



**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

Reception Of Members

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 ESV

Message: Mary: She Received Him

Response Hymn: O Come All You Unfaithful

(3pm & 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-17, 57, 67, 76-79 ESV

Message: Getting Ready for Salvation

Response Hymn: I Cannot Tell

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:

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

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Ps Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

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 Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

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*

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Mary: She Received Him

Luke 1:26-38

An Angel Appears

A King Conceived

The Mechanics Explained

A Servant's Faith

Questions For Reflection & Discussion:

1. What did you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. Why did God pick Mary?
3. Why did Mary believe God?
4. Why did Jesus have to be born of a virgin?

Getting Ready for Salvation

Luke 1:5-24

18 December 2022

Mr Danny Chua

John's Message:

"Turn from sin and get your hearts ready – God is coming to you!"

John the Baptist: 3 Clues that God is coming to you

- An Amazing Birth
- An Age-Old Promise
- An Awesome Mission

Conclusion: "Are you running from God?"

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. What would you do if God was coming to visit you? How would you prepare yourself?
2. How was John getting people ready to meet Jesus? What was his main message?
3. How are you and your family "preparing the way" for others to meet Jesus this Christmas?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Reception of Members – Praise God that He's still working in the hearts and lives of individuals, drawing them close to Christ. Let's take the effort to get to know these new members, to serve them and pray for them – as we know the journey of faith is a long and hard one. Let's also keep praying that the Lord will move our hearts to witness to our unbelieving family members and friends, so that they too may one day be baptised!

Youth Mission Trip (19-28 Dec)

– A team of 18 youth and young adults are thankful for the opportunity and privilege to be involved in the work of bringing the good news of Christmas to the locals in several villages in Thailand from 19-28 Dec. Pray for the team to see God's heart for the lost as they participate in His Mission. Pray for courage and compassion as they share about God's love through testimonies, songs, sports & games. Pray for good health and protection for all in the team, and for the ongoing efforts of the local team that God through His Spirit will continue to work in the hearts of the people there.

Children's Ministry – We thank God for seeing the children and teachers through Genesis 1-24 the past year, learning about sin and broken relationships, and God's faithfulness. Pray that the children continue to understand these truths and learn to love God more with their lives.

Do pray for the teachers to grow in their relationships with God as they seek to teach the children the Bible well. Pray also for June Tan, Ruth Quek and Cassandra Lee as they train and equip the current teachers, while encouraging greater partnership between parents and the church in the discipleship of the children. We pray for more members to join us to be equipped and trained as teachers and members of the church family invested in the discipleship of the next generations. We are also praying hard for the Lord to provide new children & family ministry staff.

Our World

Ipoh – Thank God for a good trip up to Ipoh for Ps Ebi, his wife Priya and 6 others from ZB. It was a good time for Ps Ebi and Priya to reconnect with the Tamil Fellowship brethren and also for a Christmas celebration and outreach on 2 Dec 2022. Thank God for 40 or so people who attended the programme and also for the dinner fellowship. Pray that there will be wisdom for the follow up of those who heard the gospel. Thank God also for the partnership with Pastor Zadok and other members from St Andrews Community Church, Ipoh in ministering to the Tamil Fellowship brethren.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service 8.30am	125	1,780.00
English Service 10.30am	307	
English Service 3pm	118	
English Service 5pm	132	
Chinese Service Livestream#	26	
Chinese Service 8.30am	81	966.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	7	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	50	1,614.00
ME Service & Zoom	41	
Hokkien Service	48	452.00
Tamil Service	17	304.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	973	\$5,116.00

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$61,788.78
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$66,904.78

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$8,773.60
Weekly Total	\$8,773.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,334,382.54

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien Service this morning.
2. Pastor Dev was speaking at the SYFC Poly Christmas Event on Sat, 17 December 22.
3. Joel Khoo was speaking at Bethesda Serangoon Church's YF Camp from 14-17 December.
4. Congratulations to Joel & Jessica on the birth of their first child, Emma Quah, on 10 December 2022!
5. Our deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Foo Siang Pang, aged 79, mother of Gina Toh, who went Home to the Lord on 12 December 2022. 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, 23 Dec

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 24 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 25 Dec (Christmas Day)

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:

25 Dec – CHRISTMAS SERVICE

10.30am and 4.30pm

“They Looked for Him” – Ps Alby
(Matt 2:1-12)

Your Response

18 December 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

The Power of the Gospel

John 6:68 ... "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Last month I attended my youngest son's Primary One orientation. To my pleasant surprise, I met several of my own Primary School classmates there – all fathers by now – fiercely loyal to St. Andrew's of course!

As I got talking, I arranged to meet with some of them 1-1 to catch up further. I found out that – as with many of us middle-aged men - life had not gone so well. Careers were starting to crumble; marriages were on the rocks; and mental and physical health issues were accumulating. The fantasies of life were beginning to fade away.

As willing as I was, there was not a lot I could do in terms of 'practical help'. But one thing I could offer was the gospel – the words of Jesus Christ. Now, to a lot of these situations, reading through John's gospel or the Sermon on the Mount may seem rather irrelevant. And even I initially doubted if it would be helpful to them.

But once again, as I went through verse by verse, reading together and asking them what they thought – the Words of Jesus began to hit home. Now I have regular meet ups with two or three of them just to meditate on these powerful Words and pray...

I think for a lot of us Christians, as we acclimatise to a Christian environment - with Christian routine, Christian habits and Christian friends surrounding us - we forget that Jesus Words bring life; and they are the only source of true life in a dark and broken world. They are powerful Words.

Perhaps if we are in our Christian spheres long enough, we ourselves forget or doubt the impact of these Words and begin to look elsewhere for answers... I suspect that's why when Jesus asks us to evangelise or to go on mission, it's not for His sake – or for the Kingdom's sake – it's really for our sakes. So that we don't forget how powerful these Words really are. So that again and again we cherish what we have already been given – and even seek more of the same. There really is no life anywhere else.

This Christmas, would you trust Jesus - that His Words are enough? Share them with a friend or relative in a dark situation, and watch them bring life!

ZION BISHAN ENGLISH SERVICE
RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

8.30 AM CONGREGATION

Adult Baptism

1. Lester Chong Rhan Chaen (Mr)

Reaffirmation of Faith

2. Gabriel Ng Kin Guan (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

3. Grace Chan Ming Fen (Ms) – Wesley Methodist Church

Child Baptism

4. Elliot Ng Ming En (s/o Alvin Ng Yee Hui & Wong Liling)
5. Eden Lee Jun Rong (s/o Joel Lee Guo Xiong & Michelle Tan Li Ting)

10.30 AM CONGREGATION

Reaffirmation of Faith

6. Annie Lim Xi-Er (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

7. Reggie Ng Wen Bin (Mr) – Emmaus Evangelical Free Church

Child Baptism

8. Asher Yeh Kai Jun (s/o Aaron Yeh Mingxuan & Alicia Tiang Li Xuan)
9. Kemuel Lee Zhi-En (s/o Lee Ying Quan & Alethia Tiang Li Xia)

3 PM CONGREGATION

Adult Baptism

10. Julia Seldon (Ms)

Reaffirmation of Faith

11. Gareth Hia Yi-Ren (Mr)
12. Ethan Tiew Chun Yong (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

13. Cynthia Ng Wan Han (Ms) – Faith Community Baptist Church
14. Guok Jia Wei (Mr) – Changi Bethany Church

5 PM CONGREGATION

Transfer of Membership

15. Heng E Han (Mr) – Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church
16. Jonathan Tan Yong How (Mr) – Faith Community Baptist Church
17. Desiree Chew Min Yi (Mrs) Jonathan Tan Yong How – Faith Community Baptist Church
18. Dorcas Lau Woon Gee (Ms) – Logos Christian Church
19. Joshua Fung Ee Ern (Mr) – Assembly of Christians
20. Amy Toke Pei Xuan (Mrs) Joshua Fung Ee Ern – Assembly of Christians

Child Baptism

21. Judah Low Shu Quan (s/o Herman Low Wei Zhong & Rachelle Tham Shiyun)
22. Vine Koh (Xu Yu) (d/o Judah Koh Tiong Wei & Zoeleen Leow Shi Xuan)
23. River Koh (Xu Xi) (d/o Judah Koh Tiong Wei & Zoeleen Leow Shi Xuan)

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 25: Christmas Day;

10.30am and 4.30pm
“They Looked for Him”
(Matt 2:1-12) – *Ps Alby*

DEC 31: Watchnight Service

9 - 10.15pm
Testimony & Prayer Time
10.45pm - 12mn
Watchnight Service
“He came; He is coming”
(Rev 21:3-5; 22:12, 20) – *Ps Ebi*

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.

IMPACTAUS CONFERENCE **Fri, 6 January 2023, 9am-2pm**

ImpactAus is an annual conference that aims to help students and graduates live out the gospel whether they are heading Down Under for the first time, continuing as students, or returning to Singapore.

Location: Aperia, The Annex

Tickets cost \$20

Find out more and sign up at:
<https://www.projecttimothy.com/events/impactaus-2023>

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

PARENTS’ BRIEFING
7 JAN 2023,
Sat 10-11.30am



Compulsory for all parents who wish to send their child to CD in 2023. Childcare option available if needed, for the briefing. Register by using the QR code by 31 Dec 2022.

WOMEN OF ZION **PRAYER, PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 2023**

Ladies, let’s start the year giving praise and thanks to the LORD @Queenie’s place on 7 Jan 2023 (Sat) 3-5pm.

Sign up with Lydia (8338 3982)