

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: Joy Has Dawned

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31 ESV

Message: Good Gifts

Response Hymn: What Grace is Mine

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil 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

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

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:

Mr Ng Zhiwen (10.30am & 1 pm)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3 pm & 5 pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: Goh Han Teck, Gary Lee, Maybelline Tan

Pianist: Grace Ho

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

AV: Sean Yang, Nurman Kusanda, Matthew Neo

Pianist: Marc Yeong

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Melissa Leong, Tay Choon Yee, Paul Huang

Pianist: Deborah Koh

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

AV: Matthaeus Lim, Jonathan Teo

Pianist: Timothy Low

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* alby

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* dev

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor* zhenghr

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* ebi

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* sskew

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* jtlm

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* daniel

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* 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

Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* danny

Mr Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* paul

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Good Gifts

John 20:19-31

26 December 2021

Mr Ng Zhiwen/Mr Quek Tze-Ming

On the First Day

Really Good Gifts

Would you believe it

Questions for Reflection:

1. Look over John 19 and 20. Recap what had happened before the time when Jesus appeared to his disciples in 20:19-31?
2. Look carefully through these verses; list the gifts that Jesus gave his disciples on that day.
3. What does John invite you to believe, and what evidence has he offered?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Food Distribution (20-21 Dec) & Friendship Meal (23 Dec) – We thank the Lord for the opportunity to share the love and hospitality of Christ with seniors and low-income households in our Bishan neighbourhood. Through the food prepared by the Living Room team, church members and volunteers delivered 219 packs of food out to 63 households. Some even had meals together with the residents in 19 homes. Pray that God will be at work through His Spirit in the hearts of all who have been blessed, that friendships forged and conversations that took place will all be steps that they take closer to Christ.

Our World

Brother S. Thulung – Praise God that Brother S's father is eating soft food and liquids better after he underwent surgery to insert a stent in his throat. Though feeling weak, he feels better. Due to the increasing number of Omicron cases in the UK, the decision has been decided to travel back to Nepal on 23rd Dec, arriving there on 24 Dec. Pray that he will be able to do the post stent follow up and other tests in Nepal without too much hassle. Pray also for his adjustment back in his home village in Nepal.

NE India – This part of India is experiencing bouts of a cold wave and temperatures, especially in the north, have fallen drastically. Pray for safety of those serving in the open areas and

villages in the North.

Nepal – During winter, villagers and workers descend or return respectively to lower and warmer localities, including Kathmandu. Pray that our partner will be able to use the winter months to have fruitful study and ministry planning time with their fellow workers. May the Lord also use the winter season for the sharing of the good news of Christ. Another partner has also reported that renovation work at their new northern children's home has come to a halt as the cold spell has hit the area and the masons have also left the area for warmer climates. Currently all ministry workers are also back to their home base in the south. Pray for them to be able to return in March next year.

Philippines – Typhoon Odette claimed at least 375 lives since it ripped through this archipelago last week (CNN, 21 Dec). Our partner SMO has also reported damage to their buildings at their Student Centre (Bacolod City) and also at the Promised Land (Murcia) where their crops, animals houses, student dormitories were damaged. Thankfully their animals (goats, pigs) were rescued and the blackout due to damage to an electrical post has now been repaired and electricity supply restored. Water supply which was also disrupted has also returned. Pray for the restoration and recovery work ahead for Philippines and for SMO.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	264	
English Service 10.30am	157	500.00
English Service 1pm	97	
English Service 3pm	201	
English Service 5pm	167	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	54	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	92	
ME Service & Zoom	68	
Hokkien Service	40	450.00
Tamil Service	18	600.00
DHF	23	
TOTAL	1181	\$1,550.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$63,736.58

WEEKLY TOTAL \$65,286.58

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$344,664.33
Giving Received from 6 Dec – 12 Dec	\$2,797.50
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$266,412.38

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1785-87	\$1,500.00
Electronic Transfer	\$25,828.84
Weekly Total	\$27,328.84
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,301,242.19
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby preached at Zion Serangoon BPC on Christmas day.
2. Pastor Alby will be on leave from 28-31 Dec.

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, 31 Dec

8.00pm: No Prayer Meeting

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

9.30pm: Watchnight - Testimony Sharing

10.45pm: Watchnight Service

(Info at www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight)

Saturday, 1 Jan 2022

4.00pm: No Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 2 Jan

English Worship Services

(Register at 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

Upcoming Sermons

2 Jan Homecoming

Ps Alby

Ecclesiastes Series Sermon:

9 Jan (Ecc 1.1-11) All is Vanity

Ng Zhiwen/Ps Dev

16 Jan (Ecc 1.12-2.26) Wisdom, Pleasure, and Toil

Ps Dev/Danny Chua

23 Jan (Ecc 3.1-22) A Time for Everything

Ps Haoren/Ps Vernon

Your Response

26 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***

*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.

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

Tis the Season of Giving @ Zion Bishan

PS VERNON QUEK

This weekend, we celebrated Christmas - the holiday we most naturally associate with the act of giving. Today is also Boxing Day, a day I always assumed was named as such because it was the day that all the boxes that Christmas presents came in were disposed of. But according to the BBC, Boxing Day was actually inaugurated by Queen Victoria in the 1800s due to the practice of the rich giving gifts in boxes to the poor the day after Christmas. The rich giving gifts to the poor. That's what Boxing Day should remind us of, and this year, it is an opportunity for us to be reminded that we as believers are actually the richest of all peoples because we have the greatest Gift of all: the Gift of Jesus. A Gift that all the 'poor' around us in this world need! All our 'lesser' gift-giving this season should help point us to this.

And so, this last Sunday of 2021, how has your Gift-giving been this year?

We've been incredibly blessed as a Zion Bishan family to have a multitude of Gift-giving opportunities this Christmas Season. Have a look at just some of the events we've had this month alone:

4th Dec: 'Who Knows?' – Evangelistic Event (John's Gospel)

11th Dec: Seniors 360 Christmas Party

18th Dec: Soccer Ministry Christmas Event

19th Dec: Migrant Worker Food Delivery

20th & 21st Dec: Friendship Meal Delivery and at Golden Jasmine

22nd Dec: Safe Sound Sleeping Place Volunteers and Guest Stayers fellowship

23rd Dec: Friendship Meal at the Living Room

Not to mention our AGs being involved in bringing food and gifts to the Bishan Home staff and also helping with the Domestic Helper Fellowship's delivery of Christmas gifts to about 50 helpers!

If you've been struggling to step-up your Gift-giving, **now** is the time.

In this season of Covid, I'm sure I'm not the only one who has moved most of my shopping online. In this Christmas period, Amazon has actually added in a warning notice to let you know that what you're purchasing might arrive after Christmas Day – as in... the gift you're planning to give might not reach in time. Just like that warning from Amazon, we too should remember that there's a time-frame to our Gift-giving. There is a time coming when it will be too late to give the 'poor' world around us this greatest Gift that we have. As some of us put in lots of effort every year to plan our Christmas gift-giving (and card-writing), let's put in even more effort to ensure that our giving of Jesus is even more well planned out and thought through – our labour in this will not be in vain!

Let me leave you with the precious words of our Lord Jesus from Acts 20:35, how He Himself said: *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

May we believe and live out these words in 2022.

Announcements

Watchnight Service: “Press On” 31 Dec, 9.30pm & 10.45pm, Saturday

Testimony sharing begins at 9.30pm and the livestreamed Watchnight service (with Holy Communion) begins at 10.45pm in the Sanctuary.

Registration link and Watchnight Service livestream information are on www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight

A New Year’s Eve family devotional will be made available on our website.

Adult Discipleship Classes 2022

We are excited to share some plans for ADC starting next year! The team is planning to run between 1-3 classes, bi-monthly, on each of the following topics:

Jan - Work & The Workplace

Mar - Spiritual Formation

May - The Home

(July is Missions Month)

Sep- Inviting, Including, & Enabling

Nov - Gender & Sexuality

Find out more at zionbishan.org.sg/adc

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 by the end of the year.

WOZ: The Beautiful Women – Seeing Yourself as God Sees You.

8 Jan, 9.30-10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

Speaker: Shi Lim. Ladies, contact Lydia @8338 3982 for the link.

Rethinking Ageing: Practical Steps for Ageing Healthily and Purposefully

8 Jan, 10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

Come join us, at this upcoming SENIORS360 event, to hear our invited speaker Mr Isaiah Chng, founder of ProAge & Empower Ageing. Do invite non-Christian friends along!

Register with Stella Tan (8522 0601).

To stay updated on SENIORS360 activities and interest groups, do contact Dns Alice Koh (9835 2580) or Elder John Chai (8223 2929) if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp chatgroup.