



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

Ecclesiastes 1:3

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: God Moves in Mysterious Ways

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-14 ESV

Message: All is Vanity

Response Hymn: Is He Worth

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 & 1pm)

Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

AV: James Kok, Jack See, Steven Tan

Musician: Ronny Yang

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

AV: Matthew Neo, Cassandra Chng, James Kok

Musician: Marc Yeong

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

AV: James Kok, Darren Lee, Tay Choon Yee, Soh Kok

Hong. Musician: Paul Liew

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim

AV: Matthaeus Lim, Jonathan Teo, Josiah Menon

Musicians: Chee QiQi

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)* *jtlim*

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

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

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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*

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All is Vanity

Ecclesiastes 1:1-14

9 January 2022

Mr Ng Zhiwen/Ps Dev Menon

Introduction: Vanity of Vanities (1-2)

What gain? (3)

What's the point? (4-7)

What's enough? (8)

What's new? (9-10)

Who remembers? (11)

Conclusion: Why this unhappy business? (12-14)

Questions for Reflection:

1. What is vanity? What does the preacher mean by saying that all is vanity?
2. Share your immediate reaction after reading this passage ... do you agree with the preacher? Do his comments reflect what you've seen in your life? How did you feel?
3. How do you think that reading Ecclesiastes will enrich your life and your faith?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Ecclesiastes – We begin the year with a new sermon series. May God’s Word speak to us in our circumstances and draw us towards Him. As we ponder the wisdom from the author of Ecclesiastes, pray that we will grow in our understanding of the idols in our lives and how we must respond to God.

Land Lease Renewal – Ps Alby Yip wrote an update on our land lease (read it here: <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2022/01/land-lease-renewal-updates/>). Please pray for God’s plans for our church.

Our People

Parent Partnership - The Children & Youth Ministries (CM & YM) meet with our parents at the start of every year. These sessions are an important part of our Parent and Church partnership for the discipleship of the next generation. Pray for the CM & YM teams as they work on equipping parents to carry out faith at home. Pray for parents, who have the greatest influence over the faith of their children, to be walking close to God and intentionally imparting faith to their children. Pray for the church community to be a means of grace and support to parents in their task of raising the next generation of faith.

Our World

India – Praise God that Christmas and New Year was peaceful in all the fields

for our partners here. Pray for Sister Sonali, wife of Brother Cecil, our partner in North India who needs to seek treatment for her acute myeloid leukaemia. Pray that she will have the strength to endure the strain of the trip to see her doctors and for them to be able to alleviate the worsening symptoms of her condition.

Indonesia – Our partner has a ministry that reaches out with the gospel to remote villages in a region where technology and roads are sparse. Thank God that 1500-1700 people in this region attended their Christmas celebrations in 8 different villages despite bad weather and difficult inroads. Pray for our partner to continue to seek the Holy Spirit’s wisdom and guidance as they plan to share the love of Christ with this region where He is not known.

Nepal – Thank God for our partner’s ministry to a few children with intellectual disabilities in village D. Praise God for the mutual encouragement, with Zion Bishan, that has come from sharing with one another on what it means to care and love children with disabilities. Pray that these online sessions will be a means of support and encouragement to our partner in their ministry of loving these precious ones. Pray also for another partner who is visiting his wife’s relatives this week. Pray for opportunities to share Christ’s love and truth to them and that his relatives would be open to hear and receive it.

Last Week

WatchNight Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	109	
English Service 10.45pm	228	
Chinese Service 7.30 pm	42	
1 Jan Tamil New Year Service	22	\$862.00
Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	172	
English Service 10.30am	231	2,100.00
English Service 1pm	102	
English Service 3pm	157	
English Service 5pm	117	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	46	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	103	6,656.00
ME Service & Zoom	70	
Hokkien Service	35	
Tamil Service	10	1,318.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1063	\$10,074.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$68,544.71

WEEKLY TOTAL \$79,480.71

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$354,893.83
Giving Received from 27 Dec – 2 Jan	\$9,402.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$266,412.38

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1791-1802	\$5,014.00
Electronic Transfer	\$120,438.75
ZBCS Watchnight Service 31/12/21	\$357.00
Weekly Total	\$125,809.75
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,456,568.21
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

Church Family News

1. Congratulations Jonathan & Julia Lee on their holy matrimony on 31 Dec 2021.
2. Congratulations to Keith & Elyssa Wong on the birth of their daughter Ines Faith Wong on 2 Jan 2022.
3. Mr Chuah Chye Aun went Home to be with the Lord on 6 January 2022 in Kuala Lumpur. He was father to Elder Chuah Chin Yew, father-in-law to Tan Geok Yan and grandfather to Renee and Yasmin.

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, 14 Jan

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 15 Jan

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 16 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

Ecclesiastes Series Sermon:

16 Jan (Ecc 1.12-2.26) Wisdom, Pleasure, and Toil
Ps Dev/Ps Vernon

23 Jan (Ecc 3.1-22) A Time for Everything
Ps Haoren/Danny Chua

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

Your Response

9 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

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!

Pray and Fast

*¹⁵ And **when you pray...** ¹⁶ And **when you fast...**” Matthew 6:5,16*

In Matthew 6:5-18, it is very clear that **Jesus expects us to pray and fast**. For He did not say “if you desire to pray or fast” or “if you so choose to pray or fast.” No, to Jesus it was a given that we are to pray and fast.

Why pray? It is to make our praise or request known to God. We communicate and relate with God through prayer. Over time and deep earnest, our hearts become aligned with Christ’s. We come to love the things Jesus loves and hate the things Jesus hates.

As we persist in prayer, the Lord’s will become ours. We witness His will done in and through us by the Spirit. We experience awe and see the wondrous works of our great God! Our hearts become filled with worshipful praise of and confidence in our Heavenly Father!

Why fast? Some reasons include wanting to be near God, to be attentive to Him, to wait upon the Lord for a word in direction, or to seek guidance. Fasting frees us from the distractions of our desires and helps us to be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. It diverts our attention from physical needs to the worship of God.

Fasting is a way to humble ourselves in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21). It enhances the spiritual devotion of our hearts unto the Lord. King David said, “I humbled my soul with fasting” (Psalm 69:10). We find that we rely on God more fully for strength when we fast.

Why pray & fast? **Fasting is the key to effective prayer. Prayer and fasting strengthens our faith.** In Matthew 17:14-21 (KJV), when Jesus heard of the nine disciples’ failure to cast the evil spirit out of the boy, He reacted with disappointment and frustration. When the disciples later asked the Lord why they were unable to heal the boy, Jesus replied in verses 20-21, “Because of your unbelief... Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”

In the Bible, fasting is always associated with prayer. At the church in Antioch, while the leaders were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit instructed them to set apart Barnabas and Saul for church-planting. Acts 13:3 tells us, “Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.” Fasting demonstrates the depth of one’s desire when praying for something.

Do you wish to be more effective in your prayer life? I am persuaded that fasting is the key. Are you?

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

Register at zionbisan.org.sg/adc

Seniors360 Events & Activities:

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/BRGYmwQj4we2ggyj7>

Missions Conversations #4:

Integral Missions

12 Jan, 8.30-9.45pm, Wednesday, Zoom

Come join us to think about the relationship between the proclamation and the demonstration of the gospel in our mission work.

Sign up: tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021

Looking for a Youth Ministry Apprentice

Zion Bishan is looking for Christians who are active in their spiritual community, and desire to invest time in the discipleship of the next generation.

The role of a full-time Youth Ministry Apprentice will involve:

- Planning and executing activities with youth committees
- Crafting Christian education and bible-study materials for youths
- Providing pastoral care for youths and youth-leaders

Applicants must have served 2–3 years in youth-related ministry, preferably aged 25–45, and possess strong Christian values. Fresh graduates may apply. Training will be provided through EXCEL Apprenticeship.

To apply for this position, or to find out more, please email Ps Dev Menon at dev@zionbisan.org.sg

Table Hosts for Catechism Class

Come be an integral part of someone's spiritual journey. Upcoming catechism class starts 19 Feb.

Contact Ps Dev (dev@zionbisan.org.sg) / Dn Timothy (timothy@zionbisan.org.sg) for details