

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

# Easter Sunday English Services & Livestream

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

## Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Shine Into Our Night

(10.30 am & 1 pm)

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 ESV Message: Why the Resurrection Matters

(3 pm & 5 pm)

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-31 NIV

Message: Life Wins

Response Hymn: See What a Morning

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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

## ${\it Songs for personal worship and reflection:}$

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs

### Serving You Today

#### Speakers:

Rev Wendell Chua (Zion S'goon) (10.30am & 1pm), Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn (Graceworks) (3pm & 5pm)

#### 10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Deacon Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Elder Chuah Chin Yew

AV: Steven Tan, Steve Nathan, Wee Aik Koon, Goh Han Teck, Samuel Bin. *Pianists:* Goh Suling, Ronnie Yang. *Vocalists*: Tan Seang Pin, Adeline Heng

#### 1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Ng Zhiwen

AV: Sean Yang, Jeffery Kow. Pianists: Lee Pinglin,

Timothy Low. Vocalist: Timmy Ng.

#### 3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Elder Roland Low

AV: Wilson Lee, Melissa Leong, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh. *Pianists:* Evangeline Chai, Penuel Lau. Vocalists: Olive Ranasinghe. Dns Jessica-Ann

Vendawall, Lee Jen Wei.

#### 5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua Worship Leader: Ps Dev Menon

AV: Nicklaus Yu, Chiam Da Ren. Pianist: Joy Tan.
Vocalists: Ee-Ling Shankar, Dns Jessica-Ann Vendawall

#### **Pastors and Ministry Staff**

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor alby Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor dev zhenghr Rev Zheng Haoren, Pastor Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil) Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) sskew Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) itlim Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) daniel Rev Vernon Quek, Young Adults/AGs vernon 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 Linus Koe, Family Ministry/Media linus Dn Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding danny Dn Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry paul Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff tzemina Mr Ng Zhiwen, Community Engagement zhiwen Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor

## Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sq

#### Sermon Notes

1030 am & 1 pm

4 April 2021

Rev Wendell Chua

## Why the Resurrection matters

Luke 24:1-12

- 1. Introduction Ultimate things
- 2. Looking for Jesus among the dead (1-3)
- 3. The good news of Easter (4-8)
- 4. Three responses (9-12)
  - i. The women Believe and share (9-10)
  - ii. The disciples Don't believe, do nothing (11)
  - iii. Peter Don't write off, check it out (12)

#### 5. Conclusion

**Summary** – Does the Resurrection of Jesus even matter today? Why bother about something that sounds as ridiculous as this? After all, the dead stay dead. But what if Jesus is indeed risen from the dead? The implications of that would be tremendous and should rightfully elicit a considered response.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean to you and what impact does it have on your day-to-day life?
- 2. Think about the three responses highlighted by the text. What has your own response been when thinking about the resurrection event?
- 3. The easter event is a huge part of why the Gospel of Jesus is such good news. How can you better relate this truth to someone who's still an unbeliever?

## **Sermon Notes**

3 pm & 5 pm 4 April 2021 Rev Tan Soo Inn

## **Life Wins**

John 20:1-30

1.	The key evidence for the identity of Christ is His resurrection from the dead. (v.24-29)
2.	We know Jesus rose from the dead because His tomb was empty. (v.1-10)
3.	We know Jesus rose from the dead because people met the resurrected Christ. (v.11-22)
4.	We know Jesus rose from the dead because lives were transformed. (Ch 21: 15-19)
5.	However evidence alone cannot compel belief. (v.6-10)
6.	But when we choose to put our faith in Christ we find life, full and eternal. (v. 31; Ch.10:10; Ch.11:25-26)

### **Prayer Points**

#### **Our Church**

Easter – As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus today, let us not forget that this gift of new LIFE in Christ is for ALL people. Pray for more in the church to boldly and joyfully share this life in Christ with others. Pray for us to be the 'beautiful feet' who brings good news, peace, good tidings and salvation to a world that truly needs it.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" - Isa 52:7 (NIV)

Family Sunday – will be resuming next week (11 Apr)! Pray for our hearts to be turned to our Lord and see our next generation of faith rise up to live glorious lives for Him. May we all see Family Sunday as a means the church can encourage both parents and children to grow in their faith as a family.

## **Our People**

Ng Zhiwen – Brother Zhiwen has completed his secondment to the Singapore Centre for Global Missions (SCGM) and has come on board as our ministry staff wef 1 Apr 2021. Do pray for Zhiwen to settle down to his primary role of engaging community groups and developing local ministry opportunities for our church. Pray too for Tammy and their children as they journey with and support Zhiwen in his ministry.

Pastor Ebi & Priya – Pray for Ps Ebi, pastor to our Tamil congregation, as he returns from his sabbatical. Pray that his time of rest has refreshed him. Thank God for protection and healing that has taken place for both Ps Ebi and Priya during the past week.

**Pastor Alby** – Continue to pray for his recovery from his surgeries and to regain full function of his hand. Thank God for his ministry and sharing this week (p.8).

#### **Our World**

Central India – Praise God for the completion and dedication of a small chapel, library and computer labs of a school set up by Partner S. Pray that these facilities will provide quality education for the community they seek to serve. May they see the love of Christ through our ministry partner' school.

West Nepal – Praise God for Partner MS's decision to serve the disabled community in their region. They provide care for special needs orphaned children. Pray for a young couple, J & G who have been given the responsibility to care for a group of these children at a new home in Area D. Pray for God's wisdom and special enabling to be Christ's hands and feet to these children.

Pray also for provision of logistics and safe travel for village believers who will be travelling to a city for monthly training sessions. Pray also that these sessions would nurture and grow their faith and heart for Jesus.

#### Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)	
English 10.30 Livestream	195		
English Services#	711	1,200.00	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	42		
Mand/Cant Service#	131	250.00	
ME Service# & Zoom	71		
Hokkien Service#	53		
Tamil Service#	20	719.00	
DHF	14		
TOTAL	1237	\$2,169.00	
*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services			
Electronic Transfer		48,405.74	
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$50,574.74	

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298

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

Total Received to-date	\$282,277.17
Giving Received from 15 Mar to 21 Mar	\$650.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,438.67

#### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Land Lease Nenewar Land	
Gift Nos. 1699-1700	15,200.00
Electronic Transfer	72,088.25
Weekly Total	\$87,288.25
(Weekly Target: \$118,238)	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,933,710.72
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$2,253,000.00

## **Church Family News**

- We want to welcome Mr Ng Zhiwen as he officially joins us as staff wef 1 April 2021
- 2. Mr Quek Tze-Ming is preaching at the Good Friday and Easter Sunday services at Bethesda Chapel.
- Pastor Alby preached at Galilee BPC's Mandarin Service Easter Outreach on Saturday 3 April, afternoon.

## 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, 9 April

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 10 April

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 11 April – FAMILY SUNDAY with Holy Communion

**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, Ps 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

**11 Apr** Acts 9:1-31

Mr Ng Zhiwen & Mr Quek Tze-Ming

**18 Apr** Acts 9:32-10:48

Ps Alby & Ps Dev

**25 Apr** Acts 11:1-30

Ps Dev & Ps Vernon

#### Your Response

4 April 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

You may find our response form www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

encouragement

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.

## A Doctor's Perspective on the Forgiveness of Sin

A Blessed Easter to all!

Perhaps it is not a coincidence that I am reading the Gospel of Luke in my plan to read through the Bible in a year, at this season of Lent, and as I undergo two surgeries. Luke's narratives, written with a doctor's perspective, has given me a renewed appreciation and assurance as I go through my surgeries and a long road to recovery.

The account of the Lord's healing of the paraplegic (Luke 5:17-26) opened my eyes to see afresh the power of the Lord's healing. This miracle of the healing of the paraplegic was also recorded by Matthew and Mark. But what fascinates me about Luke's account was his subtle way of describing the healing with a doctor's lens.

While Matthew and Mark record the paraplegic standing up upon the Lord's command, only Luke adds the word "immediately" (Luke 5:25). I do not know how long the man was paralysed, but in my experience after surgery, my fingers had to be immobilised for a month for the stitches to close. And after that month of being immobilised, my fingers were painful and stiff. I will need months of therapy to regain full function of my hand. But for the paralytic, Luke describes, "Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."

I believe, prompted by the Spirit, Luke was describing much more than the immediacy of the healing. Luke was proclaiming the immediacy and absoluteness of the forgiveness of sins upon the Lord's pronouncement! Even though we are far removed from the Lord's physical ministry, this pronouncement is also made available to us through the finished work of Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection.

Hence, we commemorate Lent each year not just for the occasion, but more so as a reminder to come to this sin-forgiving Lord Jesus. As the days and months pass by, each of us would have contracted some form of spiritual paralysis. We need to be healed so that we may rise again to continue with our spiritual walk.

Each season of Lent, until the Lord's glorious return, is grace extended to us and an invitation for us to come to this Lord Jesus whose pronouncement of forgiveness is immediate and absolute, "Your sins are forgiven, ... 'Get up and walk'" (Luke 5:23).

#### Announcements

## English Worship Services in April Services are open for registration

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

In view of Easter being on the first week, Holy Communion will be served on 11 April across all four services.

### Vaccination for the Seniors 10 Apr, Saturday, 10.30am, Chapel

A talk about COVID-19 and other vaccines that are available to seniors. Conducted by doctors from our church, organised by Seniors360

Register with Wendy at 6353 8081 (call church office) or 9837 7641 (WhatsApp).

### Zion Bishan Kindergarten - Phase 2 Registration For 2022 (For The Public)

ZBK will commence its registration for the public on **5 Apr 2021**.

You may want to inform your friends and relatives who are interested to register their child at ZBK.

Registration is to be done at the ZBK Office on Mondays to Fridays, 9.00am to 4.00pm (except school holidays).

Call 6353 8083 or visit <a href="https://www.zbk.edu.sg">www.zbk.edu.sg</a> for more information.

# Reports for 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Leaders/secretaries of ministries, please submit your reports to Doreen Lim doreen@zionbishan.org.sg by 5 Apr.

#### **Worship Service Attendance**

We seek all worshippers cooperation on three important matters:

- 1. Please cancel your registrations early if you are unable to come. There are many who would want to attend service but unable to as registrations are full. Your cooperation will allow others to come. Please contact any of your service coordinators if you are unable to cancel your tickets. We may have to suspend the bookings of those who consistently register and do not turn up for service.
- 2. Please plan to arrive early. We have noticed some come as late as 30 minutes into the service. We understand there may be emergencies, but we seek your understanding that late-comers will disrupt the worship service. Our serving personnel will need to attend to late-comers, and thus disrupt their time in worship. Let's honour God with a worship that is in spirit, truth and love.
- 3. We have noted that there are some who are not doing **SafeEntry via TraceTogether** app or token. 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.