What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun? Ecclesiastes 1:3

#### **English Services & Livestream**

# Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-17, 23-28, 41-46 ESV

Message: A Vision Larger Than Ourselves

Response Hymn: O Church Arise

Missions Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering & Meditative Song of 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

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

Speaker: Pastor Zheng Haoren

#### 10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew AV: Steve Nathan, Jack See, Maybelline Tan Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

#### 1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan AV: Eugene Poh, Jeffery Kow Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

#### 3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan AV: Eugene Poh, Elliot Phan, Paul Huang Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

#### 5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim AV: Matthaeus Lim, Nicklaus Yu Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg Rev Dr Alby Yip. Senior Pastor albv Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor dev Rev Zheng Haoren. Pastor zhenahr Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil) ebi Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) sskew Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) itlim Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) daniel Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor vernon Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects emilv Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry june Mrs Ruth Quek, Children/Y. Adults ruth Mrs Sharon Quek. Tra/Mobilisation sharon Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding danny Mr Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry paul Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff tzemina Mr Ng Zhiwen, Community Engagement zhiwen Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus

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# A Vision Larger Than Ourselves

Matthew 22:15-46

Sermon Notes 24 April 2022 Ps Zheng Haoren

Introduction

**Petty Squabbles** Paying taxes to Caesar; About the Resurrection

#### A Vision of the Son

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet."

#### The World Will See

... a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne... "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:9-10)

#### Conclusion

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

- 1. In the context of your life, what would you render to "Caesar" and what would you render to God?
- 2. What are the Old Testament scriptures that teach about the resurrection? How does this understanding affect the relationships in your life?
- 3. How has the vision of Jesus as God changed your life? If this vision is not too clear, what do you need to start, stop, or change in your life to crystallize this vision?
- 4. What steps would you take to share the vision of Jesus as God to others around you?

# **Our Church**

The 8.30am English Service and

**Congregation** - Pray over the move of the 1pm Service to the 8.30am time slot, which takes effect on Sunday, 1 May. Uphold the Congregational Shepherding Team as they lead in this, and that this congregation will settle and grow as one that worships, fellowships, cares for all who comes, and that reaches out as witnesses to Christ.

**Church Upgrading -** We thank God for the "good" problem of us running out of space. But the church upgrading is much more than increasing space. It is part of our vision for growth within and mission to reach out to the community. Pray for all to catch the same vision and mission, and for the upgrading team and leadership, God's wisdom and discernment. (please see Word in Season on pgs 7-8)

# Our People

**Steve Aw Yong -** Our brother Steve has been hospitalised for the past one month, and the condition of his degenerative spine disorder has been worsening.

Pray for the comfort and peace of our Lord to be upon his heart as this period of reduced interaction and isolation will be distressing and depressing. Pray also for strength and courage for him and his family in this difficult time.

# Our World

India - One of our partners is having a connect-meeting where 50 new pastors are meeting up in Northeast India. Pray that it will be an encouraging and edifying meeting for all. May the Lord give discernment and unity to all who labour in the various fields. We thank God for an opportunity by our bible college partner to conduct a whole day and night prayer meeting. May this prayer meeting strengthen the faith of the believers here and enlarge their vision for the harvest. We thank God for a successful spinal operation on 18 Apr for Ps L who fell while repairing his house. Pray for complete healing for this brother who is labouring as Pastor in NE India.

Indonesia - Praise God for testimonies of people who have come to faith in Jesus through miraculous healing or through the study of His word. Praise God for the faith of one lady who was a victim of a natural disaster in 2018. Her faith developed from faithful study of the word over 3 years and now she is bold in sharing her faith despite many challenges. Pray that the various workers persevering in various locations will take comfort and strength from the Lord.

# Last Week

| Good Friday Service                                  | Attendance | Offering (\$) |  |
|--|------------|---------------|--|
| English Service Livestreams <sup>#</sup>             | 252        | 0,            |  |
| English Service 10.30am                              | 376        |               |  |
| English Service 5pm                                  | 248        |               |  |
| Mand/Cant Livestream <sup>#</sup>                    | 33         |               |  |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 <sup>#</sup>                          | 141        | 1,530.00      |  |
| Tamil Service  | 28         | 281.00        |  |
| TOTAL  | 1078       |               |  |
| Easter Sunday Service                                | Attendance | Offering (\$) |  |
| English Service Livestreams <sup>#</sup>             | 256        |               |  |
| English Service 10.30am                              | 358        |               |  |
| English Service 1pm                                  | 98         |               |  |
| English Service 3pm                                  | 142        |               |  |
| English Service 5pm                                  | 138        |               |  |
| Mand/Cant Livestream <sup>#</sup>                    | 32         |               |  |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 <sup>#</sup>                          | 126        |               |  |
| ME Service & Zoom                                    | 66         |               |  |
| Hokkien Service                                      | 41         |               |  |
| Tamil Service  | 20         |               |  |
| DHF  | 17         |               |  |
| TOTAL  | 1294       | 1,811.00      |  |
| All in-person attendance includes serving personnel  |            |               |  |
| *Livestreaming peak concurrent v                     | iewers     |               |  |
| Electronic Transfer                                  |            | \$51,679.39   |  |
| WEEKLY TOTAL   |            | \$53,490.39   |  |
| Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045 |            |               |  |
| Land Lease Renewal Fund                              |            |               |  |

| Gift No: 1820               | \$300.00       |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| ZBCS Combined Good Friday   | \$205.00       |
| ZBCS Easter Sunday          | \$3,582.00     |
| ZBTS Easter Sunday          | \$379.00       |
| ZBMS Easter Sunday          | \$400.00       |
| Hokkien Easter Sunday       | \$580.00       |
| Electronic Transfer         | \$25,715.93    |
| Weekly Total                | \$31,161.93    |
| Total Gift Received To-Date | \$8,946,777.96 |

# **Church Family News**

- 1. Congratulations to Kristine Koh and Vincent Toh who were united in holy matrimony on 23 April 2022.
- 2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
- Deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Tan Way (aged 90) who passed away peacefully on 19 April 2022. She was the mother of Jean Lim and mother in-law of Tay Choon Hong. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.

# 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, 29 Apr 8.00pm: Missions Prayer Night (Register at <u>https://tinyurl.com/MissionsPN</u>)

Saturday, 30 Apr 4.00pm: Youth Fellowship (Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

#### Sunday, 1 May

**English Worship Services** 

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services)

#### 8.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

#### 10.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

#### 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

#### May Series Sermon: "Odes to Joy"

- **1 May** Psalm 73 (Destruction of Wicked)
   Quek Tze-ming
   Psalm 116 (God Hears in Affliction)
   Ps Alby
- 8 May Psalm 116 (God Hears in Affliction)
   Ps Alby
   Psalm 73 (Destruction of Wicked)
   Quek Tze-ming
- **15 May** Psalm 99 (The King who Loves Justice) - Ng Zhiwen
- 22 May Psalm 104 (God's goodness in Creation) – Ps Vernon

#### Your Response

24 April 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.

## A Word In Season NG ZHI-WEN



## CHURCH BUILDING UPGRADING

Our church vision (shown above) was cast back in 2020 when the pandemic first hit us. Despite the challenges faced, by God's grace we are bearing fruit. The Church is growing.

From 2017 to 2020, our membership has been steadily increasing by 40 - 50 a year. As of February 2021, our membership (communicant and non-communicant) is 1,746. We are constantly receiving new visitors and regular worshippers. At this rate, we will soon exceed the limits of how much our premises can accommodate.

Indeed, we are bursting at the seams already where the use of our whole building is concerned. Even with services spread throughout the day, our Sunday morning room bookings are "maxed out" (even if all safe management measures were dropped, we still cannot expand our Sunday morning activities). Our room usage on Saturdays and weekday evenings is also substantial.

We are also limited in the scope of events that we can conduct. Apart from the sanctuary, we currently have only 2 rooms that can seat more than 50 persons (Chapel and Auditorium). Our ethnic congregations are constrained in their capacity to grow. We are also limited in our ability to hold retreats, conferences, and other events that require large rooms. This includes the hosting of events by other Christian groups.

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As we venture into church-planting - (https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/ 2022/04/why-plant-churches/) this will result in greater demand for facilities in the interim. If our efforts result in the transplanting of members into a new church plant that meets elsewhere, it may only be a short-term "relief".

As the LORD wills, we will continue to grow.

When we developed our premises back in 2012 - 2013, it was done with the aim of facilitating growth. Back then, we maximized our gross floor area based on the permitted plot of 1.4. However, just prior to the start of construction, the allowable plot ratio was increased to 1.6. Decision was made then to future-proof the building so that we can expand our facilities later on to accommodate further growth.

The leadership of the Church has been praying and deliberating on upgrading our premises. In the coming weeks, we will share more details with you and host dialogue sessions, as we look towards our upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM). At the ACM, we may have to make some important decisions. We pray that it will be our desire to faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to us for the growth and well-being of the Kingdom of God.

Expect more details in the coming weeks. The ACM papers (with FAQs) will be released in a fortnight. A dialogue for church upgrading is scheduled for 14 May 3.30pm. Save the date and time!

## The Next Lap Team

# Masthead Info: zionbishan.org.sg/media

# Announcements

### **Missions Prayer Night:**

Sharing by Lim Nan & Christy on their missions' journey and heart.

Date: 29 April 2022, Friday Time: 8pm Sharing & Prayer, 9pm Short fellowship, Q&A.

Sign up here for zoom link: https://tinyurl.com/MissionsPN

## Men's Ministry (MM)

Calling all men to join us in this event. As His men, let's explore this question together and what it means for us.

Topic: Adam, where are you? Date: 30 Apr 2022, Saturday Time: 8.00am - 9.30am Venue: Zion Bishan BP Church - L4 Chapel (100% In-Person Event!!!) Speaker: Ps Kirk Tan

Please click the link below or scan the QR code to register for this event. https://tinyurl.com/MMEG30APR

## THE GRAND CALLING:

**Biblical Reflections on Grandparenting** (A SENIORS360/QUADC Event) **Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Robert Solomon** 

Fri, May 6, 2022 (9.30 am – 12.30 noon) Cost: \$10 (ZB members only) Register at <u>https://bit.ly/Grandparenting2022</u> or contact Paul Yeo

@97511897/paul@zionbishan.org.sg

Congrats! You are now a grandparent! But what's your role and responsibility? What's the value & significance of being one? And can it possibly be a liability? Here's a talk and dialogue to clarify and answer the above questions – and more.

## Women of Zion Fort Canning Trail

7 May 2022, Saturday, 7.30am to 11am Meeting Point: Dhoby Ghaut MRT Exit B

Sisters, let's come together for a time of connecting with God, nature and our fellow sisters with activities and a brunch.

Sign up through this link:

https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/wozwalk 22

For further details, contact Lydia @ 8338 3982

## Annual Congregational Meeting 2022 28 May 2022, Saturday

Dear Communicant members, in preparation for the upcoming ACM, which will be held virtually on **28 May 2022**, please inform the church office (<u>lydia@zionbishan.org.sg</u>) if there're any changes to your email address, so that we can ensure you receive all ACM documents.

## The 8.30am English Service commences on 1 May, with Children's Discipleship classes available from 8 May.

Register here:

http://zionbishan.org.sg/830am

Also from 1 May, the Chinese services will shift to the 4th floor: 830am Mandarin service [Chapel], 9am Hokkien service [Auditoriums 1&2], 1030am Mandarin-English service [Chapel], and 1045am Cantonese service [Auditoriums 1&2].

Contact any of our mandarin pastors for registration and enquiries.