

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REV 1:3

**BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO READS ALOUD, HEARS
AND KEEPS THE WORDS OF THIS
PROPHECY, FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND**



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs:

AM: Indescribable; The Love of God, Creation Awaits

PM: Holy, Holy, Holy; Salvation Belongs to our God; Revelation 1

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-8 ESV

Message: What Are We Reading?

Response Hymn: Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

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:

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-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: Mr Quek Tze-Ming
(8.30am & 10.30am),
Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Morning Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Morning Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music Afternoon Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
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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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>Missions Education</i>	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:
care@zionbishan.org.sg

What Are We Reading?

Revelation 1:1-8

Who?

God -> Jesus Christ -> Angel -> John (in the Spirit) -> Christian communities

Triune God

What?

Apocalypse (v. 1): revealing heavenly and ultimate realities

Prophecy (v. 3): promising rescue and judgment

Letter (v. 4-5): answering every-day life issues

Why?

The Empire Strikes Back

The Phantom Menace

So?

Things are not as they seem.

Things are going to get worse before they get better.

Behold He is coming ..." (v. 7-8)

*What does it mean for our Triune God to be the one and only Ruler of the universe – in a world where other powers and authorities compete for our loyalty and worship?
What does it mean for us to offer an alternative word and way of life in such a world?*

Questions for Discussion and Reflection

1. What do you personally find difficult about the Book of Revelation (e.g., how to sort out between various teachings on the end-times; what to do with the bizarre imagery; how to apply the book to my everyday life)?
2. How does understanding the book as Apocalypse (revealing ultimate reality); Prophecy (promising rescue and judgment); and Letter (answering everyday-life matters) help?
3. Even at this early stage, what would you propose – in one or two sentences – as the main ideas of Revelation?
(We can review and revise your answer during and at the end of the sermon series.)

What Are We Reading?

Revelation 1:1-8

Introduction

Blessed are those who hear...

The Revelation of Jesus (v1-3)

The Letter to the Churches (v4-5a)

... From the God who reigns

For Behold, He is Coming (v5b-8)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. How do you feel about reading the Book of Revelation? How does understanding what the book is (a revelation of reality & the future, a letter rooted in history) help us in reading the book moving forward?
1. Do you see Revelation as a relevant and important book that you need to hear? How does today's passage help us to see why we should listen to this book?
2. What can we be praying for as we begin our journey into the Book of Revelation?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Missions Month 2023 - Thank God for the messages from various speakers through Missions Month, inspiring us to see God's Mission and His heart in drawing all peoples to Himself. Whether to seek out opportunities to learn about missions, sign up for a short term trip, or pray for a people group, may we respond in action. Pray that we will continue to have spiritual eyes to see the places and people around us who have yet to come under the lordship of Christ. Pray also for Gospel confidence to grow in our hearts by His Spirit such that even when we see and know the cost of missions, we will be willing to avail ourselves and partner in His work.

4.30 Leaders Retreat (7-9 Aug) — Over the next few days, the leaders of the 4.30 congregation (including AG leaders, staff, BOD, elders) will spend time listening to some Bible talks, and reflecting on how the first 7 months as a congregation has gone. Pray for us as we think hard about how we love the congregation and grow them for ministry, guided by what we hear from God's Word.

Living Room - Hong Mi, one of our staff from The Living Room will be delivering sometime in August. Please pray for the Lord's favour and protection over mother and child and that the Lord will prepare her bodily, emotionally and mentally for the delivery via c-section.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BPC – Please pray for Pastor David & Pastor Dev who are beginning a new expository series on the book of Colossians, every Sunday, for the next 3 months. Pray that God's Word will be proclaimed faithfully, and that hearts will be warmed to the gospel.

Our World

India – From the Hindi Belt areas, one partner requests prayer for the provision of places for church buildings as the number of believers have increased. For many 1st generation believers, finding a suitable life partner amongst the limited number of believers in some areas is also a great challenge. Pray that God will provide for suitable partners for believers in this community in North India.

Philippines – Thank God for the safe return of Pastor Theonikko back to the Philippines. He ministers to about 50 to 75 people in a church plant at the Promised Land, the property of the Student Missionary Outreach - Bible Training Institute (SMO-BTI) in Murcia, Philippines. Pray for him as he fulfils his responsibilities as Principal of the BTI and also as he pastors this congregation. They hope to continue reaching out to the isolated villages in these mountain areas and also to other mountain villages where they had given some relief aid.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	15	
English Service 8:30am	201	380.90
English Service 10:30am	522	
English Service 4:30pm	207	
Chinese Service Livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8:30am	98	2,390.80
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	56	1,552.00
ME Service & Zoom	52	1,660.00
Hokkien Service	51	262.00
Tamil Service	19	1,043.00
DHF	18	
TOTAL	1248	\$7,288.70

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Use of Premises	\$240.00
Electronic Transfer	\$68,874.06
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$76,402.76

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1873	\$1,620.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,127.60
Weekly Total	\$5,747.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,814,709.90

Church Family News

Congratulations to Edmund Poh and Michelle Teo who entered into holy matrimony on 5 Aug 2023!

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, 11 August

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 12 August

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 13 August

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

Revelation Series:

**13 Aug – First Things First: What the
churches Most Need to Remember**

(Rev 1.9-20)

Mr Gwilym Davies

20 Aug – Ephesus & Smyrna

(Rev 2.1-11)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Zhiwen (4.30pm)

27 Aug – Pergamum and Thyatira

(Rev 2.12-29)

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

3 Sep – Sardis & Philadelphia

(Rev 3.1-13)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev (4.30pm)

Your Response

6 August 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

Revelation

We are starting our sermon series on the Book of Revelation this Sunday! Why study Revelation? Some asked. Here are some reasons:

Firstly, the Christ we read in the Gospels appeared as an earthly human, a baby, a teacher, the Crucified. We only catch a brief glimpse of His glory post-resurrection and at the Ascension. Revelation reveals to us Christ in His full glory and pre-eminence. More importantly, as John would want us to know he saw Christ and Christ was with him, “When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not...” (Rev 1:17)

John wants us to know beyond a shadow of a doubt, that this glorious Christ is not only there in heaven, but He is also here on earth reassuring John, and us, of His ever-present help in our times of need.

Secondly, the Book of Revelation is like a lens to help us see the world for what it really is. This is especially important for us Singaporean Christians who live, work and worship in relative comfort. It is easy for us to forget that this is a fallen world and one which we want to forsake in the light of the better world to come in Christ’s Kingdom.

Having a heavenly view of earth is also helpful for those who are struggling in life. Revelation is a reminder and an encouragement that God has a higher purpose for us. Even if we are to be defeated in this life, we are more than conquerors in Christ and God will execute His judgement on evil and will restore those who are righteous. And while we will have separation from our loved ones on earth, we are promised that we will have a reunion, eternally, in heaven.

Thirdly, the Book of Revelation gives us a glimpse of the glorious future that is awaiting us. It reminds us of Who is awaiting us, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the fullest of their splendour. It keeps the weary going. It warns the stragglers to keep on the path. It encourages us all to give our best and live to our fullest for this Heavenly Kingdom.

Let us therefore not be fearful in studying the Book of Revelation but to immerse ourselves in the studying of God’s Word with joy. Please feel free to reach out to any preachers should you have any questions or clarifications as we go through the book together.

Announcements

SENIORS360 EVENT

One-stop Functional Screening Session

In collaboration with Silver Generation Office

For all our seniors 60 y.o. and above, find out if our eyes, ears and mouth are in good health.

19 Aug (Sat) Between 9am to 1pm, Chapel

1. FOC for Pioneer Generation
2. \$2 for Merdeka Generation, or holder of CHAS Blue or Orange Card
3. \$5 for holder of CHAS Green Card and other eligible Singaporeans

What can I expect from the programme?

- 1) Get my eyes, ears and mouth checked, and receive results on the spot
- 2) If eligible, you can get fitted for spectacles, hearing aids and dentures at affordable costs. You may also receive a referral for follow-up care, if needed.

Sign up by 8 Aug for your preferred time slot (half hour time slot, between 9am to 12.30pm)

<https://tinyurl.com/vnj227s> or call Wendy (63538081) to sign up.

IMPACT UK 2023

One thing I do: How to keep your eyes on the prize as a student or graduate

University is filled with challenges and temptations but also great opportunities to grow as a Christian. Likewise working life in the rat race of Singapore can be very hard but it is also possible to be a light for the gospel. Impact UK aims to encourage students studying in the UK or graduating from the UK to live for Jesus! Impact UK 2023 will feature one exposition from Philippians, seminars, and time to get to know other students.

12 Aug 2023, 10am-1pm, \$20 (Ticket)

Aperia Annex, 12 Kallang Ave, #04-30
Singapore 339511

More info and registration at:

www.projecttimothy.com/events/impactuk

THE LIVING ROOM - HIRING PART-TIME KITCHEN ASSISTANT (MATERNITY COVER)

One of our staff will be going on maternity leave some time in Aug. As such we are looking for a kitchen assistant to cover her duties. Food hygiene cert required as cooking will be part of job scope.

Able to commit Tues to Sat, 10am - 5pm.
Interested parties can call Christina (81984792) to enquire.

CATECHISM CLASS

For baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of membership

Starting 2 Sep (Sat, 1.30-3pm)

Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg for the form.

Sign up by 13 Aug.

Contact Ps Dev at dev@zionbishan.org.sg for more information.

Child Care available upon request

REVELATION NOTE-TAKING BOOKLETS

As we begin a new sermon series, we want to encourage every member to hear and remember God's word well. Booklets containing the Revelation text with note-taking space are available at the registration table. There are two sizes: **A4** with larger font size (**\$3**); **A5** with smaller font size (**\$1.50**). Please make payment via PayNow to the QR code at the table.

LOOKING FOR CE TABLE HOSTS!

Starting 16 Aug, 7:30pm, over 3 Wednesdays

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in Aug! Consider joining us to journey with people who are exploring and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. If you're not confident of being able to share the gospel - don't worry, that's what training is for! All sessions will be in-person.

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