



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

Ecclesiastes 1:3

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**English Services & Livestream**

***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 ESV

Message: A Time for Everything

Response Hymn: Shine into our Night

Missions Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

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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

### ***Speakers:***

Mr Ng Zhiwen (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Foo Say Chiang

*AV:* Steve Nathan, Jack See, Maybelline Tan

*Musician:* Tim Hia

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dns Alice Koh

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*AV:* Sean Yang, Yap Hong York, Matthew Neo

*Musician:* Lee Ping Lin

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Peter Wang

*AV:* Melissa Leong, Tay Choon Yee, Paul Huang

*Musician:* Penuel Lau

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan

*AV:* Ewen Tjoeng, Chiam Da Ren

*Musician:* Joy Tan

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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

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

## **A Time for Everything**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-22

### **A Time for Every Matter Under Heaven (3:1-8)**

*Is time really in our hands?*

### **Eternity in Man's Heart (3:9-15)**

*What exactly has God done from the beginning to the end?*

### **From Dust to Dust (3:16-22)**

*Can we really see what comes after us?*

### **Closing Thoughts: So, what then for our present time under the sun?**

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

1. How do you view time in your life? How have you tried to 'control' time? How does the Preacher challenge your view?
2. What does 3:11 mean – why has God set eternity in our hearts so that we can't find out what He has done from beginning to the end?
3. What does God do that endures forever (3:14)? How does God's enduring work shape our present life under the sun, which eventually returns to dust (3:20)?
4. Read James 4:13-17. What does the author say that reminds us of Ecclesiastes 3? Why?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Tuition Ministry** – The ministry commenced a new semester on Thursday (20 Jan), with 19 students and 21 tutors - Praise God! Pray for the tutors that they may serve with wisdom, faithfulness and love. Uphold Dns Li Hwee as she coordinates the ministry.

**Migrant Workers Food Distribution** – Dinner will be distributed to the migrant workers this evening (23 Jan). Pray for the workers to be open to a monthly fellowship in church, starting February.

### **Our People**

Pray for those amongst us who are unwell:

**Abednego Bay** – Our church's maintenance officer Bay Yew Chye's son recently underwent surgery and will start on bi-monthly injections to restore sight in his left eye.

**Serene Ho** – continues with her cancer treatment. Thank God for the joyful spirit He has put in her.

May God's presence comfort those we know who are unwell and give them peace amidst the discomfort and pain, and may God grant wisdom for other members in the body of Christ to journey alongside.

**Leaders' Prep (LP)** – The AG leaders in LP started their training for 2022 yesterday (22 Jan). LP for this year is an Old Testament Overview. Pray for the hearts of the leaders as they prepare, and for all the AGs as they better understand God's awesome and exciting plan unfold from

the beginning, and that this will grow their love for Jesus and the Gospel.

### **Our World**

**COVID-19 Pandemic** – Unequal access to vaccines has led to new variants, namely Delta and Omicron. These have in turn, brought lives and economies around the world again to grinding halt, according to the UN Chief. Hence, his appeal for vaccine equality at the virtual Davos forum this past week (The Straits Times, 19 Jan). In Singapore, we are also experiencing rising cases due to the more transmissible Omicron variant. Pray for God's wisdom for business and national leaders to work together to enable vaccine equality.

**Tibetan-Himalayan Peoples** – Today's mission focus is on this frontier people cluster in China, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia. There are very few Christians, only 0.005% and they are often ostracised and face many trials. Pray that more Christians will go to these regions to share the life and light of Christ. These peoples follow a form of Tibetan Buddhism and usually have nomadic lifestyles in harsh environments facing rapid modernisation, urbanisation and questions of identity. Pray that the good news of the gospel will not only transform their worldview but also their communities, bringing life-changing hope of God's kingdom and love to these peoples. See [pray.omf.org/skylands/](http://pray.omf.org/skylands/) for more information.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	268	
English Service 10.30am	265	
English Service 1pm	80	
English Service 3pm	154	
English Service 5pm	115	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	53	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	87	910.00
ME Service & Zoom	64	
Hokkien Service	40	559.00
Tamil Service	14	468.00
DHF	16	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1156</b>	<b>\$1,937.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	\$60,162.45
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$62,099.45</b>

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

## ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$356,436.33
Giving Received from 10 Jan – 16 Jan	\$227.50
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$266,997.38

## Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1803	\$60.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,292.41
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$4,352.41</b>
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$8,500,011.93</b>
<b>Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date</b>	<b>\$3,908,000.00</b>

## Notice on ZB COVID-19 MRF

In view of declining local and overseas needs for food and hardship relief caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Session at its meeting on 18 Jan 2022 has decided to cease collection for the ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund with immediate effect.

The collection will be renamed Missions Relief Fund and the remaining funds will be opened for local and overseas requests for disaster and hardship relief.

This account will be closed at end June 2022. Any remaining amount will be channelled to the General and Missions Fund.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:  
**General & Missions Fund**



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3  
PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF  
ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

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, 28 Jan**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

**Saturday, 29 Jan**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

**Sunday, 30 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:

**30 Jan** (Ecc 4:1-16) Oppression, Friends, and Advancement  
*Quek Tze-Ming*

**6 Feb** (Ecc 5:1-7) True Worship  
*Danny Chua/Ng Zhiwen*

**13 Feb** (Ecc 5:8 – 6:12) The Pursuit of Wealth  
*Quek Tze-Ming/Danny Chua*

**20 Feb** (Ecc 7:1-13) Wisdom vs Folly  
*Ps Alby/Ps Dev*

**27 Feb** (Ecc 7:14-29) The Universe is Beyond our Grasp  
*Ps Vernon/Ng Zhiwen*

## Your Response

23 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!

## Honouring Our Children

Last Sunday, someone mentioned how wonderful it was to see so many young children laughing and playing after the 5pm worship service ended – it really gave us a sense that we are one family.

Indeed, Zion Bishan has evolved over the years. Gone are the days when a baby's cry would evoke a stern look. I'm so thankful for worship leaders and pastors who take pains to ensure that young children feel welcomed and put their often-anxious parents at ease. I can imagine how comfortable Jesus must have been around these little ones (even if His disciples weren't). I am also beginning to see how our Father in heaven can never have enough!

The Family Ministries really want to do all we can to honour our children. Their holistic wellbeing – spiritual, emotional, mental, and physical - is important to us. As such, one of the efforts we are taking is to improve our safety practices:

**All parents who wish their children to attend CD must know and be known by CD leaders.**

This means that before a child attends any class, the parent/caregiver must have met with the relevant teacher, as well as the staff/deacon in charge – in person, or at one of the designated briefing sessions. This will not only ensure the safety of the child and avoid miscommunication, but we hope better facilitate healthy parent-teacher relationships that will enable the best possible discipleship for our children.

We appreciate if all parents, ushers, and everyone in the congregation can cooperate with us in doing this. Let the little ones come yes, but let them come safely!

We are so glad that more than 90% of our parents, including those of our Sec 1 children, attended the mandatory briefing sessions over the last couple of weekends. I believe other than learning about the ministry, it was a valuable time of sharing and encouraging one another to do all we can for this next generation to thrive in knowing Christ!

My next project is to ensure that the children are not only welcomed and treated well at worship services, but in AGs also. I want all AGs to welcome any children in their midst, so that all can study God's Word together, and enhance our identity as #JesusFamily! If anyone would like to partner me in this endeavour – let me know! It is very big on my heart...

## Announcements

### **Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 26 Feb, 4.00pm, Saturday, Livestream**

The letter of notice, budget and proxy form have been sent to communicant members via email. Kindly send your questions to [ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg) by 4 Feb. Session will reply directly by email and the Q&A will be compiled and posted to our website.

Indicate your vote and submit the completed proxy form by 21 Feb via email, mail, or drop box (place hardcopy forms in specified boxes at church on Sundays).

### **Looking for CE Table Hosts!**

#### **Starts 23 Feb, 7:30pm, Wednesdays**

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in March! Come on board to journey alongside people exploring Christianity, and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. There will be four training sessions that will be in-person; CE will run on Zoom. Contact [joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg) to sign up for the CE Table Host training.

### **SENIORS360: "Enhancing Health Through Massage Techniques"**

#### **12 Feb, 10.30am, Saturday, Zoom**

Invited speaker Ms Chua Pei Shan will share on how massage can help in relieving pain and stress. Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Signing up as a pair is recommended as this is a practical session.

Register with Stella Tan (8522 0601).

Stay updated on SENIORS360 activities.

Contact Dns Alice Koh (9835 2580) to be added to the WhatsApp chatgroup.

### **WOZ Talk: "Nameless Women"**

#### **Starts 19 Feb, 10.00-11.30am, Saturdays**

The Zoom series by Ps David will run on 19 Feb, 12 Mar & 26 Mar.

Ladies, please sign up at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/shxt2s3y7>

Contact Lydia (8338 3982) for any queries.

### **Youth Ministry Announcements**

If you're a youth, aged 13–18 years old, we're calling you to be connected back to the Church family in the new year!

#### **Youth Discipleship (YD)**

##### **Every Sunday, 10.00am-12.00pm**

Weekly classes to grow in your knowledge of the Bible and who Jesus is.

#### **Bible Talk #1 at Youth Fellowship (YF)**

##### **29 Jan, 4.00pm, Saturday, Chapel**

Registration link will be posted on Instagram [@zionbishanyf](https://www.instagram.com/zionbishanyf). Follow us!

#### **Host our Youths for Saturday Dinners!**

Contact Dns Ee Wern (9650 5440) or Jacqueline (9322 7629) to find out more about Youth Ministry!

#### **Looking for a Youth Ministry Apprentice**

Zion Bishan is looking for Christians who desire to invest time in the discipleship of the next generation.

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@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:dev@zionbishan.org.sg)