



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: God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:8-15; 7:54-60 ESV

Message: Stephen's Sermon

Response Hymn: Facing a Task Unfinished

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today.

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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/services

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 DHF Bible Study Groups

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

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

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs

Serving You Today

Speakers: Pastor Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm),
Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Deacon Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Elder Chuah Chin Yew

AV: Goh Han Teck, Ravi Shankar, Jonathan Teo

Pianist: Ronnie Yang

Vocalists: Roxanne Foo & Francis Wong

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Elder David Leong

AV: Goh Han Teck, Nurman Kusanda

Vocalist: Victor Quek

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Elder Roland Low

AV: Melissa Leong, Jared Koh, Paul & Bethia; *Pianist:*

Benn Tan; *Vocalists:* Jessica-Ann Vendawall, Joy Lim

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Timothy Ong

AV: Ivan Lim, Chiam Da Ren, Kim Seo Yeon

Pianist: Timothy Low; *Vocalist:* Zheng-Lee Xiao En

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
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Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor (Comm Dev't)</i>	<i>zhenghr</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
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Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	<i>ruth</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Vernon Quek, <i>Young Adults/AGs</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family Ministry/Media</i>	<i>linus</i>
Dn Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Dn Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Development</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

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Stephen's Sermon

Acts 6:8-8:3

7 March 2021

Pastor Dev Menon/Mr Ng Zhiwen

The Accused

The Trial

The Defence

The Verdict

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. Recall the sermon, what was your main takeaway about following Jesus?
2. Stephen was full of the Spirit - how was that reflected in his life? Keep praying for yourself to be continually filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18).
3. Stephen looked up... what did he see? Picture yourself receiving that same vision... meditate on it throughout the day and the week.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Tuition Ministry – Praise God for the 19 students from REACH Family Service Centre (FSC) and a smooth start to in-person tuition ministry on 25 Feb, Thursday. Thank God also for bringing an additional 4 other students outside of REACH.

Safeguarding Training (Children’s Ministry) – Praise God that 45 Children’s Discipleship Leaders were able to undergo safeguarding training these last two weeks. Pray for wisdom for Dns Deborah Yang and Dn Danny Chua (Safeguarding Team) as they work with the Children’s Ministry team to conduct these sessions to help leaders care well for our children. It is so crucial that our children can come to know our Lord Jesus in a safe environment. Pray for creativity and perseverance for our CD leaders as they teach and care for our children in the coming year.

Mandarin Christianity Explored – commenced on 6 March via Zoom for four Saturdays. Please pray that the sessions would be engaging for the non-believers. Pray for smooth connection as some would be attending from overseas.

Our People

Mdm Kuan Lin Sau – Pray for healing for Moh Han’s mother, Mdm Kuan, aged 87 who was hit by a grab bike on 1 Mar. She fell and fractured her face, bruised her chin and neck, injured her right hand, left shoulder and fractured her right ribs. She

feels pain when she breathes. Please pray for a full and speedy recovery from all her injuries.

Our World

Prayer for Harvest – Let us consider praying for the Harvest this 3rd week of Lent. Last week, we heard about the 80% in Singapore who have yet to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and the many more among our family, friends and colleagues. Pray that more in Zion Bishan will be willing to soak deep in these Scripture passages to deepen our understanding of God’s Kingdom and the Harvest and also to really use the Harvest Prayer Guide to intentionally pray for the Harvest around us. (see the announcement page).

Central India – This past week, thank God for Rev A and his team who have used Zion Bishan’s Covid Missions Relief Fund (MRF) to obtain 80 grocery kits and distribute them for believers from certain tribal groups here. Pray for our ministry partner and his team for a smooth and safe distribution as there can be opposition to their activities.

Myanmar – We read about the bloodshed and lives lost last week. Pray for God’s mercy on this troubled nation and especially for its people who are experiencing hopelessness in the current situation. May they be able to experience God’s peace and hope through the effective witnessing of fellow believers.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	196	
English Services#	688	500.00
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	34	
Mand/Cant Service#	128	60.00
ME Service# & Zoom	57	
Hokkien Service#	45	
Tamil Service#	19	273.00
DHF	14	
TOTAL	1181	\$833.00

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

Electronic Transfer 48,541.36

WEEKLY TOTAL \$49,374.36

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$272,450.57

Giving Received from 22 Feb to 28 Feb \$620.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$212,788.67

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1689-91 1,220.40

Electronic Transfer 74,058.25

Interest-free loan #LL026/21 10,000.00

Weekly Total \$85,278.65

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$6,637,927.14

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$2,153,000.00

Church Family News

1. Ps Ebi is on sabbatical until end of March.
2. Ng Zhiwen has completed his secondment to the Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) and will return as a ministry staff in April after a break. He will focus on home missions. Do pray that the research and missions projects undertaken by Zhiwen during his time at SCGM will continue to spark off follow up programmes for local churches. Pray for Tammy and family too as they stand with Zhiwen in a fresh season of church-based ministry.

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)

Looking Ahead

Friday, 12 March

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 13 March

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 14 March

English Services:

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax)

10.30 am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

1.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

14 Mar Acts 8:4-25
Vernon Quek

21 Mar Acts 8:26-40
Ps Haoren & Ps Dev

Lent Services:

28 Mar Palm Sunday
Rev Daniel Tan (Hermon)
& Rev Luwin Wong (Hermon)

1 Apr Maundy Thursday (8 pm)

2 Apr Good Friday Service (Livestream @10.30am)
Rev Dr Edwin Tay (TTC)

Your Response

7 March 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.

THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!

Almost A Year On—It's Time To Come Home!

In January 2020, the then little-known disease was slowly working its way to Singapore even when life went on. We worked, studied, relaxed, played, ate out and went about going to church for worship knowing none the wiser that all these were going to be disrupted, big time!

That is how we live right? We live as if we will not die. More so in metropolitan Singapore, we live as it is like we will never get into any serious trouble. The closest in recent memory was the SARS episode. Even then Singapore got off relatively unscathed. But everything changed on 7 April 2020 when the circuit breaker was enforced.

We had only seven days to prepare for what was to be an almost total lockdown when Prime Minister Mr Lee announced the necessity for such drastic measures to combat the virus. People scrambled for necessities, masks, sanitizers, frozen food. Some others sprinted for some last moments of pleasures before all the bubble-teas and nightspots were closed as they were deemed non-essential.

Unfortunately, religious worships of all persuasions too were deemed non-essential. The Church in Singapore, for once in history, had to be closed. Only two persons were allowed in church on Sundays to “sing,” preach, record, telecast, collect offering and etc. Never was I so grieved and lost in church.

Almost a year on, has the Church appreciated the Church more after a year of spiritual deprivations and for many, even starvations. Perhaps this question is best answered by each of us individuals. While the virus may be a disruptor, it is perhaps also a revealer. It throws the spiritual canopy wide open to reveal who we truly are—on the inside.

I thank God that we are allowed up to 250 people in church each Sunday and we have created sufficient seats to allow every worshipper to return. While an 80% return rate looks good on paper and which is far better than some churches that I know of, it is of no comfort to me as a pastor. There is still 20% who have yet to return.

Even if 10% of these have legitimate reasons, there are still about 100 who may be wandering in the spiritual hinterlands. All these are precious to me. I am reminded of them each time I stand again on the pulpit. What must I do to reach out to them? I have been contacting many of these personally and was able to make some contacts.

But there are still many of you whom I wouldn't know and am unable to reach out to. If you are one of these, whether you are a member of Zion Bishan, regular

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TraceTogether, Safer Together

We have noted that there are some who are not doing SafeEntry via TraceTogether app or token when coming for the Sunday worship services. Please be reminded that using TraceTogether allows for greater safety. It is also an act of civil responsibility (Matt 22:20-21) and most of all, an act of loving God expressed through loving our neighbours (Matt 22:37-39). We keep others safe by keeping to all reasonable safety measures.

We encourage all worshippers to download the TraceTogether app or collect and bring along your TraceTogether token. If you require assistance with downloading the app, please approach any of our Deacons or Staff who will be happy to help you.

In the same spirit of love, please plan to arrive early for service. Many of our registration personnel and ushers have missed the early parts of the service as they were still assisting late-comers.

Harvest Prayer Guide PDF softcopy available

Pray for the harvest fields (Non-Christians) in your social networks or community. This PDF prayer guide is available in English and Chinese. Sign up with Sharon (9788 0195) for a copy.

200pax English Worship Services All service dates in March are open for registration

To all visitors and friends, please join us at any of our 4 English Worship Services.

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax

Holy Communion will be served at all services on the first week of each month.

Details and infographics can be found at <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-info>

Is God Calling You to Serve? Come Serve at our Four English Services!

Area of Service	10.30	1.00	3.00	5.00
Hospitality Team (Training provided)	-	-	2	4
Audio Mixing (Training provided)	2	2	2	2
Music Team				
- Vocalists	5	2	2	3
- Pianists		5		2

Contact your congregational pastor for more information.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teachers and Volunteers Needed

Recruitment of new students will cease for this year due to space restrictions. If you are interested to be a teacher or volunteer your help, please call Cynthia Ng at 9857 7696.

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worshipper or even occasionally worship with us, please reach out to us and let us know how we can journey with you spiritually. It's almost a year on—it's time to come home!