

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:22-47 ESV

Message: Peter's First Sermon

Response Hymn: Jesus is Lord

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

11.30am Mandarin-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)

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 Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm), Mr Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

AV: James Kok, Ewen Tjoeng, Nurman Kusanda, Matthaeus Lim

Pianists: Tim Hia & Lee Ping Lin, Benn Tan & Penuel Lau. Tim Low

Songs for personal worship and reflection: www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection

10.30 am & 1 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

3 pm & 5 pm: Light & Joy Cluster Services

Pastor: Alby Yip

Elders: Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

Deacons: Dn Kin Yip & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536 Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* 9829 6051

Rev Zheng Haoren, Pastor (Comm Dev't)

6353 8081

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil) 8198 9696 Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) 9489 4967

Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)9182 6957

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Mrs Sharon Quek, *Tra/Mobilisation* 9788 0195

Mr Vernon Quek, Y. Adults/Evang. 9796 0196

Mr Linus Koe, Family/Media 9728 9343

Dn Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding 9239 4160

Dn Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry 9751 1897

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff 9060 8340

Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus

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Sermon Notes

Peter's First Sermon 17 January 2021 Acts 2:14-47 Pastor Dev Menon/Mr Vernon Quek Introduction **The Sermon** (v14-36) Joel's Prophecy David's Psalms The Response (v37-47) Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
- 2. What was the focus of Peter's first sermon?
- 3. What did we learn about the Holy Spirit today?
- 4. How did his listeners respond? How would we respond?

Prayer Points

Our Church

The Next Lap — Continue to pray for our way forward. As we gear up to 200pax services starting 31 Jan, pray for our Pastors and Elders as they lead their respective congregations. Pray also for our AGs and members as we make adjustments to new service timings and returning weekly. Pray also for more opportunities to invite visitors to join our increased capacity services and see Zion Bishan grow as a church.

Christianity Explored (27 Jan) – Keep in prayer the upcoming run of CE. Pray for our facilitators and table hosts to engage well with attendees. Pray for a good time of sharing the gospel and for many to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

Our People

Leader's Prep (LP) Groups – LPs have begun for the year. Pray for the hearts of our AG leaders as they spend time each week in preparation. As they work hard getting deep in the Word, to prepare Bible studies for our AGs, pray that both leaders and members will see who Jesus is this year through the gospel of John.

The Marriage Course – Through the last 7 weeks, 10 couples have completed the Marriage Course. Pray that each couple will remember the insightful lessons they have learnt that will help them maintain a God-centred marriage. Thank God for the facilitators and Couples Ministry Team who run the course yearly to bless our families and marriages.

Ann Lim – wife of Pastor Lim Jit Thye, fell and hit her head on 13 Jan and was treated at TTSH A&E. Thank God she seems fine and is able to walk on her own. May God's strength and peace be upon the family at this time, and for a full recovery for Mrs Lim.

Our World

Malaysia – On 12 Jan, Malaysia's king declared a state of emergency that may last up to 1 Aug. Pray that this and the current Movement Control Order for two weeks, in certain regions, will effectively curb the spread of COVID-19. Pray that friends and relatives living there will be safe and manage well during this time.

Rebecca Lee, OMF, Cambodia – In her latest update, we thank God that she has recovered from a bout of ill-health (not COVID-19 related) in Dec 2020. She shares that this illness helped her realise that only God knows exactly what she needs, even it may be different from what she wants. Praise God that 6 new workers have arrived in Cambodia ready to face the challenges of learning a new language and living in a new culture. Pray for their continued adjustment. Pray also for Rebecca to have the wisdom and discernment to persevere in revising the Cambodian language learning curriculum so that it would work with learners of different needs and backgrounds. Thank God for His supply of grace, strength and many little successes in this curriculum review so far.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*278	
English Services#	343	100.00
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	51	
Mand/Cant Service#	89	550.00
Hokkien Service#	45	
ME Service# & Zoom	74	
Tamil Service#	20	508.00
DHF	15	
TOTAL	915	\$1,158.00
*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services		
Electronic Transfer		46,180.86
Use of Premises		200.00
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$47,538.86
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Weekly offering to meet budget for 2020/21: \$62,189

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date

Total Received to-date	\$260,985.14
Giving Received from 7 Dec to 13 Dec	\$955.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$162,658.28

Land Lease Renewal Fund

500.00
101,503.34
1,245.00
32.00
120,000.00
250,000.00
30,000.00
10,000.00
20,000.00
60,000.00
\$593,280.34
\$6,174,350.44

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:

(Use GMF 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 Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque (Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

\$2,025,000.00

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby Yip is preaching at the Hokkien Service this morning.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 22 January

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 23 January

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>)

Sunday, 24 January

English Services:

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

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

2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

24-Jan Acts 3:1-26

Quek Tze-Ming & Pastor Dev

31-Jan Dedication Sunday

Pastor Alby

Your Response

17 January 2021

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.

More Questions & Some Answers

In today's word in season, I try to succinctly answer more questions about 'The Next Lap':

How did you arrive at this Next Lap Vision?

It began more than 7 months ago after circuit breaker. The leaders spent many hours in retreats, dialogues, and prayer. As we reflected on many of the issues in Zion Bishan over the years, we believe God showed us that the Covid restrictions were not meant to hamper our growth, but to facilitate it. The smaller AG-based congregations will allow for more intentional discipleship, better pastoral care, and closer relationships. In all our decisions our goal is to bring everyone one step closer to Jesus.

Why are we encouraging all our members to come back in-person?

We see the positive effect that gathering and worshipping in person has on spiritual growth and we wish to avoid the detrimental effects of prolonged 'virtual church'.

Why ask AGs to voluntarily choose one particular service/timeslot to attend?

(1) We want to make sure everyone has space to come back every week, as far as possible; (2) We don't want people to fight over one service timing (as was taking place with the 10.30am timeslot); (3) We want to encourage people to worship, serve and deepen spiritual friendships with their AG members, aligning our AGs with our Sunday congregations. (4) We want to further develop the original cluster system, ensuring that every member is in an AG, and each AG has assigned shepherds to look after their spiritual growth.

What will happen when the pandemic & restrictions are over? Will we go back to before?

Restrictions will be around for some time. When they are over, we will have to do once again what we did in 2020: stop, pray, talk & discern where God is leading us next. I believe that He shows us things just one step at a time.

How can I support this Vision?

Pray for the newly appointed Shepherding Teams, encourage your AG to come together for whichever timeslot you have selected (or join an AG if you don't have one), and offer to serve in that particular congregation.

Please do talk to one of the pastors if you have more questions.

More information can be found here:

https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2021/01/the-next-lap-moving-zion-bishan-forward/https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2021/01/the-next-lap-faq/

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.

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.

Christianity Explored Starts 27 Jan, Wednesday, 7.45pm

Come join us, on Zoom, in this informal course to explore who Jesus is and why He is the best news that you can ever receive.

Register with vernon@zionbishan.org.sg

Catechism Class Starts 6 Feb, Saturdays, 1.30pm

Request a membership form from office. Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg by today.

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 27 Feb, Saturday, 4.00-5.00pm

Due to the pandemic restrictions, this year's ECM will be conducted online via livestream. Just like the previous ACM, attendance and voting will be done via proxy. Questions & Answers will be done in advance on our website. ECM materials will be emailed to you by the end of the week. Kindly contact church office if you are have not received them by 24 Jan, Sunday. You can also email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg to update your email address.

Missions Prayer Night, 29 Jan, Friday, 8.00-9.00pm

Zoom link will be sent to Friday Prayer Meeting chat group. Sign up with Sharon (9788 0195)

200pax In-Person Services 31 Jan registration will open next week

Our 4 English Worship services will scale up to 200 persons each on 31 Jan. This means all our members can come back each week. We thank God that many AGs have voluntarily committed to fixed timeslots in their desire to engender intentional discipleship, pastoral care and growth. Some did so also to avoid the popular timeslot out of love and sacrifice for those who are not able to come for other timeslots. Please check with your AG leader to confirm which service your AG is committed to attending. If you do not have an AG, please check with your cluster leaders, or consider joining one by contacting vernon@zionbishan.org.sg or danny@zionbishan.org.sg.