

# 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: O Worship the King; Come Ye Sinners; O Lord, My Rock & My Redeemer

PM: Heart of Worship, Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:14-22 ESV

Message: Laodicea & Wrap-up of the Churches

Response Hymn: Undivided

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

**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

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),  
Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Charles Chia

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 2

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 2

## 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, Missions Education	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)

**Laodicea & Wrap-up of the Churches**

Revelation 3:14-22

**The Situation:** Holy War | The Revelation of Christ | The 7 Churches

**Christ to the Church in Laodicea**

“I know your works” | “I will spit you out of my mouth”

**Christ’s Counsel:**

“Buy from Me” | “Behold, here I stand at the door and knock”

**Christ’s Treasures**

“To the one who conquers” (2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:26-28, 3:5, 3:12, 3:21)

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. Think about what Jesus said to the Church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14-22). Which of His words seemed like they were addressed directly to you? Why?
2. “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.” (3:19) What is there that you need to be zealous about, and to repent of?
3. Re-read Christ’s message to all the 7 churches (Revelation 2 and 3), with special attention to His promises to those who conquer. Which of these promises are a special encouragement to you to be a faithful witness for Him?

**Laodicea & Wrap-up of the Churches**

Revelation 3:14-22

**Introduction – A Bad Report**

**X Jesus' Rebuke: I know your works! You are...**

**Lukewarm (vv15-16)**

**Rich (but poor) (v17)**

**Jesus' Promises: True Riches**

**⚠ Repent! Come buy from me gold... (v18-20)**

**🔑 To those who conquer.... (v21)**

**📄 Jesus' Identity: Guaranteeing his promises (v14)**

*What about us today?*

## Wrapping up the Letters

### **Why do we need these letters?**

#### **Hearing how we should respond**

#### **Seeing Jesus & His Promises**

#### **Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. How might we be like the Laodicean church, lukewarm in our works, saying “I need nothing”?
2. How does the picture of Jesus standing at the door calling us to come and buy from him encourage us to turn and repent?
3. As we finish this section on the 7 churches, take time to reflect and consider how has it challenged you. Has the situation of the churches reflected something about your heart? How has it encouraged you? What have you learnt about Jesus and his promises that encourages you?

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

**The WOZ Retreat "Gracestorage"** will be held from 15 to 17 Sep in Johor Bahru. We thank God for our speaker Mrs Persis Lim and the 42 ladies attending. Pray for strength and wisdom for Persis, the organising committee and the helpers as they plan and prepare. We ask for God's protection and safety during our travel and stay there. Pray for all to receive spiritual encouragement and rest. Pray too for ladies to be discipled and be equipped to disciple others with the transforming message of God's grace.

**Foreign Workers Outreach** – Pray for our church's efforts at Terusan Recreation Centre every fortnight on Sunday afternoons. Pray for every encounter (tea conversations, badminton and English lessons) to be a meaningful one, where relationships are forged and the love of Christ shared. There is a need for more people to play badminton and help with the English lessons with these workers. Pray that God will provide more volunteers for this ministry, to pray for the work and also to participate in the fortnightly sessions on Sunday afternoons.

## Our World

**Indonesia** – Pray for brother S who works in a small remote area where there are many unreached people groups. This area has few economic opportunities as well, hence young people will move to the big cities for education and a better life. Pray for brother S who had opportunities for a better life elsewhere but chose to stay in this impoverished and remote area where there are no churches to run a small business and to reach out to people here. Many have come to know God through his faithful efforts. Pray for strength from the Lord for workers like brother S to stay faithful in such areas.

**India** – One partner in the Hindi Belt areas shared that they are getting opportunities to start at 2 new fields in the northeast. May God provide the resources and people to establish this. Pray also for the new believers being baptised this week, that they will be able to grow deep in the Lord through knowing and obeying His word. Another partner shared that their school is observing "Teachers Day" this week. Pray for all involved to glorify God in their celebrations. The same partner also teaches life skills (like sewing and computer literacy programmes) to believers.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	165	1,331.00
English Service 10:30am	493	
English Service 4:30pm	240	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	104	2,962.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	56	710.00
ME Service	66	1,042.00
Hokkien Service	60	2,489.00
Tamil Service	15	1,598.75
DHF	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1247</b>	<b>\$10,132.75</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Use of Premises	\$340.00
Electronic Transfer	\$65,665.18
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$76,137.93</b>

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

### LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Gift No. 1875-6	\$450.00
Electronic Transfer	\$7,555.10
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$8,005.10</b>

**TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE**                      **\$9,851,133.27**

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Wilbur & Zhi Hui, on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Hope Koh, on 7 Sep 2023!
2. Congratulations to Teo Hui Qing and Lan Yingjie, who entered holy matrimony on 9 Sep 2023!
3. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
4. The church office *will be closed* next Tuesday (12 Sep) as the combined staff team will be away for a staff retreat. Please pray for safety and a refreshing time for all.

## 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, 15 Sep**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Saturday, 16 Sep**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sunday, 17 Sep**

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

### **Revelation Series:**

#### **17 Sep – God is (still) on the Throne**

**( Rev 4.1-11 )**

*Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Dev (4.30pm)*

#### **24 Sep – Who is Worthy**

**( Rev 5.1-14 )**

*Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Vernon (4.30pm)*

#### **1 Oct – The Seven Seals**

**( Rev 6.1-17 )**

*Ps Vernon (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Alby (4.30pm)*

#### **8 Oct – Interlude 1: God's People**

**( Rev 7.1-17 )**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Mr Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)*

## Your Response

10 September 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



## **THE DECADE OF MISSIONS (2023 – 2033)**

I am writing this from a hall, at a Missions Conference that is happening now. Hundreds of Jesus followers from across the churches in Singapore have gathered to catch God's heartbeat for the Church and for the world.

Just the night before, the people gathered in this hall saw a cloud of witnesses: The stage was filled with Singaporeans who had served as missionaries... 2 of whom went in 1964! Some of them served in the missions field for decades. Some who have returned are preparing to go back into the field! These brothers and sisters were not celebrated for the work they had achieved. They stood on stage as a testimony of obedience to God's call.

It was a celebration of God's work.

But there remains a task for our generation.

The people who came for conference did not come to witness a spectacle as curious bystanders. They will be contending with God's serious call on them to likewise follow Him, to go where people have not yet heard about Jesus. Tonight, there will be an Altar Call.

I can't help thinking of what Jesus had been saying to the 7 Churches in the Revelation (in chapters 2 and 3). We have been fighting an enemy who seduces ('the phantom menace') and oppresses ('the empire strikes back') so that the Church of Christ fails in her witness for the LORD.

Some of them grappled with compromising with the idols and immoralities of their culture. Some struggled under the lies and slanders of others who would see them shut out and thrown into prison. Some were in danger of losing their first love for Jesus and turning 'lukewarm'.

I keep wondering – which of these churches reflect Zion Bishan today? Is our lamp burning bright?

But Jesus walks among us, to tend to us and keep us burning. If I may extend the analogy with a missions lens: us keeping our lamps bright is so that we share the light, so that more and more lamps will be lit across Asia.

I believe that Zion Bishan has a role to play to help fulfil this vision. We are committed to #GetSent. I pray that our lamp will burn bright.

At the missions conference, the "Decade of Missions" was launched. I am praying that over the next 10 years, we will see our members - individuals and groups (missional communities!) - participating whole-heartedly in the global mission of God.

Why should we be so committed to this?

The short answer from the Revelation is this: Because Jesus is WORTHY.

# Announcements

## ZION BISHAN'S 29TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

**SAVE** the date for our 29th Anniversary service happening on **Sat, 28 Oct 2023**.

The service will start at **4pm**, and **end with dinner in the Fellowship Hall**. Registration for dinner **opens next week**.

## MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

*"As men, we were not made to walk alone. Come discover the journey of walking together with other Christian men in living out what God intended for brotherhood. We will be amazed by what we can do together for His glory!"*

Please register and join us in this Men's Ministry event:

Topic: **A Missional Brotherhood**

Speaker: **Dr. Tan Soo-Inn, Director, Graceworks**. (Pre-recorded)

Date: **Sat, 23 Sep 2023**

Time: **8am - 9.30am**

(Breakfast starts at 7.30am)

Venue: **Zion Bishan Chapel L4**



<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2023Sep>

## A SENIORS360 EVENT & OUTREACH

**Kluang One Day Farm & Shopping Tour**

**12 Oct 2023 (Thurs)**

*depart at 7.15am from Zion Bishan*

1. Visit to coffee factory (complimentary coffee pack) & traditional confectionery shop.
2. Organic farm tour (including organic potted herbs workshop and harvesting fruits / vegetables of the day + organic souvenir)
3. Lunch & dinner
4. Shopping

Cost: **\$90 per pax**

Register by **30 Sep**:

<https://tinyurl.com/yn55khfi>

## PARKING IN CHURCH ON SATURDAYS

Kindly note that the church car park will be closed on **Saturdays from 6pm onwards**. This is to facilitate the setting up of the safe driving lanes for Sundays. We seek your kind cooperation to refrain from parking in the church or remove your car during these restricted hours.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF

**Job description:** In consultation with the Pastor in-charge, you are required to provide direction and leadership to the teachers and helpers serving in the children's ministry. You will oversee all the activities of the Children's Discipleship program involving curriculum development; resource materials management; recruitment and training of lay teachers; communicating with parents to nurture the faith of their children.

In addition, you are required to assist in running ad hoc programs like Children's camp and outreaches.

**Qualifications:** You should be a spiritually mature Christian with an outgoing personality and be willing to work with children as well as their parents. You should possess a diploma/degree from a tertiary institution or theological college and have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Those who lack relevant ministry experience can be trained via the **EXCEL apprenticeship program**.

If you are interested, please submit your resume to [adam@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:adam@zionbishan.org.sg)