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**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Glorious Things of You are Spoken

*(10.30 am & 1 pm)*

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 ESV

Message: Professions in Missions

*(3 pm & 5 pm)*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:1-11; 22-27 (ESV)

Message: From Cambridge to Calcutta to Chinatown - Reaching the Unreached and the Marginalized

Response Hymn: Take My Life

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

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am/3.00pm/5.00pm** English service

### ***Join DHF Bible Study Groups***

*(Registration required):*

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

### ***Songs for personal worship and reflection:***

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

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Ps Zheng Haoren (10.30am & 1 pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3 pm & 5 pm)

### **10.30 am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*AV:* Goh Han Teck, Wee Aik Koon, Gary Lee

*Pianist:* Ronnie Yang. *Vocalists:* Grace Yan, Francis Wong.

### **1.00 pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Joseph Chan

*AV:* Sean Yang, Yap Hong York

*Pianist:* Lee Ping Lin. *Vocalist:* Victor Quek.

### **3.00 pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*AV:* Abraham Lee, Jared Koh

*Pianist:* Joy Soon. *Vocalists:* Joy Lim, Lydia Ng.

### **5.00 pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Chan Kin Yip

*AV:* Matthaeus Lim. Chiam Da Ren. *Pianist:* Timothy Low. *Vocalist:* Zheng Xiaoen.

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	6353 8081
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
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### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

## **Professions in Missions**

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

18 Jul 2021

Ps Zheng Haoren

### **Introduction**

### **Called by God**

### **Called into Professions**

### **Called to be Missional**

### **Conclusion**

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is the main argument Paul is making in 1 Corinthians 7:17–24? How does his argument fit into Chapter 7?
2. What would it look like to apply 1 Corinthians 7 to your profession? How does that vision challenge or encourage you?
3. How does the doctrine of profession help you carry out your calling to make disciples (the Great Commission) and to love your neighbour (the Great Commandment)?
4. What platform(s) would you develop for evangelism on our homeland and for missions overseas?

# **From Cambridge to Calcutta to Chinatown**

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## **Reaching the Unreached and the Marginalized**

Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

Revelation 21:1-11; 22-27

**Destination: City of Light**

### **The Dark City**

### **Our Commission and our Challenge**

### **The 3 Problems**

To the Cities of the World

### **It's Hard Work**

### **#GetReal with God's Call**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Revelation 21 about the New Jerusalem, and compare it with Babylon (described in Revelation 18). How does the New Jerusalem vision inspire you to live your life today?
2. What will it take for the Church to reach the unreached and marginalized in our City? How about in the other Cities of the world?
3. How will you #GetReal with God's call for the Church – what do you sense is His call for you to serve His mission?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

#### **English as a Second Language Classes –**

Thank God that ESL will be resuming in-person classes on 19 Jul. Pray for God's protection and guidance for all teachers, volunteers and students.

**Tamil Service 2nd Food Distribution** – to the migrant workers group at Penjuru dormitory is happening today (18 Jul).

Please pray that God's loving hands will be seen as they receive and have their dinner.

### **Our People**

#### **EXCEL Apprentices –** Pray for **Vanessa Lee**

and **Joel Khoo** as they begin their full-time ministry apprenticeship at Zion Bishan starting 1 Aug. Thank God for leading their lives towards His gospel work. Read their sharing in Word In Season (see p7).

### **Our World**

#### **Unreached People Group (UPG) Focus –**

This week we look at the 2nd largest UPG, the Japanese. Estimates of the total number of Japanese worldwide in 2020 is 126 million ([prayercast.com](http://prayercast.com)). Only 1 % would call themselves Christian and about 0.3% are evangelical. Most Japanese do not consider themselves religious, however, their way of living and cultural identity are often deeply spiritual. Most would identify with Buddhism (69%) and would practice a mix of Buddhist, Shinto, Daoist, Confucian, Atheistic and even Christian beliefs. Since 2019, the LoveJapan vision in Singapore was launched. They hope to reach young Japanese in cities, with evangelism,

disaster relief and other church planting efforts there. A change has been felt in the nation as Covid, natural disasters and economic woes drives a new generation to rethink their traditional values and lifestyles. Pray that God will continue to develop a new spiritual hunger for him, the Creator God in many Japanese and for more Christians to go to the strategic mega-cities in Japan to shine for him.

**India** – We praise God for our partner's 40th anniversary. This partner has trained and raised many workers for NE India.

Pray for God's grace to be upon its leaders, students and all the workers that are labouring in the field and facing new challenges at all levels. Pray for their effort to reach out to migrant workers in a big city. Praise God also that some local authorities have allowed Sunday service to resume, as the nation opens up from lockdown.

**Lebanon** – On 6 Jul, Hassan Diab, Lebanon's acting Prime Minister, said that the nation is "days away" from a "social explosion". Last year's devastating explosion in Beirut, the pandemic and financial and political turmoil has left the nation mired in a deep crisis. This has led to the value of the local currency plummeting and left much of the population short of food, fuel and medicine (The Economist, 10 July). Pray for Lord's mercy on this country, and for our partner there to have God's provision of resources to continue helping with food items and ministering spiritually to the needy in their neighbourhoods.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams <sup>#</sup>	405	
English Service 10.30am	61	800.00
English Service 1pm	51	
English Service 3pm	66	
English Service 5pm	61	
Mand/Cant Livestream <sup>#</sup>	83	
Mand/Cant 8.30 <sup>#</sup>	51	1,110.00
ME Service & Zoom	60	
Hokkien Service	37	136.00
Tamil Service	16	581.00
DHF	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>\$2,627.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*<sup>#</sup>Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer 52,661.96

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$55,288.96**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$302,787.87

Giving Received from 5 July to 11 July \$840.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$237,106.65

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift NO: 1738-40 5,250.00

Electronic Transfer 47,885.25

**Weekly Total \$53,135.25**

*(Weekly Target: \$118,238)*

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$7,774,730.99**

**Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,908,000.00**

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Reggie Ng and Joey Tay on their Holy Matrimony on 17 Jul 2021.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at the Hokkien service.
3. Pastor Dev is preaching at the ME service.

## 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, 23 Jul

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 24 Jul

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 25 Jul

**10.30 am, 1 pm, 3 pm, 5pm:** English Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services))

#### 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 Zhi-Wen, 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

## July Urban Missions Conference - Go Urban!

**25 Jul** Reaching UPGs and the marginalised in cities

*Mr Ng Zhi-Wen*

Professions in Missions

*Ps Zheng Haoren*

## 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.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

*We are glad to announce that from 1st August, Joel Khoo & Vanessa Lee will be coming on board as full-time EXCEL Apprentices. Listen to why they are choosing to #getlost for Jesus:*

## ***A Word in Season***

VANESSA LEE

### **“Why not go into full-time ministry?”**

“Why go into full-time Christian ministry?” Well, my (perhaps cheeky) answer would be, “*why not* go into full-time ministry?”

If there’s anything the pandemic has taught us, it’s that death is a real problem in this world. Never mind the death rate of Covid, the mortality rate of *sin* is 100%! The only solution, the only way to gain eternal life, is through faith and obedience in Jesus. And the Church is THE place on earth where Jesus is proclaimed. Where the Church flourishes and builds itself up, the gospel is advanced.

For the past two years, I have been training with a church in Glasgow. In this time, the Lord has been growing my convictions about what He is doing in this world, and how he does it. The best part is that He includes us, inviting us to join Him in fulfilling His salvation purposes. To be a part of God’s gospel-advancing, life-giving, church-building work then, is nothing short of a privilege!

In Ephesians 4, we see that God calls each one of us, as His disciples, to be involved with this work that He is doing. And Paul says it is the teaching of the Bible, particularly, that equips us for it. A full-time ministry role would mean I get even more time for teaching God’s Word, the primary way God equips all of us as His people to do His work.

In addition, the ministry model of *women teaching women* set out in Titus 2 has been significant in shaping my thoughts on how I can be useful here in Zion. Having had the blessed experience myself, I can attest to how fruitful it is when older godly women come alongside younger women. It is profitable, not just for the individual but for the whole church too, when women are invested in and encouraged to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus. Above all, God is glorified!

To have ‘*teaching God’s Word; encouraging other women to know, love and obey Jesus*’ as a job description is pretty incredible, isn’t it?

Why go into full-time Christian ministry? Till Jesus returns, there’s gospel work to be done. It is certainly worth doing, and I have been offered the opportunity to do it. So, why not!



## **“Jesus is worth my undivided devotion”**

Whenever I’m asked why I’m considering full-time ministry, Mark 14 is the Bible passage that I’m reminded of. 2 years ago, as I was considering an internship with SMU Christian Fellowship (SMUCF), this was the passage that convicted me of my decision to spend time with SMUCF. This unnamed woman gave of her money in a very costly manner; many would consider it to be ridiculous. Even Jesus’ disciples thought it ridiculous. But that’s because she really understood the value of Jesus and His death. And she thought it valuable enough that it demanded a gift worth a year of her wages.

Jesus is worth my undivided devotion. Jesus died in order to win salvation for undeserving sinners like me; what “cost” is there to what we can give Him in exchange for His gift to us? If I really am convinced of the value of Jesus and His death, what is spending a few years exploring ministry and being equipped to serve Him better? There is no “cost” to following King Jesus.

Ministry has not been a walk in the park. But the time I’ve spent has been incredibly rewarding. God has been so gracious to me. It is so evident to me as I look back on my last 2 years. Even as I have endeavoured to give back to the community in SMUCF, I’ve been given more than I gave. So as I considered this apprenticeship in Zion Bishan, I know it will definitely be worth my time. I’m excited to explore how I can be serving and growing the body of Christ here in a full-time capacity.

I’m so thankful for many people who have come alongside me in the last 2 years. Many of you have been praying for me and supporting me. I was reminded as I left SMUCF: the best way I can be serving others in ministry is to be growing my own love for Jesus. So as I step into apprenticeship at Zion Bishan, do pray that I will remember the value of Jesus and His death, and continue to be single-mindedly devoted to Him.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Urban Missions Conference 2021

Sign up to pray and learn how we can  
"Go Urban!" with the gospel

### Friday Prayer Meeting

**23 Jul, 8.00pm, Friday**

"Where is the harvest for Zion Bishan?"

The Workers are Few (Matthew 9:35-38 )

UPG focus: The Turks

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

### Workshop 2: Professions in Missions

**20 Jul, 10.00am, Tuesday (PH)**

Invited speakers, Yeoh Seng Eng (Care Channels International) will share his tentmaking journey, Claire Chong (Singapore Centre for Global Mission) and Gary Lee (Zion Bishan) will share their individual missions journeys and how their professions have helped.

### Workshop 3: Seniors in Missions

**24 Jul, 2.30pm, Saturday**

Come hear a single lady, in her 70s, and a couple, in their 60s, share their stories of how God led them to serve in a neighbouring country and Japan respectively. The couple will be zooming in from Japan.

### Workshop 4: Businessmen & Managers in Missions

**31 Jul, 2.30pm, Saturday**

Invited speaker, Lawrence Ko, and a panel from our church (Dn Mervyn Phan, Dns Hun Ee Wern, Tan Seng Chai, and Wan Weng) will share about their personal journeys of trying to live out their faith at their workplace.

Register for these workshops here:  
[tinyurl.com/ZBGoUrban2021](http://tinyurl.com/ZBGoUrban2021)

## Catechism Class

### Table Hosts Needed

Help our potential new members find a spiritual home in Zion Bishan as they attend the membership class from Sep to Nov, on Saturday afternoons. Training will be provided. Please contact [dev@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:dev@zionbishan.org.sg) by 31 Jul.

## Christianity Explored

**Starts 4th Aug, 7.45pm, Wednesday**

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. Invite your family and friends!

Register with [timothy@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:timothy@zionbishan.org.sg)

## Youth Fellowship (YF) Games Day

**24 Jul, 4.00-6.00pm, Saturday**

Inviting all Youths, 18 and below!

Register: [tinyurl.com/24julygamez](http://tinyurl.com/24julygamez)

## BGST Public Lecture

**"Making Room: Extending Christian Hospitality to our Neighbours"**

**23 Jul, 7.30-9.00pm, Friday, Zoom**

The question "Who is my neighbour?" continues to challenge us today, in a world where we have become suspicious of people who are different from us, whether in skin colour, language, socio-economic class, or religion. The Christian practice of hospitality has deep theological and historical roots, and has been a basis for sustainable ministry and outreach.

Speaker (recorded): Dr Christine Pohl, Professor Emerita of Church in Society at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Register for this FREE lecture by BGST at [bit.ly/bgstpl3](http://bit.ly/bgstpl3)