



**YOU SHALL
CALL HIS NAME JESUS,
FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS
PEOPLE FROM
THEIR SINS.**

MATT 1:21

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English Services

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

(8.30am & 1030am)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:1-17 ESV

Message: The Ancestors: They waited for Him

Response Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

(3pm & 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-17 ESV

Message: The Prophets: They spoke about Him

Response Hymn: Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Mission Focus; 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

8.30am Mandarin service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join Us On Livestream

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) in person in Room 103

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Joel Khoo (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i> | 9844 9536 |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i> | 9829 6051 |
| Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i> | 8198 9696 |
| 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 |
| Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i> | 9796 0196 |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i> | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i> | 9751 1897 |
| Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i> | 9001 2926 |
| Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i> | 8388 1883 |
| Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i> | 9788 0195 |
| Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i> | 9239 4160 |
| Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i> | 9060 8340 |
| Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i> | 9322 7629 |
| Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i> | 9880 4507 |
| Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i> | 9368 9221 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i> | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> | |

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The Ancestors: They waited for Him

Matthew 1:1-17

A List of Names? Seriously?

A Bunch of Men

- saints and sinners

An Assortment of Women

- unexpected and embarrassing

A Strange Beginning for Jesus (and Us)

Questions For Reflection & Discussion:

1. How far back can you trace your lineage? How does that make you feel? Why?
2. Read Matthew 1:1–17. In the genealogy of Jesus which names are familiar to you?
3. What difference does it make to you, that we know this list of Jesus' ancestors?

The Prophets: They spoke about Him

Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 7:10-17

Introduction

An ordinary birth? (Matt 1:18-21)

If the Prophets Spoke of this Son - What's so special about him?

1) His special name - Immanuel (Matt 1:23)

2) His special significance (Isaiah 7:10-14)

- a) God will rescue
- b) God will judge

The Sign has come - how will you receive the Son?

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Will you put your trust in God? How does the sign of the son give us confidence in God?
2. How does understanding the prophecy from Isaiah 7 give weight to the event of Jesus' birth? How might that help us rejoice in Jesus more this Christmas?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Christmas Sermon Series

God with us: People around the Birth

Our Christmas Sermon series begins in this first of four Sundays that lead up to Christmas Day. As the sermons explore how people around the event have responded to Jesus' birth, pray for:

- a. the friends and relatives we invite, that they will also consider "Who is this Jesus?" "And how does His life affect me?"
- b. our preachers as they prepare and preach God's Word;
- c. ourselves that we would be sensitive to God's Spirit as He shows us who to speak to about Jesus.

Seniors360 – We thank God for our partnership with St Luke's Eldercare (SLEC) that has enabled the smooth running of our weekday activities and Saturday events this past year. As we continue with in-reach efforts to our own seniors, and beef up outreach efforts to the community next year, pray for our ministry leaders, that the programmes we plan will be able to uplift the seniors through active ageing and more importantly in reaching them with the love of Christ. Pray also for more volunteers to step

forward to serve as befrienders to the seniors under SLEC's care, and for good response from the seniors for activities such as short mat bowling held at Zion Bishan.

Our World

Indonesia – Praise God for safe journeys for the team and a good time of seeing the ministry of 2 partners. Indonesia is a large country of many islands and many different unreached people groups living in hard to reach areas. Thank God for our partner's willingness to go and serve them with love and the gospel.

India – One of our partners has started a school for 15 slum children who for various reasons do not go to school. Pray for more resources so that more children can have a place in this school.

Another partner has workers doing income generation projects, such as chicken and goat rearing to help them meet their family's needs. Pray that these projects will do well and help these pastors and evangelists.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service 8.30am | 127 | 633.00 |
| English Service 10.30am | 413 | |
| English Service 3pm | 122 | |
| English Service 5pm | 111 | |
| Chinese Service Livestream# | 31 | |
| Chinese Service 8.30am | 75 | 760.00 |
| Cant/Mand Service Livestream# | 7 | |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am | 35 | 333.00 |
| ME Service & Zoom | 53 | 200.00 |
| Hokkien Service | 50 | 436.00 |
| Tamil Service | 20 | 366.00 |
| DHF | 16 | |
| TOTAL | 1060 | \$2,728.00 |

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Please note that the bank has imposed a charge of **\$0.75 for every cheque deposit**. You are encouraged to use electronic transfer for offering to the church.

Electronic Transfer \$34,362.18
WEEKLY TOTAL \$37,090.18

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1850 \$500.00
 Coin Tin \$128.70
 Electronic Transfer \$3,913.60
Weekly Total \$4,542.30
Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,308,825.60

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Shalom BP Church this morning. He will be on overseas leave from 28 November till 1 December 2022.
3. Congratulations to Mark & Jenna on the birth of their 2nd child, Josiah Lee Yi Kang on 17 Nov 2022, in Texas, USA! Congratulations also to grandparents, Song Kheun and Mai Vean.
4. Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the family of Mr Roger Wong, aged 71 who went Home on 21 November 2022. He was the husband of Welyn. Please uphold the bereaved families 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, 2 Dec

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 3 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 4 Dec

English Worship Services

8.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Ng Zhiwen & Eld Sonny Tan

10.30am

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

3.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Chan Kin Yip & Eld Reginald Tan

Christmas Evangelistic Series:

04 Dec – AM SERVICES

The Prophets: They spoke about Him
(Isaiah 7:10-14; Matthew 1:22-23)
– Mr Joel Khoo

PM SERVICES

The Ancestors: They waited for Him
(Matthew 1:1-17)
– Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Your Response

27 November 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

God's Big Story in the Old Testament



Opening Session of the Overview in January 2022

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets... (Heb 1:1)

God has been speaking to us, long before even Jesus came on the scene. He has been speaking and working through His prophets in the Old Testament. The life and work of Jesus is rich with references to the OT, and we are better able to appreciate Him with all the background of how God has worked in the OT.

That's what we've been uncovering in the Leader's Prep (LP) sessions and AGs throughout this year, as we spent time doing an overview of the OT. On top of the studies we did daily devotionals that aimed to prepare the hearts of the leaders and members. The big goal is that we come to a greater appreciation of how God has intricately put together a plan that ultimately finds its complete fulfilment in the coming of God's eternal King & Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here are some of the personal reflections of the leaders and partners who have spent this year in the Overview.

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*"It was confronting to spend many consecutive weeks talking about sin. But that helped us appreciate God's great love and mercy as we see what He is doing in His big story of all history, with all mankind. I grew a deeper appreciation for the Gospel: sin is our greatest problem - it separates man from God and we have no way to save ourselves. Which makes Jesus so precious - He perfectly fulfils the role of the Servant King, and His death brings even us into a forever relationship with the God of the ages!"
(Deborah Loone)*

"Reading through OT this year has humbled me to remember how God has been consistent and faithful in His promises and cares towards His people. I was reminded of how big and complex God's reconciliation story really is! The AG was able to revisit our childhood bible stories and knowledge with new and matured faith, which opened new insights and discussions on who God really is to each of us. Deuteronomy 28-31 especially has taught me what true obedience to God looks like, and that in both blessings and curses we are to remember God and cling back to His plan and love." (Jarius Goh)

"What struck me the most from our time in the OT overview was how creative and profound our God is - from how He revealed the pattern of His salvation bit by bit, then pulling together all the threads in the person of Jesus (the King who is the temple-builder but also the temple itself, and also the sacrifice etc.)" (Teo Hui Qing)

Announcements

ZION BISHAN CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES (2022)

God with us: People around the Birth

Who is this Jesus? And how does His life affect me? People have been asking these questions since the first Christmas; from His Ancestors, to the Prophets, to John the Baptist, to His mother Mary, and the Wise Men. This Christmas season, we explore their answers. Perhaps you, and the friends you invite, may find your own responses to Jesus. (*with meals after both Christmas Day Services)

DEC 4:

AM: "The Prophets: They spoke about Him"
(Isa 7:10-14; Matt 1:22-23) – *Mr Joel Khoo*

PM: "The Ancestors: They waited for Him"
(Matt 1:1-17) – *Mr Quek Tze-Ming*

DEC 11:

AM: "John the Baptist: He prepared the Way for Him"
(Luke 1:5-17; Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1-3)
– *Mr Danny Chua*

PM: "Mary: She received Him"
(Luke 1:26-38) – *Ps Dev*

DEC 18:

AM: "Mary: She received Him"
(Luke 1:26-38) – *Ps Dev*

PM: "John the Baptist: He prepared the Way for Him"
(Luke 1:5-17; Isa 40:3-5; Mal 3:1-3)
– *Mr Danny Chua*

DEC 25: Christmas Day; 10.30am and 4.30pm

"They Looked for Him"
(Matt 2:1-12) – *Ps Alby*

DEC 31: Watchnight Service

"He came; He is coming"
(Rev 21:3-5; 22:12, 20) – *Ps Ebi*

IPOH CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

On 1 Dec, the team will leave for Christmas celebration cum outreach at Ipoh Malaysia. Those who wish to join us please contact Ps. Ebi Mohan @ 81989696 or Bro. Hong York @ 85882308 for further information on or before 30 Nov.

AWARENESS TALK:

THE ART OF GRIEVING WELL

2 Dec (Fri), 8 -9.30pm (Zoom)

Grief is a natural, human response to any kind of loss in life. Come learn what is loss and grief, common misconceptions, the grief process, and what recovery looks like.

Speaker: Joan Swee, Whispering Hope Sg

Organized by Peer Support Ministry

Register by **27 Nov** at <https://bit.ly/3hqJN8u>

WOZ CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Ladies, join us in hymns and carols on 17 Dec 2022, Saturday 6-8pm @Winnie's place. Sign up with Lydia for attendance. If you would like to contribute a dish, please contact Lydia at 8338 3982.

SENIORS RETREAT (English Language Only)

"Spur One Another On Towards Love and Good Deeds" (Hebrews 10:24, 25)

Seniors can still live out God's calling! Enjoy an extended time of bonding and fellowship!

16 to 18 Feb 2023, Malacca

Speaker: Ps Eric Kwan

Fee: \$250 per pax (twin sharing) (signed up by 31 Dec 22) \$270 per pax after 2022

Sign up form: <https://bit.ly/3E5FHUB>

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

On 18 Dec 2022, Sunday. Parents presenting their children for baptism, please email to lydia@zionbisan.org.sg for form.

CHRISTMAS MEAL

10.30 am Service: Lunch

4.30 pm service: Dinner

We welcome all to join us for a meal after service. In order to facilitate catering, please Sign up at <https://bit.ly/ZBChristmas>

Registration closes on **11 December 2022**

