

St. Andrew's Cathedral

NextGen

July - December 2025



Grace, mercy and peace from Christ our Lord!

We thank God for how He has been working in the lives of all our young people in 2025 and we're excited to be able to share with you some highlights from the NextGen Ministry!

We hope these updates would encourage you and we ask for your continued prayer support as we continue to sow into God's kingdom.

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Children Ministry

Children's Camp (Upper Primary School)

On 11–12 September, 15 upper primary school children aged 10 to 12 participated in the children's camp themed "Shout for Joy to the Lord, All the Earth!", the same theme used for the lower primary camp earlier in March. Throughout the camp, the children built friendships and engaged in meaningful lessons and activities. One of the highlights was seeing several children voluntarily help teachers with chores—they even named themselves the "Serving Team." Over the two days, the children learned to enjoy worship more deeply and discovered the joy of serving one another.



Home Visits

During the PSLE examination period, Revd Daniel, together with Melinda (Children Ministry Leader) and Justin (Youth Ministry Leader), conducted home visits to pray for SAC's Primary 6 students. Despite the exam pressures, most of the children appeared calm. Families who were available warmly welcomed the visits, during which Revd Daniel led prayers and encouraged both children and parents to entrust the exams into God's hands. Parents expressed their appreciation and affirmed the importance of relying on God during this significant season in their children's lives.



Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated through a decentralized programme in 2025. Most teachers were present to bless the children with fun, meaningful activities, snacks, and gifts. It was a joyful time of community, where children experienced love, care, and togetherness. We pray that the children continue to experience the warmth of the Children Ministry community and grow closer to God as they journey in their faith.



Children Ministry

Year-End Thanksgiving

At the end of November, about 30 teachers gathered for the Year-End Thanksgiving programme. Children expressed their gratitude by writing thanksgiving messages to their class teachers on maple leaves, which were displayed in the shape of a vibrant tree—bringing joy and encouragement to the teachers. Together, the Children Ministry teams reflected on the ministry focus and guidelines for the coming year and gave thanks for all that God had done in 2025. Revd Daniel reminded the ministry workers to keep their eyes fixed on Christ, whom we all ultimately serve, and encouraged everyone to continue growing in spiritual maturity.



Christmas Celebration

The Christmas celebration was filled with joy and excitement. The theme, “Share the Goodness of God,” was anchored by the verse “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!” (Psalm 34:8a). Some classes invited children to experience different tastes as a reminder that God blesses us with senses to appreciate the beauty and goodness of His creation and encourage everyone to share the goodness of God with their friends. Every class revisited the Nativity story through activities and crafts, helping the children gain a deeper understanding of this beautiful story that brings hope to all.



Youth Ministry

Special Services

In the second half of the year, we enjoyed a variety of special services alongside our regular youth services. Interspersed with our sermon series through the book of Hebrews, we intentionally set aside several topical sermons to address key questions many of our youths are grappling with—what it means to truly rest in the Lord, how we might grow in a more holistic understanding of worship, and how we can discern and respond faithfully to God’s call in our lives.

Beyond sermons, we also marked the season with several meaningful celebrations. On Youth Sunday, we held a special movie screening of *The Chronicles of Narnia*, complete with themed snacks, as a fun and accessible way to reflect on gospel truths. We also gathered with the SACM youths for a combined fellowship, where we shared Holy Communion together—rejoicing and being reminded that we are one body in Christ, even as we worship in different languages. To close the year, we put together a Christmas service themed “No Strings Attached,” reflecting on how God freely offered us the gift of salvation through the incarnation of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Even on weeks when there was no formal youth service, we sought to remain connected and to share life together. We organised various bonding activities, including ultimate frisbee, table tennis, an escape room outing, and even an e-games tournament. These moments of play and fellowship allowed our youths to build friendships, deepen trust, and experience joy together as a community.



Panel on Answering God's Call



Youth Sunday - Movie Screening



Two-gather - Combined Event with SACM



Christmas Service



Youth Games - Ultimate Frisbee



Youth Games - Virtual Tournament

Youth Ministry

Cambodia Mission Trip

We sent out a team of 6, led by Justin Peng, to Cambodia last year from 6-12 October. The group consisted of several youths who had never been on a mission trip before. We had the opportunity to visit all three PKH centres - Chbarmorn, Trang and Aoral, where we spent wonderful time in fellowship with the youths and children.

As the students at the Chbarmorn centre were nearing their examinations, we decided to help with their revision by teaching them English. Although there was some difficulty in conversing with them, we were very encouraged by their eagerness to learn and practice their English. We also had time for some outdoor activities such as Ultimate Frisbee and Volleyball, where the unfit Singaporeans found it hard to compete.

For the younger children at the Trang centre, we brought them to an animal farm where they were able to interact with sheep, goats, pigs and many more animals. For most of them, it was not only their first time having an excursion, but it was their first time stepping foot out of the village! Tying in to their experience at the farm, we shared with them the Parable of the Good Shepherd, revealing to them that we have a Shepherd who loves us and would sacrifice Himself for all of us.

While we went to Cambodia to serve, we cannot help but feel that we have received much as well. We learned so much from the locals and full-time missionaries there, through the love they have for their people and how dedicated they are to building up the next generation through education and the Word of God. God is truly amazing.



Leaders' Retreat

We held our annual youth leaders' retreat in September, setting aside intentional time to seek God both for our personal lives and for the ministry. The retreat included Olympic-themed games, guided practices of silence and solitude, and honest conversations as we took stock of the spiritual health of the ministry. We also spent time prayerfully brainstorming how we can continue to build and strengthen Cathedral Youth. Many leaders left the retreat feeling refreshed and revitalised, ready to return to serving God's people. A shared conviction that emerged was that while many structures are now firmly in place and more youths are actively serving, we need to intentionally cultivate a deeper culture of discipleship in the years ahead. Do pray for us as we seek to raise more disciple-making disciples in the next generation!



Youth Ministry

Youth Camp 2025

The theme of our youth camp this year was “To Live is Christ,” anchored on Philippians 1:27–28. We were privileged to have Revd Dr Dev Menon from Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church share God’s Word, challenging our youths to reflect on what they are truly living for and to consider how a life lived for Christ—even through suffering—is the only life truly worth living.

This theme was woven intentionally into the camp activities as well. In an Amazing Race-style challenge, campers had to “escape” the camp compound while avoiding “persecutors.” Each group took on the role of different biblical characters with distinct strengths and weaknesses, and faced choices about whether to help others sacrificially or to sabotage them for personal gain—prompting reflection on integrity, community, and living in a manner worthy of the gospel.

The camp was a meaningful time of forging new friendships, deepening faith, and encouraging one another to grow in commitment to God in the coming year. The youths were also invited to commit to a concrete action step and to find an accountability partner, helping them carry the lessons of camp into their daily lives.



Ministry Leadership Updates

We would also like to share a few leadership updates with you. Wesford Goh, who has faithfully served on the youth core team as part of the Cell Group team from 2021 to 2024, has stepped down from his role to focus on his final year of medical school. He continues to serve as a Cell Group leader and as part of the worship team, and we are deeply grateful for his years of faithful and committed service to the youth ministry.



As many of you may know, we have been praying for the addition of female pastoral staff for several years. We thank God that He has answered these prayers, and we are pleased to welcome two new female pastoral staff members to the team. Amanda Pang, a former youth core team member, will be joining Joshua Koh and Justin Peng in leading the youth ministry, and will also support the Saturday 4.45pm service. Esther Puk, a former ministry intern, will serve primarily in the Children Ministry, while also supporting the youth pastoral team.

Finally, our Head of Youth Ministry, Joshua Koh, has taken a step back from some of his responsibilities as he begins his full-time seminary training. During this period, he will continue to provide overall oversight of the youth ministry while gradually handing over his responsibilities to the pastoral team through to 2027. The ministry will be anchored by the pastoral team under the oversight of Revd Daniel Lim during Joshua’s temporary absence, until he returns from his studies. Do keep him in prayer as he embarks on this new season of ministry!

Youth Ministry

Ministry Leadership Updates

Let's hear from our new pastoral staff!

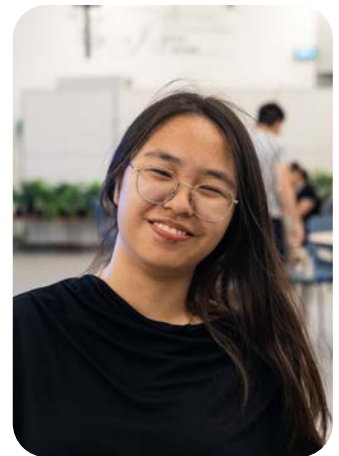


Hi! I am Amanda Pang, and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a pastoral staff in the Youth Ministry. I first came to St Andrew's Cathedral as a youth through a friend, and it was then that I encountered God's love in a life-changing way. Through leaders discipling me and serving my community, I grew my faith and made meaningful, lasting friendships.

Today, my hope is to help cultivate a safe and welcoming space where youths can build a loving community, grow in God's Word, and deepen their relationship with Him.

Hello! I am Esther Puk and I am privileged to be serving as a pastoral staff primarily in the Children Ministry, and also supporting the Youth Ministry. Growing up here, I benefited greatly from our children and youth programmes, which built up my foundations in the faith and showed me what a loving biblical community looks like. Through my internship, I saw and caught that heart for ministry and wanted to do more for the next generation, which is how I ended up here!

My prayer is for every young person to long to know Christ and to make Him known, for each one of us to live a life that honours and glorifies God in everything we do.



Young Adult Ministry

Natural Theology Talk

We were delighted to welcome Dr Andrew Loke as our speaker at our August gathering. Dr Loke is a well-known theologian from Singapore and a member of St Andrew's Cathedral, and he joined us to speak on the theme of Natural Theology. The evening explored a compelling question: Does nature point us to God? From breathtaking beauty to intricate design, creation seems to whisper of a divine Mind—but can we truly know God through nature alone?

Through this session, we engaged in the rich Christian tradition of natural theology, alongside contemporary critiques, and considered how Scripture, science, and philosophy intersect in this conversation. Together, we reflected on how the natural world bears witness to God and how this shapes both our faith and the mission of the Church.



Fellowship Activities

Our monthly gatherings in September and October took on a more light-hearted and relational tone. September saw a wonderful turnout for our hotpot dinner at church, with young adults not only from our own congregation but also from other churches joining us. It was a meaningful opportunity for young adults from different walks of life and worship services to come together—sharing stories, building friendships, and discovering common interests.

In October, our bowling session brought together young adults who were either new to the sport or already passionate about it. With plenty of laughter and encouragement, the more experienced bowlers gladly coached the newcomers, and some even celebrated their very first strike.



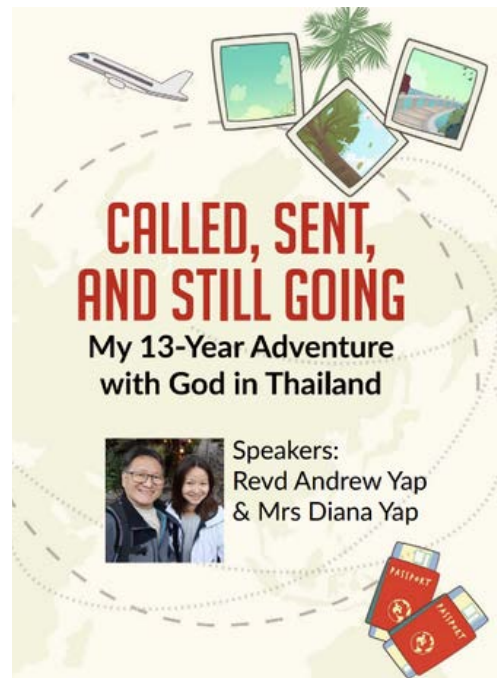
Young Adult Ministry

Hearing about Missions

Our final gathering of the year took place in November. As November is set aside as Missions Month at St Andrew's Cathedral, we were privileged to invite our very own Revd Andrew Yap to speak.

Revd Andrew shared his personal journey of how God led him out of his comfort zone, shaped him through unexpected lessons, and sent him into the heart of Thailand for 13 unforgettable years. Through his honest and inspiring sharing, our young adults were reminded that missions is less about what we do for God, and more about what God is doing in us and through us.

The session concluded with a meaningful challenge for our young adults to prayerfully consider where God might be leading them to fulfil His purposes in and through their lives.



Ministry Leadership Updates

The end of 2025 also marks a significant transition for our Young Adults Ministry, as Mr. Kenneth Ernest concludes his employment with St Andrew's Cathedral.

We are deeply grateful for his leadership, dedication, and sacrificial contribution to the ministry over the past year and a half. We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to his wife, Mrs. Ketti Ernest, for her active involvement and support as part of the Young Adults Ministry core team.

As they step into a new season, we pray for God's abundant blessing and grace upon them in all that lies ahead.



Prayer Requests

Children Ministry

Children

- Pray that the children will be open to God's Word, growing in understanding and recognising God as their loving Heavenly Father
- Pray that all children ministry programmes and activities will nurture the children's spiritual lives and deepen their relationship with God

Ministry Workers

- Pray for the children ministry workers, that they will serve with humble, servant hearts, work in unity, and faithfully steward the ministry entrusted to them

Parents

- Pray for God's wisdom, strength, and patience for parents as they nurture and train their children in the way they should go

Youth Ministry

Raising of more leaders & growing a culture of discipleship

- Pray that God will raise up youths who are willing to serve, be discipled, and disciple others
- Pray for intentional relationships where faith is modelled, questions are welcomed, and lives are shaped

Wisdom and strength for the team to lead the ministry amidst transitions

- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the pastoral team as they navigate leadership transitions
- Pray for strength and unity as responsibilities are shared and adjusted
- Pray that the ministry remains anchored in Christ, trusting in God's leading through this season

Young Adult Ministry

Core Team

- Pray for the core team as they discern the direction and plans for the ministry in this season
- Pray for like-minded people to serve in the core team

Young Adults

- Pray for young adults to develop a renewed commitment to walk closely with the Lord and in righteousness as they face the demands and challenges of life
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