

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: Holy, Holy, Holy; Jerusalem, Turn Your Eyes

PM: Shout to the Lord; We have a Lamb; Christ our Hope in Life and Death

Scripture Reading: Revelation 6:1-17 ESV

Message: The Six Seals

Response Hymn: Behold Our God

Holy Communion: How Beautiful

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

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, register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) *in-person at Room 103 (and upon request via Zoom)*

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) *in-person in The Living Room and via Zoom*

2.00pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) *upon request via Zoom*

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: 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

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Vernon Quek
(8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Alby Yip (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan
Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia
Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee
Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan
Vocalist & Musicians: 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 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/Mand)</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

The Six Seals

Revelation 6:1-17

Ps Vernon Quek
(8.30am, 10.30am)

Intro: Back to the Heavenly Throne Room... (4:1-5:14)

Seals #1 – 4: The Four Horsemen (6:1-8)

Seal #5: Slain Servants (6:9-11)

Seal #6: The Great Day of Wrath (6:12-17)

Conclusion: Two Ways to Live

White Robes or Great Wrath?

**The 'Two Ways to Live' Gospel Presentation: <https://twowaystolive.com>*

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What impact did the One who sits on the throne and the Lamb have on your life this past week? How can this great scene of worship and the glory being given to the Lamb be better reflected in your own life?
2. There are only two ways to live in Revelation 6. Which way are you personally headed towards? Think of some specific reasons why you believe so. Share this with someone for prayer, especially the areas of your life that don't look like the Slain Lamb's.
3. What are some ways that we as a church family can grow together in the Way of the Lamb? Think of some specific ways we can encourage each other to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

The Six Seals

Revelation 6:1-17

Ps Alby Yip

(4.30pm)

Introduction

The Seals

- Chaos on earth
- Consent from heaven

The Sealed

- Sealed for glorification
- Sealed for condemnation

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How would God being in control change your life and outlook?
3. What would martyrdom look like in safe and comfortable Singapore?

Prayer Points

Our People

Pastor Kew has relinquished his duties as Pastor of Zion Bishan on 30 Sep after 23 years. He has been in ministry the last 44 years. He will spend some time to rest and reequip and will thence embark on itinerant ministry. He and his wife remain members of our church. Do keep Pastor Kew in prayer for a time of refreshing that he may continue to serve where God leads in the next season of his life, faith and ministry.

Doris Tan who attends 10.30am service has been hospitalised for more than a week for viral infection in her brain and has not been very responsive. She is still undergoing anti-viral treatment. Please pray that she will respond well to the medication and for speedy recovery.

Our World

Nepal Team – We thank God for the 3 teams led by Joey Tay who are visiting consecutively between 22 Sep and 18 Oct to encourage the children and youths in our partner's West Nepal centres to dig deeper into knowing and understanding God. Thank God for sustaining the

team through the long days this past week and for the completion of the Youth Camp in which many of the senior boys and girls opened up during discussion. Pray for Joey and Yvonne (YFC) for good health and safe travels as they move on to a new locality this week to minister to Senior Girls that they would have a spiritually fruitful time together.

India – Oct and Nov is the season for many of our partners here to hold their annual programme. One partner in the Hindi Belt region is having a workers meeting in Nov. Another one is having a children camp in Oct and youth camp in Nov. Pray that these programmes will encourage and strengthen the faith of every participant.

Morocco and Libya Relief – Since the 8 Sep Morocco earthquake and the 10 Apr storm Daniel that devastated vast areas in Morocco and Libya, relief efforts are ongoing by both local and international agencies. Pray that the relief efforts will be well coordinated and implemented to prevent further loss of life due to disease from contaminated water and lack of essential supplies.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	20	
English Service 8:30am	150	6,414.00
English Service 10:30am	476	
English Service 4:30pm	241	
Chinese Service Livestream*	10	
Chinese Service 8:30am	85	1,172.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	53	926.00
ME Service	80	1,235.00
Hokkien Service	60	636.00
Tamil Service	17	305.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1211	\$10,688.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$55,157.41
Weekly Total	\$65,845.41

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,327.60
Weekly Total	\$4,327.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$9,900,525.07**

Church Family News

1. Quek Tze-Ming spoke at the Ethos Annual Conference: "Theology of Mission in the Post-Pandemic Era," jointly organised by the Ethos Institute for Public Christianity and GoForth 2023, on Sat, 23 Sep.
2. Pastor Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
3. Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at Hebron BPC this morning.
4. Pastor Kew's official last day at Zion Bishan is 30 Sep 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, 6 October

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 7 October

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 8 October

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

Revelation Series:

8 Oct – Interlude 1: God's People

(Rev 7:1-17)

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)

15 Oct – The Seven Trumpets Part 1

(Rev 8:1- 9:20)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

22 Oct – The Seven Trumpets Part 2

(Rev 9:1- 9:22)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

5 Nov – Interlude 2a: Eat this Scroll

(Rev 10:1-11)

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

Your Response

1 October 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

How are we reading Revelation?

As we work our way through our sermon series, let's note four basic ways people today read Revelation:

- **Preterists** read Revelation as written to first-century churches about first-century issues.
- **Idealists** read Revelation as timeless images and truths about God, the Church, the state, and God's plan for this world.
- **Historicists** read Revelation as a sketch of the history of the Church from the first century until the end.
- **Futurists** think Revelation is totally, or nearly entirely, about the future.

And, of course, readers can adopt any number of combinations of these four, depending on where they are in the book. What dominates in popular Christian imagination is the Futurist reading (think of the "Left Behind" series from a few years ago).

To evaluate between these readings, we can ask: ***What does this way of reading do to us?***

Does this way of reading lead to **pride or speculation**? Does it see everything as encoded predictions of future events that only insiders can decode, claiming to know things that no humans can possibly know?

Does it lead to **fatalism**, resigned that wars and calamities are beyond human influence?

Does it lead to **escapism**, encouraging fear of suffering or death?

Does it lead to **withdrawal**, so that the goal of life is to escape this earth, rather than praying and joining in God's work for God's will to be done "on earth as it is in heaven"?

Does it lead to **vindictiveness**, so that we rejoice in the gruesome suffering of others, or think that the ultimate solution to all problems is violence?

What kind of Christian does our reading of Revelation make us?

The preaching team is convicted that Revelation speaks to the opportunities and struggles of first century Christians; and contains lessons relevant to all Christians in similar situations in other times. At points it speaks to our future, since it speaks of Christ's return which self-evidently has not yet occurred. At all times we try to be faithful to the genre of the book as letter-prophecy-apocalypse, praying that this way of reading makes us a people who conquer "by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death." (Rev 12:12)

Announcements

ZION BISHAN 29th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & DINNER

Join us in celebrating our 29th Anniversary service happening on **Sat, 28 Oct**. The service will **start at 4pm**, and end with dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration for dinner **opens this week** at \$5/seat or \$50/table of ten. *You are encouraged to sign up by tables.*

Register at bit.ly/ZB29

MEN'S RETREAT 2023

12-14 Nov 2023

We are responsible to spread, cultivate and multiply the spiritual seed given by God. But being men, we are not made to walk alone to discover our role, purpose and identity. Come journey with other Christian men to live out what God has intended for brotherhood.

Please register via link below to join ZBBP men's ministry's annual signature program.

Seed Bearer.... to Spread, Cultivate and Multiply

Speaker: Ps Dev Menon, Zion Bishan BPC

Pulai Springs Resort, Johor



<https://tinyurl.com/2023zbpemensretreat>

ZION BISHAN YOUTH CAMP

11–15 Dec 2023

Calling all youths! This year's 5D4N Youth Camp is now open for registration!

View details and **REGISTER** at bit.ly/ZBYC23 — come find out why we're Not Yet Home

If you have friends between 12 and 21 years old, do encourage them to join us! Sponsorship for camp is also appreciated, contact **Jacqueline** (93227629) for more info.

REFORMATION LECTURES 2023

Reformation Lectures 2023 (organised by SCCC and BPCIS) is happening this month! Come learn about the foundations, history and the application of the reformations of our faith.

It will be happening on **26-28 Oct 2023**, evening time (7pm on 26, 27 Oct & 6pm on 28 Oct) at Zion Serangoon B-P Church.

Free dinner will be provided for all participants, find out more and sign up at reformationsg.org