



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

Zechariah 1:3

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 7:1-14 ESV

Message: Fake Religion

Response Hymn: O Lord the Clouds are Gathering

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](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

### **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

**Speaker:** Mr Danny Chua

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chan Kin Yip

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 3

## 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
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Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
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Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

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

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

## **Fake Religion**

Zechariah 7:1-14

19 March 2023

Mr Danny Chua

**Intro: 2 years after the visions...**

### **Israel's Fake Religion...**

*During* the Exile... (70 years)

*Before* the Exile... (Israel's fathers)

*After* the Exile... (Zech's generation)

### **Fake Religion defined: Diamond-Hard Hearts & Blocked Ears (v. 8-12)**

### **True Religion: Changed Hearts that Love God & Neighbor**

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was the problem with God's people and their fasting (v.4-6)?
2. How does Zechariah describe the problem of fake religion (vv.8-12)? What is the connection between having "diamond-hard hearts" and refusing to listen to God?
3. What is true religion to God? What does Jesus say about this in Mark 12:28-34?
4. How can we fight the danger of fake religion in our congregation/AGs? How can we help each other not harden our hearts when we hear God's voice (Heb 3:12-14)?

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**Explore 2023** - Thank God for the 5 interns who have decided to join the programme: Fiona Sasmita, Grace Tan, John Lim, Phoebe Yap, & Samuel Kang. Pray for a fruitful time journeying together in the next 10 weeks, as they invest in their relationship with Jesus, spend time exploring church ministries, and consider how knowing Jesus affects their future plans.

### Our World

**Endau** – Thank God that though the flooding in Malaysia last week resulted in Endau church having to worship online on 5 March, onsite service resumed without disruption on 12 March. The church was already embarking on renovation work when the flooding occurred, and the contractor had placed some bricks in the church premises as preparation. The Church was then able to raise and save some furniture and equipment by using all those bricks. Please continue to pray for the smooth resumption/completion of the construction works, and that the Church continues to be a beacon of the Gospel in Endau.

**Indonesia** - This afternoon, Sharon and 5 others from Zion will be going to visit our brothers and sisters in Kalimantan for about a week. Pray that this will be a good opportunity for them to reconnect and also encourage each other in Christ. Some training sessions will also take place. May these be helpful for them. Pray that they will also be refreshed together in Christ

and to spur each other to greater love and faith in Christ. May this love also flow out to others in many unreached regions of Indonesia.

**Lebanon** – This country has experienced much turbulence in the past few decades, for example, civil war (1975-1990), political instability and economic crises. In fact, Reuters (1 Feb 2023) informs that the Lebanese pound has suffered a 90% devaluation. Pray for Christians to remain firm in their faith and to continue to shine for Christ among the many Syrian refugees and Lebanese poor in the country. The economic crisis has led to many Lebanese who were not poor to become poor in recent years.

**Nepal** – Thank God for the safe arrival of Sister Christina in Nepal and also safe return of Sharon. Thank God for the opportunities to meet with brothers and sisters from our partner in East Nepal. They had a good time encouraging our friends and the ones labouring in the north-eastern hills amongst a least reached people group. Pray for wisdom, opportunities, and unity amongst the workers in sharing the good news of Christ. Pray for one visit in April (next month) to one such remote area to bring support and some solar lights for those who are needy in these villages. May these acts of love and compassion bring many to Christ, our loving Saviour.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Private Livestream*	16	
English Service 8:30am	151	1,794.00
English Service 10:30am	442	
English Service 4:30pm	225	
Chinese Service 8:30am	87	1,425.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	52	1,923.00
ME Service & Zoom	61	989.00
Hokkien Service	44	222.00
Tamil Service	14	576.00
DHF	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>\$6,929.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$73,390.97
BSF Men & Ladies	\$2,549.17
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,869.14</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1864	\$1,000.00
Electronic Transfer	\$11,169.61
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$12,169.61</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$9,571,628.33</b>

## Church Family News

1. Ps Vernon is on ICT from 7-22 March.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien Service this morning.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

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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, 24 Mar**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Saturday, 25 Mar**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sunday, 26 Mar**

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am  
and 4.30pm**

### **Zechariah Series**

#### **26 Mar – Zion’s Blessing**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am);*

*Joel Khoo (4.30pm)*

#### **16 Apr – Coming of the (Donkey) King**

*Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am);*

*Joel Khoo (4.30pm)*

#### **23 Apr – Restoring Judah and Israel**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am);*

*Ps Dev (4.30pm)*

#### **30 Apr – Terrible Shepherds**

*Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am);*

*Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)*

## Your Response

19 March 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

## **Minister to One Another**

*Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...*

What is the point of AG? That is one of the questions I get regularly asked when I start a new group or do an 'end of year review'. What is the objective of this AG? It's a really good question!

We know from Col 1:28-29, that the duty of the shepherds of the church is to make everyone mature in Christ - by teaching & admonishing everyone in all wisdom. Our job, as spiritual leaders, is to make Jesus known to you, by teaching you the Word of God... and to structure the church so as to ensure this happens with every individual.

However, by the time we reach chapter 3, the apostle Paul states that if the Word of God is being taught effectively, it has a knock-on effect. It should cause **everyone to minister to each other**.

That is to say, members of the group, are filled with the knowledge of Christ in such a way that it motivates **each individual to reach out to the other individuals in the group**: to see how they are doing spiritually, and to teach and apply the gospel to one another, just as their leaders have taught and demonstrated to them.

Over the last 2 decades, I've made some mistakes in leading small groups. Sometimes the group becomes quite 'academic' – in the sense that the studies are interesting, but it doesn't translate to affecting our relationship with Jesus or with one another. Sometimes the small group becomes quite 'social' – we become good friends, but no one is applying the gospel to one another, or challenging one another to grow. These social groups become insular and inevitably stagnate. Or sometimes the leader is really good but doesn't train the members of the group to minister to one another – so they never mature (plus the leader tends to burnout).

These days I try to be clearer from the outset: *the goal of this group, is for the leaders to teach everyone the Word of God, in such a way that everyone in this group starts to minister to one another* (and hopefully reach out to their non-Christian friends and family too).

That has become the primary basis of review each year. If after a couple of years it's still not happening, something has got to change, or the group may even have to disband and be integrated into other existing AGs. Sounds a bit drastic, but not doing anything is always worse in the long run.

We have to remember God's mandate to us: "to present everyone mature in Christ".

## **Announcements**

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

#### **BPCIS Good Friday Service**

One Theme, Different Locations

7 Apr 2023, 10.30am & 4.30pm,  
Zion Bishan

#### **“Not My Will But Yours Be Done”**

Speaker: Pastor Simon Murphy,  
Redemption Hill Church

### **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

MacRitchie Reservoir,  
9 Apr 2023, 6.30am – 7.30am

#### **“3 Things Not to Lose this Easter”**

( John 20:1-18 )

Speaker: Rev Oh Boon Leong

Organised by: *Singapore Council of  
Christian Churches (SCCC) & Bible  
Presbyterian Church in Singapore  
(BPCIS)*

### **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.

### **SERVE IN HOME MISSIONS**

Here locally and within our shores, we  
have been holding out the Gospel of  
Christ through various ways and  
means. Let us as one church family,  
consider how we can partner with one

another and His Spirit to share Jesus'  
love and be a blessing to others and  
those around us.

Find more details and indicate your  
interest at: <https://bit.ly/ZBHMserve>

### **SENIORS360 WEEKDAY**

#### **INTEREST GROUP**

#### **LEARNING UKULELE FROM SCRATCH**

Playing ukulele can improve your brain  
function and mental performance,  
besides sharpening your concentration.  
Join us to learn ukulele from scratch!  
Invite a friend along.

17 Apr, 24 Apr, 8 May, 15 May  
(Mondays)

10am – 11.30am, Room 105-106

Sign up via the link below by **31 Mar**:  
<https://bit.ly/3S0FJdu>

### **NEW BOOK BY PASTOR DAVID**

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answers frequently asked questions on  
the Bible, church life and  
contemporary issues. “**Finding  
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