

Zechariah 14:9 NIV

**The LORD will be king over the whole earth.
On that day there will be one LORD,
His name the only name.**

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

Morning – All To Us; Precious Lord Take My Hand

Afternoon – Every Promise; No Other Name

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 10:1-12 ESV

Message:

Morning – Restoring Judah and Israel

Afternoon – I Will Make Them Strong

Response Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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/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)

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-vd

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 Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
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Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	<i>paul</i>
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Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Home Missions</i>	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
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Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

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Restoring Judah and Israel

Zechariah 10:1-12

Introduction

Ask

Ask Who

Ask What

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How would God being the Lord of the rain shape your life?
3. How will you live now in the light of God's promised restoration?

I Will Make Them Strong

Zechariah 10:1-12

23 April 2023

Ps Dev Menon

The Mighty Warrior

The Neglected Flock

Mighty Warriors – All of them!

Discussion & Reflection:

1. What do you recall from the sermon?
2. How do you understand all the battle language? What does it mean for us today?
3. As you journey through Zechariah, how do you think God feels about His church?
4. How does knowing these promises impact your faith and life?

Prayer Points

Our Church

'Assault on the Body' Book Launch –

A book on guarding against sexual assault in the church was launched yesterday, with several of our leaders and members contributing to it. May God use it to equip the local churches to be shelters of refuge that oppose abuse of any kind. Pray that the Lord will empower Zion Bishan to live out the Gospel in this regard by being a just and safe community for every visitor and member to know Jesus.

Christianity Explored (CE) – The final session of this run of CE will be this Wednesday (26 Apr). We thank God for the 8 seekers who came and for the privilege and opportunity we had to share about who our Lord Jesus is through the Gospel of Mark. Pray for the Spirit to continue to work in each one of their hearts, that the seeds of the Gospel sown will bear fruit in His time. Pray also for our table hosts and church members who will be following up with their friends to see how best they can support them as they continue this journey of seeking Christ.

Our World

India – Pray for the growing ministry of our partner in the Northeast: we thank God for the good attendance at the leadership seminar held on 22 Apr, pray that the Lord will strengthen and enable the pastors and ministry leaders in carrying out the ministry plans for the year. Pray also for the 13 students undergoing a one-month short term intensive bible course. May they be inspired to grow deep in God and to be active in making Him known to others.

In the North, pray for our bible college partner, for good follow up with 20 Bihari seekers and 4 families that they may not lose their interest to know Christ. For the Hindi Belt work, pray for the children who have attended vacation bible schools to grow in their knowledge and love for Christ.

Malaysia – Pray for our partner, Ps and Mrs Lieow, who have for many years, worked hard to establish Orang Asli (OA) churches here. Pray for a good gathering of leaders from the various tribes in May, for the 3rd Synod meeting where many issues facing (OA) churches will be discussed. May there be a unity of mind and heart regarding the decisions made for these church issues. Pray for strength and health also for Ps and Mrs Lieow as they are aging and facing some physical weakness. May the Lord continue to bring freedom and healing from spiritual oppression for all the believers in the OA churches.

Nepal – For our partner in East Nepal, who has a network of church fellowships in the Northeast, pray that those new to the church will grow and mature in Christ.

Another partner that reaches out to children and youths request prayers for their senior boys who are undergoing a 4-day bible training. May what they learn about God inspire them to trust and obey Jesus wholeheartedly.

Pray also that the construction of a school in another area will be able to overcome the delays caused by challenges from the locals.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	30	
English Service 8:30am	129	624.00
English Service 10:30am	487	
English Service 4:30pm	253	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	87	927.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	50	570.00
ME Service & Zoom	60	1,163.00
Hokkien Service	61	556.00
Tamil Service	15	83.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1196	\$3,923.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

BSF Contribution	\$1,456.50
Electronic Transfer	\$70,829.97
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$76,209.47

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$500.00
Electronic Transfer – Easter Service	\$2,513.60
Weekly Total	\$3,013.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,692,084.08

*Correction for last week's bulletin

Total for Good Friday Service	\$19,382.36
Total for Easter Sunday Service	\$100,242.40
Grand Total	\$119,624.76

Church Family News

Our deepest condolences to the family of **Mdm Lee Joo Keoh**, aged 95+, who was called Home to be with the Lord on 20 April 2023. She was the mother of Eileen Tay Lee Ee, mother-in-law of Andrew Tay (both are members of HIM) and grandmother to Cristalle, Christophe and Christalia.

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, 28 Apr

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 29 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 30 Apr

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

Zechariah Series

30 Apr – Terrible Shepherds

(Zechariah 11:1-17)

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am);

Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)

7 May – The Lord will give Salvation

(Zechariah 12:1-14)

Ps Alby (all 3 services)

14 May – The Shepherd struck, the people scattered

(Zechariah 13:1-9)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am);

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

Your Response

23 April 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*

*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

Standing Against Abuse in the Church

Please note that this article mentions issues of abuse.

Just yesterday evening, our friends at Graceworks published and launched a much needed book, *Assault on the Body: Sexual Violence and the Gospel Community*. Along with over 25 writers, the Zion Bishan safeguarding team contributed to this book.

This is a first-of-its-kind collaboration in the local church to address the real issue of sexual abuse in Christian communities and equip churches in this regard. The book is a collection of articles featuring testimonies from survivors, reflections and practical tools from therapists, social workers, lawyers, senior pastors, theologians, ministry leaders, and academics. Here are some of our team's reflections in the book:^[1]

In the past few years, it has become impossible not to be aware of high-profile cases of sexual assault in churches and other religious settings, in Singapore and elsewhere.

*Closer to home, during their pastoral care work, our pastors and leaders encountered several allegations/instances of sexual assault involving people in our church community. It was this personal experience with such cases that brought home the reality that sexual assault happens, not just in churches, but in **our** church.*

As if that was not already challenging enough, we also found that whenever a case occurred, we were often reacting in-the-moment rather than being guided by a set of principles, policies, and protocols that were well thought-through and informed by best practices. ...

Processes, however, can only do so much because there are, unfortunately, myriad scenarios in which sexual assault can occur and ways for offenders to evade safeguards outside structured ministry settings.

*Our approach has been to work towards a **culture** of a safer church by encouraging a safety mindset: having the whole church look out for one another. That involves education and awareness-building among staff and leaders, through training, and for the congregation as well, through updates we publish from time to time.*

We have also sought to empower children by offering training on body safety, which they can attend with their parents. This is aimed at helping children protect themselves against sexual abuse and teaching them how to seek help if they find themselves in an unsafe situation.

As we strive towards God's vision for Zion Bishan to 'present every member mature in Christ', we must also stand against any sin or abuse that can destroy lives and tarnish the name of God.

Please pray along with us - that this book will help the Church in Singapore to recognise the reality of sexual violence, and to respond rightly and minister well in such cases. You can find out more about the book and obtain a copy at <https://graceworks.com.sg/>. Read more about our safeguarding efforts in ZB at <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding/>.

[1] Danny Chua, Deborah Liew Yang, and Ee-Ling Shankar, "Setting up Safeguarding Church Policies", in *Assault on the Body: Sexual Violence and the Gospel Community*, eds. Nicole Ong, Raphael Zhang, Ng Zhi-Wen, Ronald JJ Wong, Jonathan Cho, and Bernice Lee (Singapore: Graceworks Pte Ltd, 2023), 311–322.

Announcements

MISSIONS ADC – REACHING TIBETAN BUDDHIST (TB) PEOPLES

Come hear stories from Sharon, Ps HR and others who have visited and worked in areas to learn how God's love and light is reaching them.

Childcare for children under 7 will be provided.

Sign up is required by 28 Apr at
<https://bit.ly/ZBmissionsADC>

ASIAN CIVILISATION MUSEUM TOUR

Mother's Day Event organised by WOZ

6 May, Sat, 9.30am – 1pm

Meet at City Hall MRT Station Control

Brunch at National Gallery's Courtyard Cafe (\$20/pax)

Register with **Lydia** at **8338 3982**

PARENTS' DAY THANKSGIVING EVANGELISTIC NIGHT

6 May, Sat, 6-8pm, Chapel

**Speaker: Ps Simon Neo from
Breakthrough Mission**

Bring your family and friends to hear the gospel and testimony.

Dinner Buffet at \$5 per pax, free for children.

If you are interested, please contact **Lydia** at **8338 3982**

SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & OUTREACH

Oldies but Goodies: Walking down memory lane with oldies songs and places in Singapore of yesteryears

13 May, Sat, 10.30am

In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 outreach with Dn Tiew Chew Meng. Enjoy jolting your memory to the many interesting places and oldies songs of yesteryears.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **8 May** at

<https://bit.ly/3IXYaE2>

BOOK RELEASE:

'ASSAULT ON THE BODY'

How can churches respond to sexual assault within the community? *Assault on the Body*, to be released on 22 Apr 2023 by Graceworks Publishers, engages the problem of Sexual Violence and the Gospel Community. It features testimonies from survivors, reflections and practical tools from therapists, social workers, lawyers, senior pastors, theologians, ministry leaders, and academics. Contributors include our Safeguarding Team and Ps Zhi-Wen.

Visit **<https://graceworks.com.sg/>** to get a copy.