



"Return to Me... and I will return to you,  
says the LORD of hosts"

Zechariah 1:3

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ENGLISH SERVICES

## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:1-6 ESV

Message: Return to Me, and I will return to you

Response Hymn: Shine into Our Night

Holy Communion

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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:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](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/4.30pm** English service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

### ***Join us on Livestream***

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

### ***Speakers:***

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am)

Mr Danny Chua (4:30pm)

### **8:30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 1

### **10:30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Foo Say Chiang

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 1

### **4:30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand)	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

### ***Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:***

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

**Return To Me, And I Will Return To You**

5 February 2023

Zechariah 1:1-6

Ps Ng Zhiwen / Mr Danny Chua

**The Story: Returned from Exile**

**The Call: "Return to Me" (1:3)**

I was very angry with your fathers (1:2)

They did not hear or pay attention to me (1:4)

But my words have outlived your fathers (1:4)

**The Promise: "I will return to you" (1:3)**

My promised blessings will come true (Deut. 30:1-10)

**How must we "return to the Lord" today?**

**Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

1. What do you remember from the sermon and the passage?
2. Why is God's promise "I will return to you" (1:3) so encouraging?
3. What do we learn about God's words from this passage (1:4-6)?
4. How must we the church return to the Lord today?

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**CNY Goody Bag Distribution (29 Jan)** – Praise God for the 51 volunteers across all ages from both English and Chinese congregations last Sunday. Many enjoyed the fellowship of the body of Christ. Thank God that many of the residents were receptive and glad to receive the goody bags, some even had meaningful conversations. Pray that the Lord will continue to work in the hearts of residents through the flyers distributed, that they may be open and willing to come for any of our services or ministries.

**AG Leaders** – Keep in prayer our AG Leaders beginning the year of study in and teaching of the books of Hebrews & Zechariah. Pray that our Father will minister first to the hearts of our AGs, as they listen to the voice of Jesus. Pray for the AGs journeying through both books, that each member will learn to “run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus.” (Heb. 12:1-2).

**Zechariah Series** – Today we begin our sermon series on Zechariah, a prophetic book that encouraged a downhearted and distracted people facing the urgent, hard work of building God’s house, and reminded them of the tremendous implications of God’s glory returning to their midst. Pray for:

1. Our preachers to be diligent in preparation, being sensitive to both God’s Word in the text and God’s Spirit in our midst, as they deliver the messages;
2. Ourselves to be diligent in our hearing and obedience, whether that Word to us is for challenge or for comfort.

### Our World

**Philippines** – Praise God for our partner, Student Missionary Outreach (SMO) who has been working in the Philippines to bring the gospel to high schools, colleges and universities for the past 45 years. Last Oct, they were able to conduct a mental health symposium for 800 first year college students to educate them on making mental health and well-being a priority. This was a clear need arising from the pandemic. They were able to distribute free books such as “Climbing out of Depression” by Dr. David Meengs from Biblical Counselling Worldwide (BCW) to the students as well. May this word planted in the hearts of the students bear fruit in God’s good time.

**India** – One partner from the Hindi Belt has requested prayer for the urgent need of qualified teachers for their schools in the field. At the same time, this partner hopes to reach out to rural communities through healthcare and medical facilities. May our Lord meet these needs. For another partner, their trainee workers are going out for 2 months of “practical ministry” after completing their Life Skills Training to different parts of East India. Pray for their safety and ministry. May they put their skills to good use and reap a good harvest for the Lord. Despite the many challenges that believers do encounter, give thanks that the fields are growing. May all believers continue to grow in their faith and love for God amidst growing challenges.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service 8:30am	164	367.00
English Service 10:30am	450	
English Service 4:30pm	246	
Chinese Service Livestream <sup>#</sup>	21	
Chinese Service 8:30am	92	3,295.80
Cant/Mand Service Livestream <sup>#</sup>	2	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	85	945.00
ME Service & Zoom	67	1,356.00
Hokkien Service	66	671.00
Tamil Service	16	847.00
DHF	22	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>\$7,481.80</b>

<sup>#</sup>Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$56,800.19
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,281.99</b>

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

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$5,826.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$5,826.00</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$9,444,053.78</b>

## Church Family News

1. Our deepest condolences to the family of the late Mr John Thio Kheng Huat, aged 91, who went Home to be with the Lord on 2 February 2023. He was the father of Andrew Thio, father-in-law of Kok Moo Ling and grandfather of Alethea, Abigail, Benjamin and Adeline
2. Our deepest condolences to Pastor Alby Yip & Vivienne and their children, Shawn, Esperance and Kayla on the Homegoing of their beloved mother/mother-in-law/grandmother, Mdm Yoon Thoy Lin, aged 84, who was promoted to glory on 3 February 2023.

Let us 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, 10 Feb**

**8:00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Saturday, 11 Feb**

**4:00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sunday, 12 Feb**

New worship service timings for 2023

– **8:30am, 10:30am & 4:30pm**

### **Zechariah Series:**

**12 Feb – Horses, Horns, Measuring Line,  
and God’s Return**

*Quek Tze-Ming*

*(8:30am & 10:30am);*

*Ps Vernon (4:30pm)*

**19 Feb – Joshua the High Priest ...  
and a Branch**

*Quek Tze-Ming*

*(8:30am & 10:30am);*

*Ps Dev (4:30pm)*

**26 Feb – A Golden Lampstand**

*Ps Vernon (All 3 Services)*

## **Your Response**

*5 February 2023*

*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**

## **What does being Mature in Christ look like in real life?**

Yes, you can still send in your answers to my email at [alby@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:alby@zionbishan.org.sg)! But why do I ask this question?

I am not asking for theological answers, though any spiritual thoughts are anchored by theological foundations even if we may not state it. I am also not asking for practical answers, like, "How does one mature spiritually?" One can easily give some standard answers such as go to church regularly, read the Bible, pray, give tithes and offerings. Good answers these may be, they can be trite and may even camouflage the true state of our spiritual well-being.

I am asking for personal answers that reflect the realities of yours, and mine, true spiritual state. Of course, you don't have to send your personal "confessions." And just in case you do, be assured that it will be treated with confidence. That is why I asked during the message last Sunday, "What does being Mature in Christ look like in real life, to You?" It is my hope to challenge you, and me, to take stock of our own spiritual journey and maturity.

We do not know where to go if we do not know where we are going. Hence, if we want to be journeying towards spiritual maturity, we must know what spiritual maturity looks like In Our Lives! At your age, in where you are, what you are doing, your personality etc, what would being Mature in Christ look like, in your daily living? It is not some abstract, theoretical or even wistful thoughts like, "How nice if I am able to be like this or that!"

I hope the question will challenge us to intentionally take an inward journey to "see" how we really are and by God's grace, start to shape ourselves into whom we want to be, or more importantly, whom God wants us to be in Christ. It can be done. As Paul assured us:

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:14-17)

So again, please send in your thoughts...

## Announcements

### **EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2023**

**26 Feb (Sun), 1pm, In-Person**

Note to All Communication Members:

TODAY, 5 Feb is the deadline to:

1. E-mail [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) if you have changed your email address;
2. Inform the office if you will be overseas on the date of ECM

If you've been away, register yourself with our ushers for today's service to be eligible for voting.

### **LOOKING FOR CE TABLE HOSTS!**

Training Starts 15 Feb, 7:30pm, over 4 Wednesdays

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in March! Come on board to journey alongside people exploring Christianity and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. All sessions will be in-person.

Register at <https://bit.ly/zbcehosts>

Contact [joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg) for more information

### **CATECHISM CLASS**

For baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of membership

**Starting 18 Feb, for 13 Saturdays, 1:30-3pm**

Email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for the registration form. Sign up by **TODAY**.

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ZION BISHAN CHURCH CAMP 2023

16-19 June @ Aston Batam  
Speaker: Pastor David Wong

**Sign up by 19 Feb for early bird to save \$30:** <https://event.actxplorer.com/>  
(Password: ZBBP2023)

All enquiries to [ZBCamp2023@gmail.com](mailto:ZBCamp2023@gmail.com)

### **GENDER & SEXUALITY: ENGAGING CHRISTIANLY WITH A POST-S377A SOCIETY**

What does it mean to live in a post S377A society with respect to LGBT? How do different generations perceive this? Taking an inter-generational perspective, we will consider our engagement as the Church of Christ.

Speaker: Ps Zhiwen & Friends

Date & Time: 12 Feb 2023 (Sun),  
1:30 - 3:30pm

Location: Auditorium Level 4  
(in-person only)

Registration Required at  
[zionbishan.org.sg/adc](https://zionbishan.org.sg/adc)

### **ZECHARIAH BOOKLETS**

Booklets with the Zechariah passages and note-taking space are available at the registration table, for \$1 each. Please PayNow to the QR code printed when you take the booklets.