

...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: And Can It Be

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35 ESV

Message: The Parable of Unforgiving Servant - "Why Should I
Forgive?"

*Hymn: Jesus Paid It All

Personal & Pastoral Prayer

Offering

The Lord's Prayer

*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 — *Chapel*

Serving You Today

Speaker: Deacon Chuah Chin Yew

Worship Leader: Deacon Joseph Chan

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>sabbatical</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
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The Parable of Unforgiving Servant “Why Should I Forgive?”

Matthew 18:21-35

22 March 2020

Deacon Chuah Chin Yew

The Context and Parable

1. How many times should I forgive? (v21-v22)

2. Why should I forgive? (v23-v35)

3. How can I really forgive? (Obstacles)

Application:

1. Soul searching: Think of any potential un-forgiveness in our heart towards others e.g. spouse, relative, friend or even enemy today.
2. What is the obstacle/s that we face when trying to forgive?
3. From today's sermon, how can we forgive?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Sabbath Rest — Tze-Ming reminds us how Sabbath helps us to *look around, look up and look forward* in today's Word in Season. Pray that as a church, we will encourage each other to rest in our heavenly Father.

Livestreaming as an AG — Praise God for AGs that gathered in homes the past two weeks to worship together and join in on 10.30am service livestream. Pray that the Holy Spirit unite the church even in times when we have to meet in separate locations.

Chinese Services — Pray for our brothers and sisters that worship at the Mandarin, Cantonese and Hokkien services. As the majority of the congregation are elderly, many are taking precautions and staying home. Do pray for the EXCO as they deliberate how best to minister to the congregation in this time of COVID-19.

Our People

Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled (BHID) Ministry — During this period of restriction from normal activities by BHID, pray that residents will be able to persevere through them with patience and trust in God.

Pray also that the electronic ways in which this ministry is trying to bring its Sunday School programmes to BHID residents will be effective. The goal is

to continue to bring encouragement spiritually through Bible stories and teaching as well as to give friendship and support they might need.

Mothers — Thank God for all mothers. They tirelessly care for the home. Working or stay-at-home, mothers will strive to do their best for their families. Pray they find all their joy in the Lord as they raise their children in God's word.

Our World

COVID-19 Situation — Pray for governments across the world to take wise actions to mitigate the spread of the virus. Remember also the medical workers who are overworked. Pray that we will be salt and light to people around us during these anxious times.

Grace Bible College (GBC), India — A new batch of students will be arriving in June. Pray that their hearts will be burdened to serve and reach the lost. Pray also for frontier workers who faithfully continue their work among the least reached people groups they are in.

GBC will be starting on an urban ministry this year. Pray as the team continues to plan and for a good start to the project. May God bless their work and may it bear much fruit.

Lastly, pray for adequate support for the vocational education of the children of GBC missionaries.

Last Week

On 15 Mar, we welcomed:

Morning Services: Alvin Tan, Kevin Lim, Rosalind Tan and others.

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	180	6,680.00
English 10.30 am	205	4,332.00
Livestreaming as AGs	90	
Children's Discipleship	52	
English 5 pm	26	978.00
Mandarin	79	2,439.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	39	273.00
Mandarin-English	46	777.00
Chinese Sunday School	26	
Hokkien	37	1,015.00
Tamil	10	196.00
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	790	16,690.00
<i>Livestreaming (Total)</i>	189	
Electronic Transfer		26,704.95
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$43,394.95

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$62,189

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1527–1529	684.00
Electronic Transfer	5,136.25
Weekly Total	5,820.25
<i>(Weekly Target: \$113,854)</i>	
Total To Date	\$4,068,777.86

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

22 March 2020

NAME

PHONE

E-MAIL

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:

RESPONSE DETAILS:

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

HAND YOUR RESPONSE TO AN USHER, THE INFO DESK, OR PUT IT IN THE OFFERING BAG

FOLD AND TEAR ALONG TO DETACH

Church Family News

1. Deepest condolences to Lee Keow, Jit Chin, Pei Ling on the Homegoing of Lee Keow's mother, Mdm Ho Pick Yin, aged 94, on 17 March 2020.
2. Deepest condolences to Cathie and Paul Teh on the loss of Cathie's mother, Mdm Koh Soh Geok, who passed away on 17 March 2020.
3. Deepest condolences to Jeen & Debbie Loone on the loss of Jeen's husband, Mr Lincoln Loone, who passed away on 17 March 2020.
4. Thank God for Ps Haoren's safe return last Friday from ministry in South Asia.
5. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

Looking Ahead

Friday 27 March

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

AG28 chairing.

Sunday 29 March

Worship Ministry Team: A. Music Team: B.

8.30 am: Coordinator: Keith Ong & Janna Wong.

Worship Ldr: Elder David Leong. *Responsive*

Scripture Reading: Serene Ho. *Scripture Reading:*

Moses Thia.

10.30 am: Coordinator: Roy Leong. *Worship Ldr:*

Elder Jeffrey Lim. *Responsive Scripture Reading:*

Chew Ping Nan. *Scripture Reading:* Victor Quek.

Morning Service:

29 Mar Frog in the Kettle (Revelation 3:14-22)

Rev Beh Soo Yeong (The Bible Church)

Evening Service March Series:

Matthew Series:

22 Mar Debtor (Matthew 18.15-35)

Deacon Chuah Chin Yew

29 Mar Labourers (Matthew 19.30-20.16)

Pastor Dev Menon

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Sabbath as Earth-Keeping

Ps Dev started this year with reflections on the importance of Sabbath and rest. I'd like to share about how Sabbath relates to the present environmental crisis. In many ways, Sabbath-keeping *is* earth-keeping.

First, Sabbath-keeping helps us **look around**. The creation account in Genesis 1 tells us that God did not just create humans, he created a whole ecosystem for human (and non-human) flourishing. Creation has Sabbath built into its intricate system. So, just as the human body suffers if it lacks appropriate and timely rest, all creation suffers if rest is taken out of its interconnected system. Creation is not operating the way it was meant to (climate change, species loss), because humans have been abusing and misusing it as selfish consumers rather than caring stewards. We do not cease in our restless overconsumption and so creation gets no rest and is exhausted.

Practising Sabbath makes us follow God – when he rested on the seventh day – in delighting in what he has made. On Sabbath we cease from using or exploiting non-human creation. Instead we immerse ourselves in, and cherish God's intricate, interconnected, good creation, of which we are a part, as stewards and carers.

Secondly, Sabbath-keeping helps us to **look up**. And when we look up we see God, not our own image. "The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein ..." (Ps 24:1, ESV). Creation's Lord is our God, and not us.

Practising Sabbath reminds us that the world gets on fine even when we cease from work, because God is the one who sustains it. We are reminded of our humanity – dependent like the rest of creation on God – as we hand authority back to the One to whom it truly and already belongs. We are also freed from the crushing burden of "saving the earth," even as we advocate for creation care, because our ultimate hope is not on human endeavour but on God's work.

Finally, Sabbath-keeping helps us to **look forward**. Sabbath is a picture of the final rest which is the culmination and fulfilment of God's saving work in Christ, in reconciling all things in heaven and on earth to himself (Heb 4, Col 1:20). Paul makes the point that all creation has that forward look, a yearning for that Day when it "will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom

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Announcements

Good Friday Service

10 April, 8.30 & 10.30am, Sanctuary

Please note that there will be two services. Our guest speaker at Zion Bishan is Snr Ps Jason Lim from Gospel Light Christian Church.

The annual BPCIS combined Good Friday Service will be decentralised to the 7 member Churches this year.

Two Opportunities to Bless

Missions at Our Doorstep

Make an Easter gift with hand sanitizer.

Easter message available in English or Chinese. Costs \$1.50 per bottle.

Order by TODAY:

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/gifths>

Streams of Life & Homeless Hearts:

Appeal for Open Homes to Shelter Our Malaysian Neighbours. More info:

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/openhm>

Join the Evening Service

Sundays, 5pm, Chapel

The Evening Service meets as a smaller congregation of about 30 people weekly in the Chapel on level 4.

Sermon Series:

Mar: Jesus' Parables (Matthew)

Apr: Easter and Resurrection (1 Cor 15)

Do consider joining us at 5pm to ease out the Morning Services numbers.

Please contact Dn Danny Chua (9239 4160) if you have any questions.

Children's Discipleship

Helpers Needed

CD is looking for volunteers to help with temperature checking at 1030CD.

Volunteers will be rostered for three months and stationed at level 2 beside the playground from 10.15-10.45am.

Contact Lihui (9111 9652) for more information and service opportunities.

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of the glory of the children of God" (Rom 8:21, ESV).

Practising Sabbath is a foretaste of that final Day, when we with all creation will no longer be groaning, but rejoicing in the birth of the new heavens and new earth.

In a world with constant pressure to do *more*, how are we all doing *less* (Sabbath) for God's coming new creation?

[A version of this appears in *God's Gardeners: Creation Care Stories from Singapore and Malaysia*; co-edited by our member Melissa Ong, and available at <https://graceworks.com.sg/store/category/stories-and-testimonies/gods-gardeners-creation-care-stories-from-singapore-and-malaysia/>]