only by astute observers. Both our fulltime and lay leadership could do what they did because we



knew we had a godly bishop who was providing the spiritual covering and encouragement. Some areas indeed needed some serious “heavy lifting” work and breakthroughs or progress would not have been possible without him and of course, as always, God's grace undergirds all that we are able to accomplish in His name.

It has been a wonderful stint and I feel an immense privilege to be able to serve at the Cathedral under his watch and trust in his closing years.

We continue to pray for Bishop-designate Revd Canon Dr Titus Chung as he prepares to helm the work and ministry. It will be a new season. As always, may “He increase and we decrease”, as we recall the life mission statement of John the Baptist (John 3:30). Indeed, as priests, our life goal is to mediate the presence and purposes of His Kingdom.

May He continue to be glorified.

