

ZION BISHAN DECEMBER SERIES
CHRISTMAS: MORE THAN YOU THINK...



English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: What Child is This

Scripture Reading: Mark 15:33-39 ESV

Message: Family Reunion

Response Hymn: I'm Forgiven Because You Were Forsaken

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):

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule>

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

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am English service

Join us for Zoom Services/Bible Studies

(Registration required):

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 group)

9.15pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3
(in English)

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Zheng Haoren (10.30am & 1pm),
Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

AV: Steven Tan, Abraham Lee, Yap Hong York,
Melissa Leong, Mattheaus Lim

Pianists: Evangeline Chai, Paul Low

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection

10.30 am & 1 pm: Mercy & Grace Cluster
Services with Holy Communion

Pastors: Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

Elders: Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

Deacons: Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

Staff: Li Hui & Vernon

3pm & 5pm: Hope & Peace Cluster Services

Pastor: Zheng Haoren

Elders: Elder David & Elder Sonny

Deacons: Dns Siew Choo & Dn Joseph

Staff: Sharon, Tze Ming & June

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @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 Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

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

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

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

Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* *ruth*

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*

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Family Reunion

Mark 15:33-39

27 December 2020

Pastor Zheng Haoren/Pastor Dev Menon

Introduction

Darkness

Forsaken

Torn

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. Why was there darkness? Why was Jesus forsaken? Why was the temple curtain torn apart?
3. Why did Jesus have to die?
4. How did Jesus' death bring about family reunion?

Prayer Points

Our Church

The Next Lap – Each week, look out for one part of our vision moving forward. This was presented last week:

Our Commitment – To make it possible for *all to come for corporate worship weekly*.

We started this once a month for each cluster when services were capped at 50 pax. We increased it to twice a month (for 100 pax services) on a rotational basis. Looking ahead, when we go up to 200 pax (the capacity of our main sanctuary with safe-distancing and 50pax zoning), we can have all members returning weekly.

After which, we will no longer rotate the clusters, which has been making it difficult for our Sunday-based ministries to operate and has disrupted many family routines.

In-Person Services – Thank God for the government approval to conduct in-person services for up to 200 worshippers. Thank God for our Taskforce, who have been hard at work, making the necessary arrangements quickly for Christmas and Watchnight services. We will start 200pax in-person Sunday Services in a few weeks. Details will follow soon.

Friendship Meal (21-23 Dec) – Thank God for the smooth running of 3 days of Friendship Meals at the Living Room this past week. Despite some wet weather, thank God we were able to host many

visitors. Thank God for the ministry through our Living Room Café.

Our People

New Year's Eve Family Devotion – Close the year together with this prayer in our New Year's Eve devotions (p.8), "*We want to testify to Your goodness in our lives; we want to feed on Your Word; and we want to renew our commitment to walk with You and live for You.*"

Our World

Phase 3 – Thank God that Singapore is moving to Phase 3 on 28 Dec. Let us not take for granted the safety and privilege we have, but use the freedom and safety we have to build one another up in Christ. With the opportunity to gather in larger groups of 8, pray that we will use these opportunities to share God's love with those in need, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

North India – Our ministry partner has reported that 2020 has drawn all their ministries closer to God. Praise God that even through hardships experienced, it has brought about renewed dependence on the Lord. Also, praise God that they have been able to continue with Bible studies and Sunday pulpit ministries online. The congregation has been blessed through their study of 1 Peter. Pray that God will give all the ministry workers strength and wisdom as they continue to face the challenging situations in their villages because of the pandemic and its severe impact.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30/3pm Livestream	*359	
English Services#	400	1,000.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*58	
Mandarin Service#	84	2,860.00
Hokkien Pre-recorded Service	55	205.00
Tamil Zm Svs	21	334.00
ME Zoom	54	
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1,050	\$4,399.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer 42,927.80
WEEKLY TOTAL \$47,326.80

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$258,205.14
 Giving Received from 7 Dec to 13 Dec \$920.00
 Amount Disbursed to-date \$150,331.44

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1639-1646 \$107,250.00
 Electronic Transfer 47,053.30
Weekly Total \$154,303.30

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$5,391,122.50
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$1,435,000.00

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

27 December 2020

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

Or email us at office@zionbishan.org.sg

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email care@zionbishan.org.sg

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

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
2. Mdm Chen Cheng Mei, aged 93, went Home to be with the Lord on 19 December 2020. She was the mother of Wang Yee, mother-in-law of Janet Wang, grandmother to James, Timothy and Peter Wang. Wang Yee and family expressed their deep appreciation to the Zion Bishan family of pastors, leaders and friends who supported and encouraged them through their recent passing to glory of Wang Yee's beloved Mother.

Looking Ahead

Thursday, 31 December

9.30 pm: Testimony of Praise & Thanksgiving

10.45 pm: Watchnight Service (with Livestream)
"More than a Fairytale"

Pastor Ebi Mohan

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight2020)

Friday, 1 January

8 pm: No Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 2 January

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 3 January

English Services:

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule)

10.30 am & 1 pm: Light & Joy Cluster Services
with Holy Communion

Pastor: Alby Yip

Elders: Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

Deacons: Dn Kin Yip & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

3 pm & 5 pm: Faith & Patience Cluster Services
with Holy Communion

Pastor: Dev Menon

Elders: Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Jeffrey Lim

Deacons: Dn Benjamin & Dns Li Hwee

Staff: Linus & Zhiwen

Message: Acts 1:1-26

"You shall receive power"

Ps Alby/Quek Tze Ming

An Intentional Church

Zion Bishan's leadership has recently been communicating the need for all of us to come back weekly for in-person physical services. This is a big topic to think through! I hope that what we've heard over the past few weeks at service has been helpful for everyone to see that coming back is not the end goal, but can be a big part of growing us as the Body of Christ (which *IS* the end goal). I say "can be", because routinely coming back for weekly services is not enough. We must be **intentional** about what we do when we come back.

Even a cursory look at Christian community in the New Testament churches will show that a healthy church must spend quality time together – and lots of it!¹

So what does being **intentional** with our time together physically look like? A lot has been and can be said about what happens in services themselves, but let me suggest some practical ways we can really use our time together well:

1. Short 5-10 minute conversations

Imagine if every single Sunday, we all took the time to come earlier and stayed behind for just a few minutes to catch up with one another. These precious minutes would add up to hours of meaningful relationships over a year. We can pray with and for each other, and for what we've heard in the sermon to impact our hearts.

2. Longer, deeper conversations

What if we went further than that? If we arranged for an hour-long meal before with one another before or after service at the coffeeshops near church? More time spent with one another will allow us to get deeper into what's happening in each other's lives, and deeper into His Word than we could in brief conversations.

3. Conversations with church leaders

Finally, we as church leaders have been really longing to see you and interact with you. How can we possibly love, lead and pray for you if we don't spend time with you? This is one of the big reasons why one Pastor and two Elders have been assigned to a single congregation each in the Next Lap Vision. Please come to us and say hello each Sunday – we'd love to hear how you are doing and to pray for you!

Imagine how much we as a church family would grow as one Body if we are **intentional** with such things when we come back for service each and every week?

¹ For example: Jesus & the Disciples – Almost every day for 3 years. Also, Paul in Acts 19:9-10, 20:17-21

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday Services in January

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

Please register for services by your specific Cluster link below:

Light & Joy Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy

Faith & Patience Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience

Hope & Peace Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace

Mercy & Grace Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace

Communion will be served at all services on the first week and at all 1030am and 1pm services.

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

TraceTogether Token or App is required for SafeEntry.

Children's Discipleship Starting 2021

Classes are being planned to be held in-person at all 4 English services. Children will be in mixed-aged groups and parents will be required to register their child for classes weekly. To receive updates from Children's Ministry please subscribe to the new our new **Telegram Channel**.

Email us for any queries at childrensministry@zionbishan.org.sg

Watchnight Service

31 Dec, Thursday, 9.30-12.00mn

Close the year together as a church family. Please take note of the timings:

9.30pm - 10.30pm:

Testimony of Praise & Thanksgiving

10.45pm - 12.00mn:

Watchnight Service (with livestream)

Please indicate in your registration if you are joining for the time of Testimony of Praise & Thanksgiving.

www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight2020

New Year's Eve Family Devotion

For families and those who are unable to join Watchnight Service, please take some time to end the year meaningfully with this family devotion and recorded homily. The devotion can be downloaded at www.zionbishan.org.sg/nye-fam-dev

Worshipping With Our Whole Being Through Sign Language Can't sing? Then sign!

The Hearing Impaired Ministry (HIM) has helpfully prepared tutorials for us to learn how to sign along to our worship songs.

Learn how to sign to songs for our Sunday Services so that we can express our worship in action together. View videos at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/HIMtutorials

Indonesian Native Speakers

Needed by Domestic Helpers Fellowship, to lead (or interpret) in our Sunday 2.30pm Bible discussions. Please contact Cerintha 9650 5392 or email ziondhf@gmail.com