

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: Only a Holy God; Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call; Still

PM: Jerusalem; Crown Him with Many Crowns; Look to the King

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-11 ESV

Message: Ephesus and Smyrna

Response Hymn: When Trials Come

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),
Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

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, <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>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
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>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

Ephesus and Smyrna

Revelation 2.1-11

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

Ps Ng Zhiwen (4.30pm)

Christ’s Messages to the Seven Churches ...

	Ephesus	Smyrna	Etc.
Jesus identifies himself from 1.9-20			
Praise: “I know your works ...”			
Warning: “But I have this against you ...”			
How to Remedy			
Consequences for not remedying			
Promise: To those who overcome ..			
“He who has an ear, ...”			

To Ephesus: “Where is the Love ...”

To Smyrna: “Under Pressure ...”

Conclusion: To be Fully in Love

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. As you read Revelation 2:1–7 and 8-11, fill in the table above, noting especially the words of praise, warning, and promise.
2. What have you learned about Christ from His message to Ephesus and to Smyrna?
3. What have you learned about what it means to follow Jesus – individually and as the people of God?
4. What does it mean to conquer and what are the promises that Christ makes to those who do? What do these mean to you?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Catechism Class - We thank God for the dozens of visitors that have come just this year alone, and how God is moving many to make Zion Bishan their spiritual home. Due to the overwhelming number of signups we apologise that we strictly cannot take any more new participants for this round. Pray for almost 50 catechumens as they take this 3-month journey together. Pray also for the table hosts to minister faithfully in Jesus' name.

The Living Room – We thank God for the growth of the LR ministry - with its befriending work in Sin Ming, increased catering support for our other ministries and for ZBK, and foot-fall at the cafe. Pray for the staff as they look to hire. One of our staff, Hong Mi, is expecting her first child on 29th. Pray for God's grace and protection over both mother and child, and a successful C-Section. Remember also Christina as she rests and recovers after sustaining an injury.

Church Warden - Pray for a smooth return home for our warden's wife, Thin Thin. She returns to Yangon for good on 21 Aug 2023, Monday. Khaing, our church warden will join her after Feb 2024. May God give her a safe and smooth transition back to life in Yangon. Pray also for the wisdom to discern what the next steps should be.

Our World

Pakistan - BBC reported acts of violence against Christians and their homes, churches and other related properties on Thurs, 17 Aug over claims against two local Christian residents under the blasphemy law, which carries the death sentence. The Christian community in Pakistan is in deep pain and distressed. Pray that Pakistani Christians will be safe and experience the peace of God amidst such grave challenges.

Malaysia - As the country celebrates its 66th National Day on 31 Aug, pray for the well-being of the country and God's blessings on its people. May the love of Christ unite Malaysian churches so that it can be salt and light to the many unreached communities within Malaysia. Pray for perseverance and joy in the Lord for the 2 Christian workers ministering among the Orang Asli community in the Endau-Rompin area. Pray also for Ps Ebi and others who have been visiting and encouraging the small Tamil fellowship in Ipoh.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	164	2,608.00
English Service 10:30am	588	
English Service 4:30pm	244	
Chinese Service Livestream*	3	
Chinese Service 8:30am	102	1,112.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	1	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	54	1,008.00
ME Service	59	1,375.00
Hokkien Service	61	404.00
Tamil Service	14	1,326.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1330	\$7,833.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Use of Premises	\$2,200.00
Precept Contribution	\$100.00
Electronic Transfer	\$64,876.39
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$75,009.39

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$5,049.60
Weekly Total	\$5,049.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,832,411.66

Church Family News

1. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Bethesda Katong Church this morning.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at the Hokkien service this morning.

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, 25 August

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 26 August

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 27 August

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

Revelation Series:

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)

10 Sep – Laodicea

(Rev 3.14-22)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

17 Sep – God is (still) on the Throne

(Rev 4.1-11)

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev (4.30pm)

Your Response

20 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

Why Revitalise?

In the corporate world, when a business is not doing well, we often let it fold or intentionally close it down. However I'm not sure the same logic applies when it comes to churches. Let me share with you some reasons.

The Pastoral Reason: Throughout the New Testament, I see the repeated refrain to 'strengthen the churches' or 'strengthen the disciples'. Churches are about people, and when a group of believers is not doing well – for whatever reason - the command is to go in and encourage them. When churches or even cell groups are shut down, the believers are often disillusioned and sometimes their faith or at least their zeal never recovers, it can be quite traumatic. Instead, I believe God commands us to come alongside and build up what is now broken, because Jesus dearly loves all His sheep.

The Judgment Reason: In the book of Revelation, we can see that even for a compromised church like Sardis, the command is: *...strengthen what remains and is about to die* (Rev 3:2). When Jesus threatens to shut down a church, it is not because of a lack of effectiveness, but rather because it either has become morally bankrupt or it has become so utterly complacent. Even then it is only after many warnings and much patience (much like the people of Israel). When a church shuts down it is not a strategic business move, but rather one of divine judgment. It is very serious.

The Missional Reason: Most churches have been planted in a response to the great commission, with in the hope of establishing a place of witness for God's name in new community or amongst a new demographic. When these churches falter, so do their ministries and their good works – and this can have a negative impact. What is needed is a new generation of missional believers to go in, armed with the gospel, to re-start or re-vamp those ministries so that the light of Christ can continue to shine in that area or to that community. Yet who is willing to #getsent?

If you or your AG would like to know more about or assist with our Church Revitalization initiatives, please contact Ps Dev at dev@zionbishan.org.sg

Announcements

SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & OUTREACH

Make your own snow skin mooncakes

**9 Sep (Sat) 10.30am,
In-person at Fellowship Hall**

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Mdm Elsie Neo and her friends from AG15 for a hands-on session on snowskin mooncake making. Bring some home to share with your family and friends. Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by 3 Sep via link:
<https://tinyurl.com/26832urw>

LOOKING INTO FULL-TIME (LIFT)

The Gospel harvest remains plentiful and the work of building up the saints is massive. The kingdom is always in need of more workers to the harvest. Have you wondered about full-time paid Gospel ministry? How does the Zion Bishan EXCEL Apprenticeship work?

*Join us for our **LIFT session on 26 Aug (Sat) 12.30pm** to hear both from the Bible and from some of our ministry staff.*

Registration is required:
<https://tinyurl.com/ZionBishanLIFT>

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.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

7 Wednesdays, beginning **13 Sep 2023**,
Dinner begins at 7:20pm

Join us for this informal course that aims to help people understand who Jesus is through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive!

Register at <https://bit.ly/CEzionbishan>
or contact Joel (joel@zionbishan.org.sg)
for any enquiries.

CHILDREN'S DAY-CAMP 2023

21-24 Nov (Tues – Fri) 9am to 12pm
For children 4 to 11 yo. Camp fee: \$20

Come join us and discover how God keeps his promises, saves his people and is powerful through the books of Exodus and John!

For those interested please sign up using the link:

<https://bit.ly/childrensdaycamp23>

Contact **June Tan 8388 1883** (8.30/10.30)
or **Dns Cassandra 9336 6920** (4.30) for all enquiries.