



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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9.1-12 ESV

Message: Death Comes to All

Response Hymn: Before You I Kneel

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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)

Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Dn Sunil Peter

*AV:* James Kok, Gary Lee, Maybelline Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **1.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*AV:* Matthew Neo, James Kok, Benny Ling

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

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

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 2

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*AV:* Ewen Tjoeng, Chiam Da Ren

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@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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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Mr Ng Zhiwen, *Community Engagement* *zhiwen*

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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# **Death Comes to All**

Ecclesiastes 9:1-12

## **The Same Event**

## **No More Share**

## **Enjoy Life**

## **Caution – The Snare**

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

1. Recap what the Preacher has said in this passage. How does it summarize much of what he has been saying so far in Ecclesiastes?
2. Why, and on what basis, does he say that life is better than death, and calls us to go and enjoy life?
3. Can you accept what the Preacher has said about life, and about being in the hand of God? Talk to God about it.

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Covid Cases** – We have received increasingly more notification of members testing positive. Pray for God's grace to sustain these and that they may all recover fully. Pray also for the vulnerable in our midst as we return for in-person activities weekly. We continue to encourage members to inform Ps Alby or Bro Zhiwen if you attended a church activity in person and later test positive. We need to ensure that your close contacts are informed and that they avoid interaction with the vulnerable young and elderly in their family. Kindly also refrain from returning for in person activities if you are not feeling well.

**Zion Bishan Kindergarten** – Several children from ZBK have also contracted the virus. Pray for the staff team as they maintain a safe environment for children who are mainly below vaccination age.

**The Next Lap Continues** – It's been more than a year since the formation of the 4 English Congregations with their dedicated Shepherding teams. Since last month the 1030am & 1pm CSTs have been working together to support one another, as have the 3pm & 5pm CSTs. Pray for our leaders as they continue to think how best to disciple and care for each member of the Zion Bishan flock.

**Soccer Ministry** – Since late Feb 2022, the ministry is taking a 3 week break from training due to rising Omicron cases in the community and the usual exam

and term break. Pray that the relationships made through this platform to the youth and children from our neighbourhood will be a good and effective way for us to shine the light of Christ's love and truth into these various families.

**Youth Fellowship** – Pray that our youths will have a clearer vision of Jesus as they study the gospel of Mark, through monthly Bible-talks. Thank God for various families who have been opening up their homes to host dinners with youths. Pray for mutual edification as we engage in intergenerational fellowship.

### **Our World**

**India** – Pray for the provision of good and appropriate training materials for the many rural pastors under one partner here. Pray also for unity between these rural pastors and other pastors from urban places. Praise God also for the joyous occasion of the inauguration of a new church hall in 2 weeks' time.

**Ukraine** – Since Russia began an escalated invasion of Ukraine on 24 Feb, it is estimated that more than 2 million people have fled Ukraine, according to United Nations (BBC 8 Mar). Poland has taken in 1.2m refugees, followed by Hungary 190k, Slovakia 141k, Moldova 83k, Romania 82k etc. Pray for the Lord's mercy on the refugees and for the church to respond to provide for the refugees and for Christians to be witnesses for Christ in this time of need.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	255	
English Service 10.30am	279	150.00
English Service 1pm	84	
English Service 3pm	122	
English Service 5pm	106	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	50	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	94	3,496.80
ME Service & Zoom	62	
Hokkien Service	53	
Tamil Service	14	1,141.00
DHF	17	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>\$4,787.80</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	\$68,421.47
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73,209.27</b>

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045*

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1815-17	\$1,800.00
Electronic Transfer	\$14,763.40
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$16,563.40</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$8,742,940.18</b>
<b>Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date</b>	<b>\$3,808,000.00</b>
<b>Repayment of Interest-free Loan To-Date</b>	<b>(\$1,105,000.00)</b>
	<b>\$11,445,940.18</b>

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.

## 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, 18 Mar

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 19 Mar

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 20 Mar

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:

**20 Mar** (Ecc 9.13-10.20) The Way of Wisdom

*Ps Alby/Ps Vernon*

**27 Mar** (Ecc 11.1-8) You Don't Know

*Ps Dev/Danny Chua*

**03 Apr** (Ecc 11.9-12.8) In the Days of Your Youth

*Ps Alby/Quek Tze-Ming*

**10 Apr** (Ecc 12.9-14) The End of the Matter

*Quek Tze-Ming/Ps Vernon*

**17 Apr** Ecc post-script

*Ps Alby*

## Your Response

13 March 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!

## **Please Stay**

*'Please stay,' the border guard said as we fled Ukraine* – This headline on page 8 of The Straits Times, 8 March 2022, caught my attention. It is an account of two foreigners and a Ukrainian who made it to Poland. The words of a Ukrainian soldier checking the writer's passport haunted him as they crossed into Slovakia, *"Please stay, but you may go if you want."*

I believe the words of the Ukrainian soldier were uttered with emotions. Therein was a sadness to see people leaving the country and a soft plea to the writer and his friends to consider remaining behind in Ukraine. The soldier likely had torn feelings. He understood people are fleeing out of fear. He understood the instinct for survival, especially families with young children and elderly folks. Yet Ukraine needs its people to remain and defend their homes, their families, their country.

What about the soldier? I am sure he has loved ones. Where are they? If they have left, would he ever see them again? Seeing hordes of fellow citizens fleeing the country must be very hard for him. Why doesn't he just abandon his post and flee with his family? He didn't and neither did many others who stood their ground and remained behind, for as long as they are able.

Like the soldier who pleaded, *"Please stay"*, could you ever make sense of what is happening? Is this real? What does the future hold? *Where is God?* What if this is happening in our very own country? At our doorstep? It's a frightening thought. Our generation has never tasted war in this part of the world.

*Where is God?* Wasn't this the same question asked by countless around the world at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020? Wasn't this the cry of Afghan Christians when the country returned to the rule of the Taliban? We can never claim to understand the feelings of Ukrainians or Afghan Christians. But we have directly experienced the Covid-19 global pandemic and at some point, we too have wondered where God is.

*So, where is God?* He is right here where we are! People may abandon homes and countries in catastrophic crises... but God will never abandon us... **God will stay!**

*"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."* Isaiah 41:10

## **Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore**

9 March 2022

### MOVING BOUNDARY STONES

“Do not move an ancient boundary stone set up by your ancestors.” Proverbs 22.28

The Law of Moses (Deuteronomy 19.14; 27.17) warns against moving boundary stones which mark where one’s territory begins and ends. Once these ancient lines are drawn, they must be respected. Such respect for territorial integrity is fundamental to justice and peace in any society, and for the world.

### RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

The recent Russian invasion of Ukraine is clearly a violation of another country’s territorial sovereignty. God’s Word condemns it: “‘Cursed be anyone who moves his neighbor’s landmark.’ And all the people shall say, ‘Amen.’” Deut 27:17 ESV Indeed, a loud “Amen” was sounded at the United Nations when Singapore joined 140 other nations in condemning Russia’s action.

### RETENTION OF 377A

But the principle of boundary stones goes beyond the physical. Just as lines are drawn on land, showing where we live, boundaries are also marked out in morals, prescribing how we should live. In this regard, we welcome the recent decision of the Court of Appeal in dismissing the latest legal challenge to Section 377A which the Government decided in 2007 to retain in the Penal Code.

Not repealing the limits set on the practice of sexuality respects the moral position of a significant segment of our population. At the same time, not enforcing such limits respects others in our wider society who do not hold to such a moral position. The Government has noted that for a "large majority" in Singapore, “the heterosexual stable family remains the social norm,” and that the current legal position reflects “our society’s norms, values and attitudes”. We stand with and support these observations as reported in the news media.

### DIVORCE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT

One more matter calls for our concern: the boundary stone that governs marriage and divorce. The recent passing of a bill introducing “No-Fault Divorce” or “Divorce by Mutual Agreement” (DMA) aims to reduce acrimony between divorcing spouses



and the fallout on children and other affected parties. It makes divorce “a joint responsibility” with both partners taking the blame.

While it sounds humane, it overlooks the sanctity of marriage as a lifelong commitment, not only to each other but also to God. Jesus affirms what was taught by Moses: “So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” On divorce, He adds, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.” Matthew 19:6, 8 ESV

The boundary stone, set “from the beginning” should not be moved. The “joint responsibility” of a challenging marriage should be directed at honouring and safeguarding the union. For the Christian couple whose union is hallowed by God and witnessed by His people, divorce should not be an option. That said, acknowledging our sinful nature (“hardness of heart”), divorce does happen, and as God’s people we want to pray and help towards the healing of all who are hurt.

#### GOING FORWARD

BPCIS has commissioned the Biblical Graduate School of Theology to study the legal and theological aspects of the DMA, and present implications for the church. A seminar will be held on 30 April 2022, 10am, to share their findings. More details later.

As for the crisis in Ukraine, BPCIS is sending \$10,000 from our Relief Fund through Operation Mobilisation which has been working with local communities there since 1994. Please refer to our website for “Prayer for Ukraine” based on Psalm 46, and join us in prayer.

“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10 ESV

Rev Dr David Wong  
General Secretary, BPCIS

# Announcements

## **ADC: Spiritual Formation**

**16, 24, 30 Mar, 8.00-9.30pm, Zoom**

(Please note a slight change in date for the second class.)

**Title:** A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness

**Facilitators:** Ps Dev Menon &  
Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

**Synopsis:** God gave us physical bodies but He also gave us a soul. We spend most of our time thinking about how we can meet the physical needs of our bodies yet spend very little time feeding the needs of our soul. Yet what drives us most is that immaterial core in us that influence how we view the world and ourselves, it tells us where to spend our money, what we should give ourselves to and what to love. Come join us and learn how to cultivate the habits of the heart that meets our spiritual needs by exploring the topics of discernment, rest and money.

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

## **Join the PA Ministry!**

The PA team is looking for more help to continue supporting The Next Lap, especially at the 1pm Service. If you're keen to join, please contact Dn Nicklaus (9654 5649).

## **Reflections on Ecclesiastes**

The preaching team would love to hear from Zion Bishan members and regular worshippers what God has been teaching you through this book.

Please respond by 17 April:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBecclesiastes>

## **Seniors 360 Weekdays Interest Group**

We'll be running a series of weekday activities for our seniors to come together to build stronger bonding & mutual encouragement in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

1. Nagomi Pastel Art

**13, 27 Apr & 11, 25 May, 2.00-4.00pm, Wednesdays, MPH**

Back by popular demand!

Sign up by 30 Mar!

2. Weekday Walks

**24 Mar, 14 & 28 Apr, 4.00-6.00pm**

3. Table Tennis

**Starts in April**

For more details & to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/QesKu8nevi6sFNCn8>

## **Christianity Explored**

**Starts 23 Mar, 7.45pm, Wed, Zoom**

Christianity Explored is an informal course aims to help people understand who Jesus is, through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive! Contact Joel ([joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) to register.

## **Missions Conversations #6**

**16 Mar, 8.30pm, Wednesday, Zoom**

Last chance to sign up!

From Starting to Ending, from Money & Business to Integral & Cross-cultural missional work — much had been said and shared! Now, where do we go from here? Join the conversation! Sign up here: [tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021](https://tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021)

