

# 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 Lord The Clouds Are Gathering; Blessed Assurance;  
Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

PM: On Our Side; Stand Up for Jesus

Scripture Reading: Revelation 8:13-9:21 ESV

Message: The Seven Trumpets (Part 2)

Response Hymn: Day of Judgment! Day of Wonder!

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, register at* [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://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](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),  
Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

### 8.30am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### 10.30am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### 4.30pm

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebenezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
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:**

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**The Seven Trumpets (Part 2)**

Revelation 8:13-9:21

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

**Introduction**

**The 5th Trumpet | The first Woe**

**The 6th Trumpet | The second Woe**

**Conclusion**

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. Recall – what are the 7 trumpets? What is God’s purpose for these trumpets for God’s people and for wicked humanity?
2. Describe the woes that follow the 5th and the 6th trumpet – What do they evoke?
3. Reflect on the closing verses (9:20-21). What does it say about wicked humanity? What do you think it will take for people to repent?

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

**Nepal Teams** – Thank God that Janet, Joey, Rachel and Priscilla have returned safely from Nepal. Thank God for a good time with the children and youth in various centres. Pray that the youths will continue to draw strength and hope for the many challenges that they personally face from what they learnt about their identity in Christ. This was the theme of the sessions that Joey, Rachel and Priscilla had with them. Janet spent a few days helping to do basic health screening tests for the children, youth and staff in two centres. Weng was also able to complete 6 sessions of comprehensive training in special needs education for several staff from our partner. Praise God for 2 things, that more staff were able to be trained and secondly that there was some implementation of the training methods from last year's training which has led to improvement in many ways for the special needs children. Pray that this training will be implemented and will bear much fruit in God's time.

**Indonesia** – Last Thurs (19 Oct), Christy left with a team (not from our church) for Indonesia. Thank God for this opportunity for her and team to serve an unreached people group that God has placed on their hearts. They hope to serve them through a mental wellness programme "Despair to Hope". Pray that good connections will be made and that the team will be able to have smooth travel throughout. Pray also for much grace, truth, wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in all their conversations.

### English as Second Language (ESL) Ministry

Thank God for 7 years of His goodness and blessings upon this ministry of leading both local and international women to Christ by providing conversational English lessons. At their annual graduation ceremony on Mon (16 Oct), they celebrated their 7th year anniversary with performances and an appreciation lunch to thank all the volunteers for their love and

dedication for the students. May God use these friendships and relationships to draw these ladies closer to Christ.

## Our Denomination

**Emmanuel BPC** – We thank God for the faithful ministry of our sister church and continue to pray for Ps David Leong as their pastor. We pray that God will call more people to join them and serve there. Pray especially for the need for musicians, particularly pianists or organists, to enable the smooth running of their worship services. If any AG would like to know more, please do contact Ps Dev or Ps David.

## Our World

**India** – For our partner in East India, pray that the Marriage and Family seminar that they had last week (16-18 Oct) would bear fruit in knowledge and motivation to have godly families and marriages for themselves as well as to pass on that to their congregations. Thank God for the relief efforts by our partner in North East India to the affected flood victims in N. Sikkim last Tues (17 Oct). Pray for continued recovery and healing from the trauma of these events for all affected.

**West Asia** – We thank God for sister KY's mental health work among the displaced people who have suffered much trauma in their lives. Pray for her to continue to grow in her proficiency in the local language that she would be able to communicate His Word more readily with both young and old. Pray for open doors and for seeds that have been sown to bear much fruit in His time. Pray for Emily who will be with her and the team from 24 Oct that the visit will be an encouragement and blessing to them.

# Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	17	
English Service 8:30am	161	\$1,139.00
English Service 10:30am	550	
English Service 4:30pm	236	
Chinese Service Livestream*	9	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	\$1,007.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	60	\$411.00
ME Service	59	\$858.00
Hokkien Service	64	\$524.60
Tamil Service	16	\$302.00
DHF	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>\$4,241.60</b>

*\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

BSF (Men)	\$1,257.50
BSF (Women)	\$869.74
Electronic Transfer	\$50,126.75
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$56,495.59</b>

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

## LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$4,106.60
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$4,106.60</b>

**TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE**                      **\$10,011,161.93**

# Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Matthaeus Lim & Charmaine Chan on their holy matrimony, on 21 Oct 2023!
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Herald BP Church 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, 27 Oct**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Saturday, 28 Oct**

**4.00pm:** 29<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary

### **Sunday, 29 Oct**

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

### **Revelation Series:**

#### **5 Nov – Interlude 2a: Eat this Scroll**

**( Rev 10:1-11 )**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)*

#### **12 Nov – Interlude 2b: The Two Witnesses**

**( Rev 11:1-13 )**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)*

#### **19 Nov – The Story So Far ( Review )**

*Mr Quek Tze-Ming*

*(8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)*

## Your Response

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 at [zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://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.**

## 2023/2024 Mid-Year Financial Review

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God for His faithfulness in providing our needs at Zion Bishan, month after month, year after year!

For the first 6 months of this financial year 23/24, our **total collection of \$1,982,218**, comprising \$1,890,668 (offering) and \$91,550 (other income), **exceeded our expenditure of \$1,666,292 by \$315,926** (see Income & Expenditure table).

We have budgeted for an expenditure of \$3,900,051 in FY23/24.

The total expenditure was 3.7% higher than the corresponding 6 months in FY22/23. Thus far, we have spent 43% of the budget approved at the Feb 2023 ECM.

Other than the Admin-Ministry (70% spent-to-date with the church camp expenses), we have incurred a higher expenses in Building Maintenance (59% spent to-date).

It has been more than 8 years since we re-developed the church building. We are expected to spend more in Building Maintenance going forward, such as the repair of leaks, replacement of the air-con and other equipment.

We continue to seek the Lord's provision in all that we need.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1,522.

Our Church office currently has 26 pastoral, ministry and admin staff and 1 apprentice. The Living Room has 3 full-time and 5 part-time staff. Let us continue to remember these laborers in prayer, and serve in partnership with them.

We thank the Lord for your continuing giving to the **Land Lease Renewal Fund**, even as we engage the authorities on the lease renewal. Over the last 6 months, the Lord has enabled us to earn good returns on the fund investing in short term government bonds. The total LLRF in giving, bank interest and investment returns received is **\$9,876,383** as at 31 Aug 2023. We will continue to receive giving towards the LLRF to meet the needs of the eventual lease renewal. Let us continue to pray for God's grace in the lease renewal matter.

Please email any questions or comments that you may have to: [judyso@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:judyso@zionbishan.org.sg)

Report By: The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Mar – Aug 2023
<b>INCOME</b>				
Offering	\$3,035,625	\$3,305,488	\$3,622,185	\$1,890,668
Govt Grants	\$316,014	\$110,393	\$38,879	\$0
Other Income	\$48,817	\$86,702	\$122,837	\$91,550
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,400,456</b>	<b>\$3,502,583</b>	<b>\$3,783,901</b>	<b>\$1,982,218</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP</b>	<b>\$2,388,172</b>	<b>\$2,729,520</b>	<b>\$3,112,239</b>	<b>\$1,649,965</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXP</b>	<b>\$39,146</b>	<b>\$16,318</b>	<b>\$276,821</b>	<b>\$16,327</b>
<b>TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX</b>	<b>\$2,427,318</b>	<b>\$2,745,837</b>	<b>\$3,389,060</b>	<b>\$1,666,292</b>
<b>CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$973,138</b>	<b>\$756,746</b>	<b>\$394,841</b>	<b>\$315,926</b>

	2023/24 (Budget) (A)	2023/24 (Prorated 6mths Budget)	Mar – Aug 23 (Actual) (B)	Run Rate (B/A)
Personnel Related	\$2,022,523	\$1,011,262	\$895,617	44%
Admin-Office	\$194,300	\$97,150	\$73,452	38%
Admin-Ministry	\$61,830	\$30,915	\$43,076	70%
Bldg Maintenance	\$225,050	\$112,525	\$132,885	59%
Worship	\$153,060	\$76,530	\$41,400	27%
Ministry Work	\$103,180	\$51,590	\$39,035	38%
Theological Edu	\$81,000	\$40,500	\$6,255	8%
Welfare	\$9,500	\$4,750	\$3,600	38%
Home Mission	\$271,614	\$135,807	\$64,820	24%
Foreign Mission	\$517,674	\$258,837	\$239,665	46%
Rent SLA	\$220,320	\$110,160	\$110,160	50%
<b>Total Operating Exp</b>	<b>\$3,860,051</b>	<b>\$1,930,026</b>	<b>\$1,649,965</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Add Capital Exp</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$16,327</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Net Cash Outflow</b>	<b>\$3,900,051</b>	<b>\$1,950,026</b>	<b>\$1,666,292</b>	<b>43%</b>

## Family Mission Trips – A Discipleship Opportunity



Last week, three families from the 430 Congregation – the Foo, Quek and Shi families – brought our eight children to visit the Christian Home of Love in Fang District, three hours north of Chiang Mai.

The goal of this mission trip was different to most: it was to disciple our children (age 2 to 9 years old) by exposing them to what following Jesus looks like in other cultures and contexts. The fathers took turns to lead the group in devotions each morning: memorising Psalm 121 and opening up God's Word. We engaged the children about what they saw and heard: the similarities and differences between what happened as the believers in Northern Thailand gathered compared to what we as a church family do each time we gather here in Singapore.

This wasn't the first Zion Bishan mission trip where parents have brought children along with them. Although there were challenges to organizing such a trip, our desire is that it becomes the norm for families at Zion Bishan to bring even young children on mission trips, to grow their hearts as early as possible for all people groups across the world to know Jesus.

If you are a parent, would you consider using such trips as an opportunity to disciple your children? Speak to myself or any of the families that went if you'd like to find out more – we'd love to tell you more in person about the challenges and joys of the trip. There are also some parents planning to bring their children on trips at the end of this year – Sharon or your congregation pastor will be able to give you more details if you're interested in joining these or any future trips.

For the rest of us, let's encourage and support families to take this opportunity, especially those who might be intimidated at stepping out of our comfort zones this way.

Let us pray that the culture of including our children in our desire to #GetSent grows in Zion Bishan, and that we'll see the next generation grow in their love of Jesus and His Name going to all the earth!



## Announcements

### REGULATING EMOTIONS WORKSHOP

**Organized by Zion Bishan Peer Support Committee**

Learn how to improve the well-being of yourself and others, so that your life and behaviour may better glorify the Lord and edify others!

**4 Nov 2023 (Sat)  
10am - 1pm  
MPH, Zion Bishan  
BP Church**



Speaker:  
**Mrs Sim Nga Hoon**

Registration link:  
<https://tinyurl.com/zbps-regulatingemotions>

### SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & TALK

**Managing Your Finances for Senior Years**

**11 Nov (Sat) 10.30am  
In-person at Fellowship Hall**

Come join us at this upcoming **SENIORS360 event with Prof Benedict Koh** who will be sharing on the importance of managing finances prudently for seniors, as well as the various channels for doing so.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!



**Sign up by 4 Nov:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/yfhr2e6x>

### ZION BISHAN 29<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & DINNER

Join us **this coming Sat, 28 Oct**, as we celebrate our 29th Anniversary. **The service begins at 4pm** with dinner\* after.

*\* If you have registered for dinner, your table no. will be disseminated to the table representatives*

### CANTONESE SERVICE GOSPEL SUNDAY

**Topic: Journey of Life  
Scripture: Psalms 90:1-17**

**29 Oct, 10.45am  
Audi 1 & 2**

Please invite your non-Christian friends along!