

...The day of the Lord will come...

1 Thessalonians 5:2

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5.00 pm

Order of Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Show Us Christ

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:1-17 ESV

Message: Kingdom Secrets: An Invitation & A Warning

*Hymn: Speak O Lord

Holy Communion

Sharing & Praying with One Another

Offering

*Benediction

Announcements

*Congregation stands

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us. If you are new to Zion Bishan, do speak to an usher or hospitality team member to find out about our faith, or about our activities and programmes. You may also approach the Info Desk after service.

Our Sunday services and activities

8.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1*

Children's Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

(8.45 am) Domestic Helpers Fellowship — *Room 105 L1*

9.00 am

Hokkien service — *Auditorium 2 L4*

10.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1/2*

Cantonese-Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

Tamil service — *Music Room L3*

Mandarin-English service — *MPH L1*

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (English-Indonesian) — *Room 103 L1*

Children's & Youth Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

1.30 pm

Adult Discipleship Class — *see below*

5.00 pm

English service — *MPH L1*

Serving You Today

Speaker: Deacon Danny

Worship Leader: Deacon Joseph

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* *alby*

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor (Comm Dev't)* *zhenghr*

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Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

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Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

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**Kingdom Secrets:
An Invitation & A Warning**

Matthew 13:1-23

1 March 2020
Deacon Danny Chua

Introduction: Listening Comprehension

Why Parables? (v.10-17)

- “Hearing they do not hear” (v. 13)

- Increasing Opposition (Chap. 11 & 12)

The Parable of the Sower (v.1-9, 18-23)

An Invitation & A Warning

Reflection Questions

1. How is Jesus warning you to listen carefully to His words about the kingdom?
2. In what ways would you help yourself listen better to Jesus’ words?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ECM — We thank God that despite the virus situation, we managed to hold an ECM and the quorum was met on time! The proposed budget for Financial Year 20/21 was discussed and approved, and in addition we voted to extend an interest free loan to our sister church, Mt. Carmel BP, for their church building project. May God continue to shape our ministries and supply all our needs as we look to Him in a year of many unknowns.

Live Streaming — Thank God for technology! Pray that the word of God will minister to each of us even though we may be physically apart. As members and friends join us online, let us keep one another in prayer that the church will be united in love for God and for others.

Our People

Darrell Tan — He has been seconded to WEC (Worldwide Evangelization for Christ) International Singapore, a mission agency, from 1 Mar 2020 to 28 Feb 2021. He serves in the areas of mission education & training, mobilisation, and media. Pray for Darrell to be effective in this ministry and be a blessing to those he will train and mentor.

Linus Koe — Thank God for his time in apprenticeship and his start in full-time ministry this March. Do pray for him as he manages the Family Ministry, Media and Communications.

GCE A-Levels — Results were released on 21 Feb. Praise God for seeing our youths through this major examination. Pray they will seek God's direction in the next phase of their education, trusting Him to lead their decisions.

Our World

COVID-19 — Continue to pray for frontline medical workers in this difficult time. Many are overworked and even refused service for fear of catching the virus from them.

Thank God for efforts in encouraging frontline workers in Singapore. Pray that the church in Singapore will grow and learn how to love our unbelieving neighbours in this situation.

As cases in South Korea rise to about 1600, mostly located in Daegu city, pray for the authorities to manage this crisis well, and for citizens to remain calm and safe.

Pray for Italy to also navigate the crisis as they close schools and other public places. There are reports of a rise in swindlers to capitalise on the situation. Pray that these will be dealt with swiftly and the economy will not be severely affected.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	214	5,656.00
English 10.30 am	359	14,934.00
Children's Discipleship	61	
English 5 pm	15	854.00
Mandarin	66	2,606.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	37	670.00
Mandarin-English	42	1,208.00
Chinese Sunday School	17	
Hokkien	42	1,501.00
Tamil	16	751.00
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	869	28,180.00
Precept (Thurs) Class		750.00
Electronic Transfer		16,510.75
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$45,440.75

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$61,901

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1498–1503	2,110.00
Electronic Transfer	10,116.25
Weekly Total	12,226.25

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,006,516.22

Info for Giving

General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3
 PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF
 ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH



Land Lease Renewal Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5
 PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF
 ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF
 (please indicate *Land Lease Renewal Fund* on back of cheque)



Please provide your *CONTACT NUMBER* on each cheque

Your Response

1 March 2020

NAME

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PHONE

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E-MAIL

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You may e-mail your response to **office@zionbishan.org.sg**

PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE

I would like to:

- sign up for an activity
 - request prayer
 - give feedback
 - send a word of encouragement
 - other:
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RESPONSE DETAILS:

(more space overleaf)

Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

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FOLD AND TEAR ALONG LINE TO DETACH

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Keith and Elyssa Wong on the birth of their daughter Thea Grace Wong Rui Qi on 22 Feb; and to grandparents, Chua Siang Chuan and Moh Peck.
2. Congratulations to Victor Leung & Magdalane Huang on their holy matrimony on 29th Feb.
3. Ps Haoren is away on ministry in South Asia till 25 Mar 2020.
4. Darrell Tan will be seconded to WEC starting Mar 2020.
5. Linus Koe will be appointed ministry staff serving in Family Ministry, Media and Communications starting 1 Mar 2020.
6. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

Looking Ahead

Friday 6 March

8.00 pm: Friday Prayer Meeting, MPH, Level 1.
AG29 chairing.

Sunday 8 March

Worship Ministry Team: A. Music Team: D.

8.30 am: *Coordinator:* Klein Aw & Timothy Sng.
Worship Ldr: Dn Tiew Chew Meng. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Betuel Ng. *Scripture Reading:* Sneha Peter.

10.30 am: *Coordinator:* Colin Chua. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Roland Low. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Edwin Seet. *Scripture Reading:* Rachele Tham.

Evening Service March Series:

Matthew Series:

- 1 Mar Sower (Matthew 13.1-23)
Deacon Danny
- 8 Mar Weeds (Matthew 13.24-43)
Elder Michael
- 15 Mar Treasure (Matthew 13.44-58)
Deacon Danny

*THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!
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I Know Whom I have Believed

Some years ago, the Archbishop of Canterbury was rushing to catch a train in London. In his haste, he accidentally jumped on the wrong passenger car and found himself on a car full of patients from a mental hospital. They were all dressed in mental hospital clothing.

Just then, the hospital attendant came to count the patients, “1-2-3-4” when he suddenly saw the archbishop in his suit and clerical collar and asked, “Who are you?” The archbishop answered, “I am the Archbishop of Canterbury!” And the attendant continued, “5-6-7-8.”

Reality is no respecter of man regardless of how important we may be. This reality is made more damning recently in the COVID-19 outbreak. A single virus unseen to the naked eye can grind cities and perhaps the world almost to a halt and in some instances bring out the worst in humans.

Indeed, it is a stark reminder to us that humans, after all, are still humans. COVID-19 is still as much a mystery now as it was when first discovered last year. Experts warned of the possibility of the virus spreading out of control. What will be your plans?

Again, the reality is, besides being vigilant, there is really nothing much that we can do. That was perhaps what Job came to realize. There were a million questions and unknowns in his mind. And he sought answers in every sphere humanly possible. But finally, he found the one and the most important answer.

It lies beyond human and reality. Hence Job exclaimed in triumph, “For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.” (Job 19:25-26)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, COVID-19 and the subsequent economic fall-out are just realities that we humans need to reckon with. We can be almost certain that other variant and maybe more destructive forms will evolve in time to come. But we can be equally certain that we need not fear such realities.

We live with a higher assurance and reality. So let us live, serve, give and continue to proclaim the Gospel with the same blessed assurance and fervour as Paul: “...for I know whom **[not what]** I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.” (2 Tim 1:12)

Announcements

Vacancy for Youth Ministry Staff

We are currently on the lookout for a fulltime Youth Ministry Staff at Zion Bishan. The person will be involved in running our regular youth ministry programs, including Youth Discipleship and Youth Fellowship, as well as discipling teenagers on a personal basis. The applicant should be a committed Christian, from 25–45 years of age, who has served in some form of youth ministry for at least 2 years. Training will be provided through the EXCEL apprenticeship scheme. More details can be given upon request. Please email your application to Pastor Dev: dev@zionbishan.org.sg

Blessing Our Children

Faith at Home

15 March, 9.00–10.00 am, Rm207

The Faith at Home sessions are for parents with children aged 0-6 years. Both parents are encouraged to come together with their children. In light of the COVID-19 situation we understand if you are hesitant to attend. Please sign up by 1 March so that we can plan accordingly. We will be capping registration at 12 pax (6 couples) for safety reasons. Hope to see you!

<https://tinyurl.com/fah15mar>

God, Are You Really There?

An Evangelistic Outreach Event

15 March, 1.00–2.30 pm, Chapel

Testimony sharing by Tony and Ashley Low. Invite your friends to hear how God restored Tony from his coma, and the couple's amazing journey over the years. This is a story about our eternal hope and how we can learn to trust God's guidance in our lives. If lunch is required, please sign up at the Info Desk.

Church WhatsApp Broadcast

To receive the church bulletin and announcements via WhatsApp, please follow **both** steps below:

1. **Save 9422 5703 to your contacts**
2. Send a WhatsApp message with your full **name and contact number** (e.g. *Freddie Mao 98765432*)

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