



What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:3

**English Services & Livestream**

**VOL 13 NO 1  
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***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Salvation's Song

Scripture Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:1-16 ESV

Message: Dedication—If My People Will...

Response Hymn: O Great God

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

**9.00am** 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](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:** Pastor Alby Yip

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*AV:* Steve Nathan, Samuel Bin, Steven Tan

*Musician & Vocalist:* Morning Team 1

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Eld David Leong

*AV:* Sean Yang, Nurman Kusanda

*Musicians & Vocalist:* Morning Team 1

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*AV:* Melissa Leong, Wilson Lee, Jared Koh

*Musicians & Vocalist:* Afternoon Team 1

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Timothy Ong

*AV:* Ravi Shankar, Chiam Da Ren, Kevin Chung

*Musicians & Vocalist:* Afternoon Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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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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Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	8833 0196
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	9788 0195
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Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
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# **Dedication—If My People Will...**

2 Chronicles 7:1-16

2 January 2022

Pastor Alby Yip

## **Introduction**

## **Humble Themselves**

## **Pray**

## **Seek My Face**

## **Turn From Their Wicked Ways**

## **Conclusion**

### **Questions for Reflection:**

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How will humility, prayer and seeking God's face work out in your daily life?
3. What are the things in your life you need to "turn from"?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Dedication 2022** – As we dedicate our church to the Lord anew for this year and years ahead, pray that we, as members of His church, will humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways. Pray that as we put our God first in our lives, He will direct our steps to live lives offered as living sacrifices for His glory.

### **Our People**

**Transitions** – Pray for many of our children and young people entering a new stage of life this year: changing schools, educational levels, some entering national service or the workforce. Pray that they will seek godly counsel at every season to make the best use of time, since we live in evil days.

### **Our World**

**Singapore** – Some Vaccinated Differentiated Safe Management Measures (VDS) have kicked in on 1 Jan 2022 and will increase in February. Pray that these measures will continue to aid the country in its fight against COVID-19. Pray for those affected by these differentiations. Pray that the church in Singapore will be able to offer God's grace and love and minister to all in need, vaccinated or not.

**India** – Christmas week in India saw many seeds of the gospel planted in the hearts of those who attended church

events run by our partners. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict the heart of those who have heard the gospel of their sin and to grow in repentance. Our partners also have many local challenges to their faith, so pray for strength, perseverance and faithfulness for Christian brothers and sisters in India. Pray especially for the new believers over the past year who have acknowledged Christ in their lives to be nurtured and disciplined.

**Lebanon** – Our partner reports that the economic challenges for his country has continued to worsen in recent weeks. Yet, the church is "alive more than ever." Praise God for the food and medical relief, and the gospel which has been offered to many people. In doing so they have seen God work through healing and radical life changes. Praise God for what He is doing. For 2022, they are committed to providing food parcels to over 600 families every 4-6 weeks. Pray that God will provide for this endeavour and that He will continue to rebuild Lebanon's economy and government.

**Malaysia** – The death toll from Malaysia's worst flood in years rose to 46 on Saturday (ST, 25 Dec). Five people still missing, officials said, as work crews continued a massive clean-up on Christmas Day. ST also reported 54,532 people are in more than 300 evacuation centres across the seven states. Pray for expedient flood relief efforts and God's mercy in the current difficult situation.

## Last Week

Christmas Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	204	
English Service 10.30am	321	
English Service 5pm	287	
Tamil Service	36	
	<b>848</b>	

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	275	
English Service 10.30am	155	
English Service 1pm	84	
English Service 3pm	123	
English Service 5pm	86	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	58	
Combined Chinese Svcs#	190	2,632.00
Tamil Service	13	865.00
DHF	30	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>\$3,497.00</b>

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$64,262.71

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$67,759.71**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date **\$345,491.83**

Giving Received from 20 Dec – 26 Dec \$827.50

Amount Disbursed to-date \$266,412.38

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1788-90 \$410.00

Electronic Transfer \$28,614.27

ZBTS Christmas Service \$492.00

**Weekly Total \$29,516.27**

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date **\$8,330,758.46**

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

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Dev is preaching at Shalom BP this morning.
2. Congratulations to Eld Lim Siah Chuan and Bay Wan Jee on their holy matrimony on 30 December 2021.

## 3. 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, 7 Jan**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

**Saturday, 8 Jan**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

**Sunday, 9 Jan**

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

### 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*

**30 Jan** (Ecc 4.1-16) Oppression, Friends, and Advancement  
*Ps Alby/Quek Tze-Ming*

## Your Response

2 January 2022

*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!

## **Land Lease Renewal Updates**

A Blessed New Year to all you Members and Worshipers. It gives me great joy in the first Word In Season of 2022 to update you on some good news regarding our church's land lease renewal. The Land Lease Renewal Committee met with officials from the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) on 14 December 2021 to discuss matters relating to our lease renewal.

The SLA officials highlighted that the government is cognizant of the high cost of land lease renewal for religious organizations (ROs). They have since formed a multi-ministry committee to review the pricing model for land lease renewal for ROs. The review is likely to result in renewal rates lower than the current level.

The review will take some time and will not be completed before the expiry of Zion Bishan's 30-year lease on 30 June 2022. The SLA hence offered an interim rental option (3 years plus another 3 years extension) while we await the outcome of the review and its impact on renewal prices.

The following are the salient rental terms:

1. Zion Bishan will have the option to terminate the rental agreement and seek a 30-year lease at any time during the 3+3 rental period.
2. Zion Bishan will have the first right to a fresh 30-year lease at the end of the 3+3 rental period.
3. Zion Bishan may undertake renovations and developments during the rental period subject to the usual approvals by the relevant authorities.

Zion Bishan has been strongly encouraged to take advantage of the interim rental option to benefit from a potentially much lower lease renewal price. The monthly rental indicated by SLA for the first 3 years is very reasonable compared to the estimated monthly depreciation charge if we were to renew our land at the current market rate.

The church Session held an emergency meeting on 21 December 2021 to deliberate on this offer by the SLA. It was decided that it would be in the best interest of Zion Bishan to take up the 3+3 rental option instead of proceeding with an immediate 30-year lease renewal from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022. With the rental option, Session decided that we will not need interest-free loans for now and hence will return all interest-free loans extended to the church. We will reactivate your loving support when we are ready for the 30-year lease renewal and if extra funds are needed. However, you may inform the church should you wish to leave your loans with the church.

My heartfelt thanks to all members and worshippers for your love and support of Zion Bishan in this matter of our lease renewal. Let us be united in prayer for the government's land lease review. Pray too for God's continued provision not only financially but also for opportunities for us to proclaim Christ that we may indeed be a City on a Hill and a Light to the Nations.

## Announcements

### Vaccinated Differentiated Safe Management Measure (VDS)

MCCY has informed religious organisations the following:

1. Concession for PET to access vaccinated events will be removed from 1 Jan 2022. Services for up to 50 pax can be held without VDS till end Jan 2022.
2. From 1 Jan 2022, exemption reduced to 180 days for those who have recovered from COVID.
3. From 1 Feb, vaccination will be required for all event sizes including worship services, irrespective of size.

The Zion Bishan COVID Taskforce will be issuing an advisory in due time.

### ADC: Work and the Workplace 26 Jan & 9 Feb, 8.00-9.30pm, Two Wednesday Sessions, on Zoom

Title: "With our own hands" - What Paul says about Work and Workplaces

Facilitator: Quek Tze-Ming

Synopsis: At the start of the new year, are we daunted or excited by the thought of work, occupation, salary, responsibility and duties in our workplace? When we think of the Apostle Paul we often associate him with topics of great theology such as justification, or church order and unity. But his concern for Christian living goes into every area of life. These classes will examine what Paul says about work and workplaces in his context, with the aim of applying them to our own time.

Register at [zionbishan.org.sg/adc](https://zionbishan.org.sg/adc)

### Seniors360 Events & Activities:

Join our upcoming talk or unleash your artistic potential & have fun with us at our Weekday Interest Groups!

#### Rethinking Ageing: Practical Steps for Ageing Healthily and Purposefully 8 Jan, 10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

Speaker: Mr Issac Chng (founder of ProAge & Empower Ageing)

Register with Stella Tan (8522 0601)

#### Weekday Interest Group #1: Art and craft – Nagomi Pastel Art Starts 17 Jan, Mondays, 2.00-4.00pm, at Zion Bishan (register by 4 Jan)

Details & dates listed in sign up form:

<https://forms.gle/QMiAKoKQy2VoH25E7>

#### Weekday Interest Group #2: Board games – Rummikub Starts 11 Feb, Fridays, 10.30am, at Zion Bishan

Dates listed in sign up form:

<https://forms.gle/BRGYmwQj4we2ggvj7>

#### Missions Conversations #4: Integral Missions 12 Jan, 8.30-9.45pm, Wednesday, Zoom

Is missional work 'humanitarian aid' in disguise? Or is it much more?

Join the conversation and sign up by 9 Jan at: [tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021](https://tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021)

#### 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.