



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

MATT 1:21

English Services

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

(8.30am & 1030am)

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

(3pm & 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:1-17 ESV

Message: The Ancestors: They waited for Him

Response Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Holy Communion

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: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Mr Joel Khoo (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

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 Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

Rev Lim Jit Thy, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlm*

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

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

Rev Ng Zhiwen, *Pastor* *zhiwen*

Rev Paul Yeo, *Pastor (Hokkien)* *paul*

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

Mrs Sharon Quek, *Overseas Ministries* *sharon*

Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* *danny*

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Miss Jacqueline Lie, *Youth Ministry* *jacqueline*

Miss Vanessa Lee, *Women's Worker* *vanessa*

Mr Joel Khoo, *YAs/Discipleship* *joel*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Prophets: They spoke about Him

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

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Mr Joel Khoo

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?

The Ancestors: They waited for Him

Matthew 1:1-17

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Mr Quek Tze-Ming

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?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Zion Bishan Kindergarten – We praise God for the approval received from Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA) for the change of class licence to Childcare Centre with effect from 1 January 2023. Please pray for a speedy approval from SCDF for use of additional areas for the new Childcare which will enable us to increase the number of student enrolment so that those on waitlist may also be able to start the new term with us. Uphold in prayer for Mrs Serene Chang, the principal and all staff as they prepare for this major transition and for a smooth completion of the ongoing renovation work.

Our People

Wong Ping Seng – Our brother was diagnosed with a 4cm benign tumour between his ear and brain. As the tumour is pressing on sensory nerves, it may cause serious complication and even be life threatening if not removed. The 10-12 hour long surgery has been scheduled for 15 December 2022. Do pray for Ping Seng and family, to experience God's grace and peace as he prepares for this major surgery. Pray also for a blessed family holiday this week as they spend time together, drawing closer to the Lord and to each other.

Our World

Indonesia – Praise God for the gift of 6 used laptops from our church for our mission partner in Indonesia. We thank God that all 6 have reached them through the recent Indonesia team and also to them directly when they passed through Singapore briefly. These would be used in the partner's children home and also ministry to the blind community. Praise God that these laptops will enable the small community of children, youth, and the blind community to gain valuable knowledge and skills for their education and growth.

India – One of our partners (Ps J) has been in Singapore and visiting ZB this week. We thank God for a good time of fellowship as we share and encourage one another to strive towards "the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14). In a recent report, Ps J shared about how the brothers often face challenging work as not all are welcoming. Hence, do pray for protection for all the ministry brethren serving in the field from Ps J's group. Thank God also for some open doors and the people who have heard the gospel. Pray that those who have heard and received the bible tracts will read and find the Lord.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service 8.30am	133	30.00
English Service 10.30am	389	
English Service 3pm	109	
English Service 5pm	114	
Chinese Service Livestream*	26	
Chinese Service 8.30am	84	491.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	6	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	50	478.00
ME Service & Zoom	63	1,400.00
Hokkien Service	43	338.00
Tamil Service	16	325.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1054	\$3,062.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$47,448.92

WEEKLY TOTAL \$50,510.92

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer \$8,367.60

Weekly Total \$8,367.60

Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,317,193.20

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby preached at Grace SCC Church yesterday afternoon, and he is on leave today.
2. Pastor Dev is preaching at Zion Serangoon today.
3. Pastor Vernon and Pastor Zhiwen and their families are on overseas leave from 1-7 Dec and 2-10 Dec respectively.
4. Congratulations to Matthias & Jean on the birth of their 3rd child, Krisa Goh, on 26 November 2022!
5. Congratulations to Timothy Patrick & Joanna Nazarene on their holy matrimony on 3 December 2022!
6. Our deepest condolences to the family of Jeffery Kow whose mother, Mdm Mary Yap, aged 95, passed away on 1 December 2022. She was the grandmother of Cayden (YD16).

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, 9 Dec

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 10 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 11 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:

11 Dec – AM SERVICES

“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 SERVICES

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

Your Response

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*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

Tis The Season

The season of Christmas is upon us. “Tis the season” is the phrase used to describe the period from Thanksgiving on 24 November to Christmas. The phrase was likely lifted from the old Christmas carol Deck the Halls, “Deck the halls with boughs of holly... Tis the season to be jolly ...” The carol was a call to joy and rejoicing over Christmas. We, humans, receive the Christmas gift of Jesus the Saviour. We ought to rejoice.

But perhaps that was only half the story, and true only on the gift-receiving end of Christmas. It was quite another story on the gift-giving end. God gave His One and Only Son! While the world rejoices over the gift, it was at the Giver’s and the Given’s expense. Christ was given on Christmas that He may offer His life on Good Friday on the Cross. He was born destined for a most painful death, through no fault of His.

Like a coin, Christmas has two sides. The receiving side’s heart rejoices. The giving side’s heart wrenched. We cannot have one side without the other. So how ought we to celebrate and relive the Spirit of Christmas as it was at the first Christmas? We need to “celebrate” the two sides. We need to remember and celebrate the precious gift God has given to us. We need also to remember and commemorate the cost to God and to Christ.

Allow me to make a few suggestions on how we can fully celebrate Christmas in this “Tis the season.”

1. Reflect on your own life. Think about the many sins which are forgiven at the expense of Christ. Give thanks to God for His forgiveness, and if you’ve overcome your sins, give thanks for God’s deliverance. It is not something to be taken for granted.

However, if you are still plagued by your sins, ask God for His forgiveness. Ask God too to illuminate again the true Spirit of Christmas in your heart and mind, and to clothe you with His strength to overcome them. Christmas is God’s offering of His love and forgiveness. Wilful sin is what obstructs people from receiving God’s gift.

2. Think about the people around you. Christmas is both giving and receiving. Since Christians have already received the most precious gift, we should endeavour to lead people towards receiving this same gift too.

Pray about whom you can reach out to. Or if you do not currently have someone to reach out to, perhaps pray about some worthy causes or needy people whom you can bless. Plan to invest your resources sacrificially to reach out to that person. Remember, God gave until it hurts. We too must be prepared to give until it hurts.

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 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

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(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

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**



BEFRIENDING OPPORTUNITIES TO SENIORS AT BISHAN EAST (In collaboration with SLEC)

St Luke's Eldercare (SLEC) has been granted license to operate Active Ageing Hub, a government initiative to support our ageing population, in Bishan East – Blocks 152B (Golden Jasmine), 135 to 138.

SLEC has invited ZB members and worshippers to serve as befrienders to the seniors of these blocks, in this caring and outreach ministry!

Volunteer Training Session has been scheduled on 13 Jan 2023 at 10am to 12nn, at Blk 152B.

Sign up link: <https://bit.ly/3OwOKLk>

CHURCH CAMP 2023 – SAVE THE DATES!

16-19th June 2023, Aston Batam Hotel

Camp Speaker: Ps David Wong

We are pleased to share that Church Camp will be held at Batam next year. Mark down these dates in your calendar, and more details will be released soon. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN OF ZION

1. 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 at 8338 3982 by today (4 Dec).

2. BIBLE STUDY - Starting in January 2023 on the book of James

Ladies, sign up at www.zionbisan.org.sg/woz-biblestudy by 31 Dec. Contact Lydia for enquiries.

CONSOLIDATION OF AFTERNOON CONGREGATIONS

From 25th December 2022, the 3pm & 5pm will be officially consolidated into a single congregation, meeting at **4.30PM** every Sunday. Beginning from that same Christmas Sunday, there will also be #dinnerchurch every week after service.