

Why does he say we need to be born again?

Can I believe Him without seeing him?

# Who is Jesus?

What is the life that He offers?



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. JOHN 3:16

**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Scripture Reading: John 4:1-24 ESV

Message: Lost & Found

Response Hymn: Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone

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

**11.00am** Mandarin-English service

### **Join us for our livestream**

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

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am/1.00pm/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

**Speaker:** Ps Alby Yip

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*AV:* Wee Aik Koon, Jack See, James Kok

*Musician:* Ronnie Yang (P)

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Eld David Leong

*AV:* Benny Ling, Jeffery Kow

*Musician:* Marc Yeong (P)

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*AV:* Darren Lee, Wilson Lee, Soh Kok Hong

*Musicians:* Penuel Lau (P)

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*AV:* Ewen Tjoeng, Nicklaus Yu

*Musician:* Joy Tan (P)

## 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
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
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Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	8833 0196
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	9788 0195
Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family/Media</i>	9728 9343
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	9751 1897
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
Mr Ng Zhi-Wen, <i>Community Engagement</i>	9092 6095
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

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

## **Lost & Found**

John 4:1-24

### **Introduction**

### **Journey**

### **Person**

### **Voice**

### **Conclusion**

#### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. What do you remember about the message/passage?
2. In what way did the Gospel transform lives?
3. Are there any areas of your life that is "lost" and need to be "found" by Jesus?
4. Do you know of anyone who is "lost" and needs to be "found"? What can you do?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Youth Camp (6-10 Dec)** – Pray for the youths, including a significant number of first-timers, that they find camp a safe space to grow their relationship with the Father, and have a glimpse of how Church is family as they interact in their groups of five. Pray for the committee, group leaders and speakers, for joy and wisdom as they lead and interact with the youths. Pray for the Word of God to be taught faithfully, through the messages, discussions and activities.

**Catechism Class Retreat** – Thank God that we were still able to have an in-person retreat yesterday, where we had much time to reflect on our spiritual journey with Christ. We are amazed that despite the pandemic, there are still 20+ persons who are seeking membership through baptism, reaffirmation or transfer. God is clearly at work! We look forward to seeing them all be received into the various English congregations on the 19 Dec, together with many children.

### **Our World**

**COVID Variant Omicron** – As the latest variant of concern sparks concern globally, let us pray for God’s grace and wisdom for nations and churches to face yet another challenge from the pandemic. Pray for individuals and families in your Action group or networks who are struggling with the prospect of more lockdowns and the economic problems these present. May our hearts remain steadfast in God who is

faithful, loving, and sovereign.

**India** – Our partners are organising various evangelistic programmes during the Christmas month and will be inviting contacts and seekers to share in the joy and peace of Christmas. Pray for receptivity to the good news that is being shared. Thank God for the provision of tailoring classes that are being planned to meet local needs and for workers to engage with their community.

**Lebanon** – Our partner here reports that they are in “economic hell” and that there is no more middle class and 70% of the population is now under the poverty line. Protests against the political establishment is ongoing and continues. He says “The situation is depressing and now is the time to reach the people with something to eat and the gospel.” Pray for the provision of resources for our partner, his family and workers to provide some food aid to the people in and even beyond their networks.

**Indonesia** – Thank God for a fruitful visit by Brother S, to various places in Indonesia to meet and encourage Missiology School alumni who are persevering in serving and loving the majority people group where they live. Pray for God to strengthen these alumni who are facing challenges and opposition in some of these areas. Pray that they will have God’s wisdom to share the gospel relevantly and lovingly.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	306	
English Service 10.30am	145	200.00
English Service 1pm	64	
English Service 3pm	144	
English Service 5pm	98	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	72	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	52	1,415.00
ME Service & Zoom	49	
Hokkien Service	37	735.00
Tamil Service	16	
DHF	21	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,004</b>	<b>\$2,350.00</b>

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$40,953.11
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$43,303.11</b>

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

## ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$337,293.73
Giving Received from 22 Nov – 28 Nov	145.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	265,670.38

## Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1782	200.00
Electronic Transfer	\$7,813.17
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$8,013.17</b>
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$8,242,096.51</b>
<b>Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date</b>	<b>\$3,908,000.00</b>

## Church Family News

Our deepest condolences to the families of the following

1. Mdm Chan Yuen Mee, aged 92, went Home to be with the Lord on 1 December 2021 in Penang, Malaysia. She was the mother of Dr Sam Ong, mother-in-law of Carol Ong and grandmother to Daniel, Seth and Joel.
2. Mdm Mun Soh Boey, aged 74, went Home to be with the Lord on 1 December 2021. She was the mother of Mary Seah-Wong, mother-in-law of Seah Chye Ann and grandmother to Maryann, Cheyanne and Camyn.

## 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, 10 Dec

**8.00pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 11 Dec

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 12 Dec

English Worship Services

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

#### 10.30am

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

#### 1.00pm

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

#### 3.00pm

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

#### 5.00pm

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

## Christmas Evangelistic Series

**12 Dec** John 9

*Ps Ebi / Mr Danny Chua*

**19 Dec** John 10

*Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Mr Ng Zhiwen*

**25 Dec** Christmas

*Ps Dev*

**26 Dec** John 20

*Mr Ng Zhiwen / Mr Quek Tze-Ming*

## Your Response

5 December 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](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!

## **#Unstoppable Love**

85252525 - That's not a phone number. It's the changes in group size limit we had to live with over the last 7 months! Doubtless it's been a year full of disruptions. We moaned the frequent start-stop changes and loss of opportunities to serve in home missions. As if it wasn't enough that the pandemic threatened to 'shrink our world' and keep us from looking outwards.

But if we have learned anything from our study of the ACTS, we have an unstoppable gospel. Last Tuesday evening when our home missions ministry leaders gathered to review the year past, I was so encouraged that the disruptions have not stopped the work:

Our Action Groups (AG) have been organizing themselves to bless the staff and residents shut-in long-term at Bishan Home. One AG took the initiative to befriend seniors beyond Bishan for 3 months.

Our English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) and Tuition ministry teachers persevered in engaging their students online. Our Soccer ministry moved its coaching onto Zoom(!), and one ESL teacher even used snail mail to correspond with her student(!!!) We rejoiced that our Tuition ministry students did well enough in their exams to progress to the next academic level. The hard work (with lots of prayer thrown in) had paid off.

We gave thanks for the stories of people drawing closer to Jesus: Someone came to faith during the recent run of Christianity Explored. Some ESL teachers offered to read the bible together with their students, and the response was warm! Our Domestic Helper Fellowship ladies have also been stepping up to lead bible study with others over Zoom, and they plan to 'go to church' when they return to their home countries. One tuition student is attending youth camp happening next week.

This coming December, our Soccer and Tuition ministries will be holding Christmas events where the Jesus story and testimonies will be shared. The Living Room (LR) continues to be a great place to invite people in this season to have a Christ-conversation over good food. The LR staff are also excited about conducting the **Friendship Meal** this year in hybrid mode: deliver food at the doorsteps of needy households, and welcome people to our own doorstep on our church premises like we used to do.

The above activities will happen within the week leading up to Christmas. Pray that people will respond and come for our evangelistic services.

We haven't mentioned the new work that we started this year (the Migrant Workers ministry and the Safe-Sound-Sleeping place for women), while Seniors360 is actively planning for a strong start in 2022.

All in all, be assured that the Lord's work will continue in the New Normal as we press on in loving our neighbours. Question is whether we will look around, step out and **#GetLost** for Christ.

## Announcements

### Christmas Day Services

**25 Dec, 10.30am & 5.00pm, Saturday**

Come, invite your family and friends, to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Through carols, Bible readings, and a message, hear the story anew and tell those you have invited why Christmas is

**“Good News of Great Joy!”**

There will be **two** worship services on Christmas Day. Each maximum 280pax (Vaccinated). Only the 10.30am service will be live-streamed.

Please register here:

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

**Registration closes on Dec 13, Monday.**

Please register early to aid planning for the services.

### Missions Conversations #3

**8 Dec, 8.30-9.45pm, Wednesday, Zoom**

Missions & You – When or where does your missions journey start or end?

Sign up at:

[tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021](http://tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021)

### Friendship Meal on 23 Dec & Doorstep Distribution on 20-21 Dec

40 volunteers and befrienders are needed for both events. Sign up at [bit.ly/friendshipdec21](http://bit.ly/friendshipdec21) by 13 Dec.

### Home Missions Opportunities 2022

God has given us many opportunities in Zion Bishan to reach different groups of people locally for Christ. Prayerfully consider serving in one of these areas next year or indicate your responses to find out more at [tinyurl.com/ZBHM2022](http://tinyurl.com/ZBHM2022) by the end of the year.

### Faith at Home Series

**Starts 11 Dec, 2.00-4.00pm, on Zoom**

Family Ministry (FaM) will be running our Faith at Home series for parents with children 0-6 years old.

Series dates and sessions:

11 Dec – Infant Baptism

18 Dec – Family Devotions

8 Jan – Blessing Our Children

15 Jan – Sitting in Big Church

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

### Zion Bishan Combined Senior Adults Christmas Gathering

**11 Dec, 10.30am, Saturday, on Zoom**

Come join us for a time of remembrance and celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Speaker: Senior Pastor Alby

Details for 2022 SENIORS360 Program will also be shared in the gathering. All are invited. Save the date.

Register with Eld John Chai (8223 2929)

### Including People with Dementia in Churches: Theology and Praxis

**11 Dec, 4.30-6.00pm, Saturday, Zoom**

Join keynote speaker, Prof John Swinton, a world-renowned authority in the field of disability theology and ministry, especially in the area of dementia, and respondents, including The Venerable Wong Tak Meng, Mr Leow Wen Pin and Dr Lester Leong for this upcoming webinar organised by KIN, BGST, CDMA and supported by St Lukes Eldercare.

Register at [bit.ly/dementia\\_seminar01](http://bit.ly/dementia_seminar01)