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JOSHUA 23:14

English Services & Livestream

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: For All the Saints

Scripture Reading: Joshua 23:1-16 ESV

Message: Joshua's Parting Words

Response Hymn: Find Us Faithful

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

*Note: Holy Communion will be served at 10.30 and 1pm in-person services*

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## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week.

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

## Our Sunday services at a glance

### *In-Person Sunday Services*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil/Hokkien service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

### *Join us for our livestream*

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am** English service

### *Join us for Zoom Services*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.45am** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1

(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

**9.30am** Tamil service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

**2.30pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2

(Indonesian groups)

### *Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes*

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Serving You Today

*Speakers:* Pastor Zheng Haoren (10.30am & 1pm); Pastor Dev Menon (3 pm & 5 pm)

*AV:* Steven Tan, Melissa Leong, Yap Hong York, James Kok, Ivan Lim

*Pianist:* Lee Ping Lin

*Songs for personal worship and reflection:*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection)

**10.30 am & 1 pm:** Hope & Peace Cluster

Services with HC

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace))

*Pastor:* Zheng Haoren

*Elders:* Elder David & Elder Sonny

*Deacons:* Dns Siew Choo, Dn Chew Meng & Dn Joseph

*Staff:* Sharon, Tze Ming & June

**3pm & 5pm:** Mercy & Grace Cluster Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace))

*Pastor:* Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

*Elders:* Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

*Deacons:* Dns Alice, Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

*Staff:* Li Hui & Vernon

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

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

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

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

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

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

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

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Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* *sharon*

Mr Vernon Quek, *Young Adults/AGs* *vernon*

Mr Linus Koe, *Family Ministry/Media* *linus*

Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

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## **Joshua's Parting Words**

Joshua 23:1-16

8 November 2020

Pastor Zheng Haoren/Pastor Dev Menon

### **Introduction**

### **Joshua's Impending Death (vv1-5)**

### **Joshua's Exhortation (vv6-13)**

### **Joshua's Warning (vv14-16)**

### **Conclusion**

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. What was Joshua's charge to the leaders of Israel?
3. What can you say about God's character from the book of Joshua?
4. Describe the state of your relationship with God? What needs attention?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Budget** – Our annual “Ministry Behind the Money” usually happens around this time. Even though we are not conducting it this year, ministries are going through their budgeting exercise for the next financial year. Pray for our ministry leaders to seek God’s vision for the church and their respective ministries as they plan for their activities in the next year. May God guide us and lead us.

**Youth Camp** – Thank God for the hardworking Youth Camp committee who are looking into the many details needed to run a camp in such a time. Thank God for the 40 youths who have already signed up. Pray for 10 more to join by this week.

**Men’s Ministry Retreat** (18 Nov) – Pray for their upcoming half-day retreat. Even though this retreat will be much shorter compared to last year’s, pray that the men in our church will be enriched by the time they will spend together and that they will be encouraged in their walk with God.

### **Our People**

**Cluster Leaders** – Cluster AG leaders will be meeting with their elders and pastors to discuss plans for the next year. Pray for fruitful discussions in each Cluster. Pray for each AG leader to continue ministering to their AG members and to share these plans so that every Cluster will be able to look forward to growing

physically and spiritually at our various Sunday services.

**Serve in your Cluster** – Pray for one another to consider how we can love and serve each other in our Cluster.

### **Our World**

**South India** – Two ministry partners are facing financial difficulties because tithe and offerings collections have been greatly impacted due to the inability to hold in-person services. Many members have lost jobs. Pray that God will sustain the livelihoods of the pastors and their congregation members who face tough financial challenges. Pray also for the ministry leaders to have wisdom, and to discern through prayer, whether major church programs (like their annual convention) can take place.

**Malaysia** – Praise God that Eld Koo, who had a serious road accident in October, is recovering well and is able to walk without any assistance. Pray for him to be able to control his diet well because he has diabetes and that tends to spike on occasion to high levels.

**US Elections** – Pray for the United States as they see through the aftermath of a heated presidential election. Pray for peace within the nation and internationally. Pray that the outcome will not affect the global financial situation that is already shaken because of COVID-19.

## Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*345	
English Services#	219	850.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*59	
Mandarin Service	91	350.00
Cantonese Service		310.00
Tamil Zoom Service	27	
ME Zoom	64	
DHF Zoom	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>\$1,510.00</b>

\*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$43,162.86  
**WEEKLY TOTAL \$44,672.86**

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2020/21: \$62,189

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$208,555.81

Giving Received from 26 Oct to 1 Nov \$1,750.11

Amount Disbursed to-date \$136,950.98

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1594-9 \$12,450.00

Electronic Transfer \$37,520.75

**Weekly Total \$49,970.75**

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

**Total To Date \$4,997,566.61**

## Info for Giving

### For tithes and offering:

#### General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

### To donate towards the

#### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund:

#### General & Missions Fund

(Use information above)

Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

### To give towards the

#### Land Lease Renewal Fund:

#### General Project 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

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*Thank you for joining us today!  
 If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- ☐ If you are joining us for the first time
- ☐ to find out more
- ☐ to request prayer
- ☐ to provide feedback
- ☐ to send a word of encouragement

You may find our response form [www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)

Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

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

## ***Looking Ahead***

### **Friday, 13 November**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### **Saturday, 14 November**

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### **Sunday, 15 November**

English Services:

**10.30 am & 1 pm:** Faith & Patience Cluster Services  
with Holy Communion

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience))

*Pastor:* Dev Menon

*Elders:* Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Jeffrey Lim

*Deacons:* Dn Mervyn, Dns Sherena, Dn Benjamin & Dn Timothy

*Staff:* Linus & Zhiwen

**3pm & 5pm:** Light & Joy Cluster Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy))

*Pastor:* Alby Yip

*Elders:* Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

*Deacons:* Dn Kin Yip, Dn Justin & Dn Jerry

*Staff:* Emily & Jacqueline

### **Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua**

15 Nov Joshua 24

Mr Vernon Quek (10.30am/1.00pm)

Ps Zheng Haoren (3.00pm/5.00pm)

22 Nov Joshua Reflections

Ps Alby (10.30am/1.00pm)

(3.00pm/5.00)

## Remembering the Poor

*“Is the support going to be monthly?”* This innocent question from a Session member hit me. He was responding to a proposal on food relief using our Covid-19 Mission Relief Fund. An elderly pastor from a poor country had made an appeal to provide 80 poor families with 25kg of rice each. *“It’s a one-time relief aid for this appeal”* was my reply.

How long do you think 25kg of rice would last for a family of six? Under the current pandemic, our field contacts advised that families in impoverished regions would do their utmost to stretch such a precious quantity over 1.5-3 weeks. Okay, so what would happen to them next month? I do not know. That was what hit me – the thought of uncertainty, hunger, sickness, and despair looming large before these families. Our help really feels like five loaves of bread and two fish.

In another poor country where only 40 pax are permitted for in-person Church Services, very few congregants are returning because of the ongoing high infection rates. Tithes and offerings have dwindled to a trickle. And the effects of declining church giving are being felt. As these communities are poor, there is very little to go around. With electronic funds transfer not even heard of, it is reported that pastors are having to go from house-to-house to collect the offerings.

*“and when James and Cephas and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given to me (Paul), they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. Only, they asked us to **remember the poor**, the very thing I was eager to do”,* Galatians 2:9-10.

Yes, in this global pandemic, God is once again issuing a call to Christians everywhere to remember the poor with any amount of means to help. And this call also extends beyond the church’s boundaries into the unbelieving world.

A believer from yet another poor nation confessed the sin of losing her temper with someone as she struggled to cope with the needs around her. She also shared about her deep trust in Jesus to provide for their needs. She told of opportunities she had to pray with neighbours and share the Gospel hope with them. She is carrying on the **great tradition of our Lord and centuries of Christian witness**. If she can remember the poor, so can we all.

May the Lord multiply the little that we are giving!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **In-Person Sunday Services**

We continue to conduct in-person Worship Services for up to 100 people – up to 50 each in the upper and lower sanctuaries.

Each Cluster Pair may come for worship twice a month. The service schedule may be viewed at

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule)

Please register for services by your specific Cluster link below:

Light & Joy Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy)

Faith & Patience Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience)

Hope & Peace Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace)

Mercy & Grace Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace)

Communion will be served at 1030am and 1pm services only.

If you are unsure of which Sunday you should register for, do contact your AG leader or any of our pastors.

Visit [www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2) to view our Safety Management Plan.

In preparation for Phase 3, please have your Trace Together Token or App ready. See <http://tiny.cc/st-tracetgether>

## **Men's Crisis: God's Opportunity** **18 Nov, Saturday, 8.00am-12.00pm**

Reveal, Refocus, Restore.

Register for Men's Ministry Retreat here:  
<https://forms.gle/DaLQja557toqMkrq9>

## **The All New Marriage Course** **Starts 5 Dec, for 7 Saturdays** **4.00pm-6.00pm**

Join us for a new run of The Marriage Course, completely online!

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship.

All videos have been updated for a modern audience. Register today!

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/tmc](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/tmc)

## **Youth Camp 2020: Arukah** **16-18 Dec, Wednesday to Friday**

Registration for Youth Camp closes in one week! Limited spaces available. What are you waiting for? Sign up now!

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2020](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2020)

Parents, if you require any clarifications, please contact our Family Ministry Staff at [linus@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:linus@zionbishan.org.sg).

## **Youth Camp Financial Sponsorship** **Help us serve our Youths!**

We are also looking for sponsors to help us better serve our youths at camp.

We are looking for 8 sponsors of \$200 each. Sponsorships will go into supporting various costs and safety implementations at camp.

For more information, please contact Chloe 9237 2330, Ivan 9199 0647 or Rachel 8518 9656

## **Land Lease Renewal Fund** **Interest-Free Loans**

The forms may be downloaded from [www.zionbishan.org.sg/llrf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/llrf)