

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the Lord! On behalf of St Andrew's Cathedral (Mandarin), I would like to extend an invitation to join us in celebrating 70 years of fellowship and ministry in the Chinese-speaking community. We will be joining hearts and raising voices to give thanks to God on *the 21st of December* in the *Cathedral New Sanctuary*, and would like to invite you to join this celebration with your musical gifts and talents as members of the *choir, orchestra, or band*.

The theme for the 70th Anniversary is “从心出发, 迈向应许之地” (“**Entering the Promised Land with New Resolve**”). The *Christmas Celebration* aims to present the gospel with songs, and to reflect on the foundation of our faith: God's faithfulness. The Father sent the Son, who lived amongst mankind, dying for the sake of our sins, that we may be reunited in Him - charging us, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to continue His mission in spreading the Gospel, being salt and light to a world full of darkness. The programme will involve a mix of familiar and novel songs, some written for the Anniversary itself.

Current information regarding the rehearsal schedule and repertoire can be found by scanning the “**Information**” QR code. If you would like to join the choir, orchestra or band, please register by scanning or clicking the “**Register**” QR code.



Rehearsals for the Choir have already begun in **July**, the Orchestra will begin in **September**, and for the Band in **October**. All volunteers are expected to join a fellowship and prayer event in **September** and more details will be provided in due time.



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We hope to hear from you soon!

Yours in His service,

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St. Andrew's Cathedral (Mandarin)  
70th Anniversary Christmas Celebration

## Event Details

What: St. Andrew's Cathedral (Mandarin)  
70th Anniversary Christmas Celebration

When: Evening  
21st December 2024

Where: St. Andrew's Cathedral  
New Sanctuary

## I Have Questions...

*Q<sup>1</sup>: That looks like a lot of rehearsals; do I have to be present for all of them?*

A<sup>1</sup>: We acknowledge that it is a lot of time to commit - the rehearsal schedule gives everyone ample opportunity to fellowship and practice together. We encourage participants to fully commit, but also recognize that it can be taxing, and people may need to take breaks or miss particular days. We will serve with whoever is present, and we ask that participants be accountable and responsible in informing their ICs prior to absence or tardiness.

*Q<sup>2</sup>: That also looks like a lot of music! Do I have to learn all of it?*

A<sup>2</sup>: Not all of the songs require all voices or musicians, and the repertoire may undergo adjustments - but similar to the above, participants determine how much they commit to. The leaders will do their best to plan ahead of time, so that everyone can effectively prepare for what they are involved in. At the end of the day, the hope is this: that as we present the music in worship, we do so with confidence in the Lord's pleasure and our diligent preparation, within our abilities, free from anxiety, and full of joy.

*Q<sup>3</sup>: I do not know if I am good enough...*

A<sup>3</sup>: Similar to the above, we want to encourage everyone to take a sober look at ourselves and determine, 'what can I do joyfully?' That can mean two things: one, that we accept our present limitations and commit to what we can master. Two, that we challenge ourselves and push our boundaries. Regardless of the approach, brothers and sisters together will come alongside in prayer, fellowship, and service. On a practical level, participating in the Orchestra or Band requires the individual to practise independently, without supervision. The Choir has a slightly broader allowance for novice singers.

*Q<sup>4</sup>: Who can join this Celebration?*

A<sup>4</sup>: This Celebration is one of family: we are looking for brothers and sisters first within the St. Andrew's family, and if necessary, from the wider Anglican family as well. On occasion, participants have invited their friends to join the project - as an act of worship, there is a minimum expectation that they are confessing and practising Christians, regardless of roles within the Celebration.

*Q<sup>5</sup>: Are there any specific needs for the Celebration at the moment?*

A<sup>5</sup>: As of time of writing, we are in particular need of male choir members. The Orchestra roster is still being filled, and a breakdown of musicians needed will be provided at a later time.

*Q<sup>6</sup>: When is the latest I can respond to this invitation?*

A<sup>6</sup>: We hope that all involved come in early, but at any time that you feel ready to respond, contact us through the aforementioned methods! It would be our joy to worship with you. If however it is no longer practical for new participants, your contribution through prayer is both essential and integral to the work of the Church. Please keep the committees, leaders, and participants in prayer, that we glorify God with every thought, word, and breath!

*Q<sup>7</sup>: How else may I contribute to the Celebration?*

A<sup>7</sup>: If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer your abilities and skills in a specific direction, please get in touch with us at the aforementioned contacts; we would love to dialogue and see where the different parts of the body come together. Barring anything else, we would love for you to join us in Celebration on the evening of the 21st of December as we draw this Anniversary year to a close.