

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: Everlasting God; Come Unto Jesus; Find Us Faithful

PM: Jerusalem; We Have A Lamb; We Belong to the Day

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-11, 11:15-19 ESV

Message: The Story So Far...

Response Hymn: Let Your Kingdom Come

Missions Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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

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

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

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 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	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Story So Far...

Rev 1.1-11, 11:15-19

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

What is (really) going on?

The Empire Strikes Back

The Phantom Menace

Things are not as they seem.

Things are going to get worse before they get better.

What is God going to do about it?

“How long?”

“Who can stand?”

What is the Church supposed to be doing in all this?

What else is there in the Revelation ...?

“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 remember about this wrap-up sermon on the first half of Revelation?
2. From the sermons and/or the discussions in your AG so far, what have you found difficult about Revelation (e.g., timeline, interpretations, imagery)? What have you found helpful and/or inspiring?
3. At this half-way point, 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.]

The Story So Far....

Rev 1.1-11, 11:15-19

Introduction - Blessed are those who hear... (1.3)

Churches Under Fire (Ch 2-3)

What are we waiting for?

God's Kingdom to Come — Trumpet #7 (11.15-19)

Why are we waiting?

Saints are being Sealed (Ch 7)

Saints are being Sent (Ch 10-11)

What do we do now?

Worship

Witness

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What is one big takeaway you have from the first half of the Book of Revelation? How has it encouraged/challenged you?
2. How much do you find yourself longing for God's never-ending reign and worship to come? What stops you from longing for that? How can you be growing your longing for Jesus' return?
3. How is your witness for the slain Lamb? According to Revelation, why should we care about our witness? What are some steps you can take towards more bold witness in your life?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Ministry Behind the Money - Please pray that many members will attend the MBTM presentations today at 1.30-3.30pm (see back of bulletin for details), so that they can be better informed on how to give financially and support them in prayer and participation. We thank God that He has sustained so many initiatives over the years, and we pray that He continues to multiply our efforts!

Children's Ministry Day Camp (21-24 Nov)

We thank God for the opportunity to share God's great salvation plan with 91 children through the Exodus story and John's Gospel. Do pray for open and eager hearts to hear and believe in God's word, and for God's love for them to be proclaimed through the camp activities and interaction with the volunteers. Pray also for the volunteers, that their hearts and lives continue to be first shaped by God's word and the way of the Lamb.

Domestic Helpers' Fellowship (DHF)

3 Dec Outreach Party – Thank God for the visible impact of the DHF bible studies on the lives of many domestic helpers, both Christian and non-Christian. Pray for their aim to reach every helper in every Zion Bishan family, and their efforts to introduce all ZB families' helpers to DHF through this outreach party. Pray for ZB families to invite their helpers to the party, for the helpers to accept the invitations to attend, and for Pastor Zhiwen's message to touch their hearts. Pray also for enough volunteers to befriend the helpers and effectively facilitate the breakout group discussions on the message.

Our People

Overseas Ministry Visits for Nov/Dec 2023

This year-end, three teams will be going to visit and join in the work of various overseas ministries, namely Radion International in Thailand, YWAM Ubon Ratchathani, and SMO in the Philippines.

The first team of 8 pax, will be going up to Radion's base in Phetchabun, North Thailand next weekend, 25 Nov - 4 Dec. Pray with us that the gospel be clearly and boldly preached in this region that is still entrenched in societal issues. Pray for the ministry of Radion International; they have been working the past 16 years amongst the Hmong people there, a hill-tribe people that has seen a violent history. Our ZB team will be conducting an evangelistic camp for children, besides doing home visits and mass community outreaches.

Our World

India – Last Tuesday, one of our partner's gospel worker died in a motorcycle incident this week. Pray for his wife and 4 yr old son he leaves behind. Pray also for the 12 yr old daughter who was with her father in the accident. Thankfully she is not hurt badly. Thank God also for the return of the India team (Sharon, SA, and Ps Ebi) this week. Praise God for a good time of training and interaction with two new partners. Pray for wisdom for the Foreign Missions Committee as they plan the follow up for these two partners.

Indonesia – Pray for the network of workers who graduated from our missiology school in Indonesia who are ministering faithfully with the majority religious group. 1) Brother SL is ministering in West Indonesia. He has been discipling a few families that have believed in Christ and now reaching out to the extended family. Some of the new believers have to travel for 8 hours in order to meet up. 2) Sister BP is currently reaching out to Mrs. U in East Java and wants to continue to meet up. 3) Bro S and his wife W are ministering in an eastern island through physiotherapy. Pray for protection for all these harvest workers and for the Holy Spirit to continue to draw people to Christ.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	18	
English Service 8:30am	156	\$337.00
English Service 10:30am	516	
English Service 4:30pm	169	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	96	\$888.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	62	\$558.00
ME Service	50	\$1,021.00
Hokkien Service	52	\$1,478.00
Tamil Service	15	\$473.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1160	\$4,755.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$75,096.28
Weekly Total	\$79,851.28

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$7,497.05
Weekly Total	\$7,497.05

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$10,069,196.35**

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at the Hokkien service this morning.
2. Pastor Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
3. Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at Galilee BP Church Youth Worship Service this morning.
4. Congratulations to Dr Lester Chong & Dr Grace Chan who entered into holy matrimony on 18 Nov 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, 24 Nov

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 25 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 26 Nov

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

Advent Series: From Sorrow to Joy

26 Nov – The Open Door

Ps Ng Zhiwen *(8.30am & 10.30am)*

Ps Dev Menon *(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

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.

Joe and the Car

If you are going to work with Joe, be prepared. It'd be like getting on a ride and building the car as you go along!

Such was his vision, and he was caught up with God's Kingdom. He learned to run on the fuel of vision, passion and a simple trust in the LORD. And we had to catch up or to keep up!

In 2021, Joe took me for a ride. He asked me to work alongside him and the Fellowship of Missional Organizations in Singapore (FOMOS) to organize Courage Calls – a missions mobilization conference during COVID! With less than 10 weeks of time to do so!!!

We learned to go with the flow and to deal with the unexpected – For instance, to transition a fully in-person conference into a hybrid one with only 1 weeks' notice! What a ride it was!

But everything came together, and we had such a wonderful time! It was a real joy seeing the members of FOMOS working together and pulling this off, and seeing God do more than what we had thought possible. Joe was instrumental in fostering this spirit of unity. More than that, I also saw his passion for missions, his trust in people, and his faith in an awesome God.

Then came Antioch²¹.

I saw Joe growing in his deep sense of holy discontent: that the missions force of the Church in Singapore was aging, and that many were ready to go but didn't know how and who can help them along the way.

The one who championed the vision for missions was the late Pastor Rick Seaward, but the LORD called him home in 2018.

And so Joe stood in the gap. I saw his heart of the missions, and his sheer conviction that the church of Singapore had a destiny to fulfil. He spoke with passion about the Decade of Missions (2023 – 2033), of seeing a new generation of missions workers sent out to bring the Gospel to the Unreached. And he cried for the lost. And he committed himself to do this work for the next ten years.

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He roped me in to help organize the Antioch Summit that would officially launch the Decade of Missions. His dream from the start was to see thousands gathered and challenged for missions at the Summit. It was a huge car he was asking myself and others to hop on to, and we were to build it along the way! Ok, can. It was always like that working with Joe.

Just a few weeks ago, we were having a meeting, and Joe wondered aloud how he will have the strength to see Antioch21 through: Steering a Decade of Missions was no short-term commitment! He may be a visionary, but he was not naïve. He has seen more than a fair share of challenges in ministry.

“I’m learning to go far by swimming long-distance” was what he said. That’s the mix of humility and passion that he had to see things through.

And now this happened.

I am deeply shocked and saddened.

I will miss him very much.

Joe was a leader, a partner in ministry, and a dear friend. I remember having a phone call with him one night and pouring out to him a distressing burden that I had. And he said to me these simple words, “Welcome to leadership.” There and then I knew that he empathized; and that he himself had gone through much of the same. But one thing he resolved never to do was to speak ill of others, especially about the church. He shared once about how the LORD had convicted him with these words: “Be careful how you speak about My Bride.” So that was that.

Now the LORD has called His beloved servant home. Joe has run His race, and with that I pray more will rise and take his place. I believe that was the LORD began with Joe, He will see it through to completion. In the words of the Antioch Summit tagline, we are “Not Done Yet”.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (John 12:24)



The last meal with Joe, on Fri 27 Oct.

Joseph Chean was strategic coordinator for Antioch21 (<https://antioch21.sg/>). He was chair of Courage Calls, a missions conference that was held at Zion Bishan BP Church on 30 Sep – 2 Oct 2021. He was looking forward to preaching at our English services during Missions Month 2024. The LORD called him home on 15 Nov 2023.

Announcements

A SENIORS360 EVENT: OUTING TO COMMUNITY GARDEN

2 Dec 2023 (Sat) 9.45am - 1pm
(coach departs ZB at 10am)

- Tour of award-winning community garden at Bukit Batok's Cosy Garden
- Pot plants and take home your potted plants
- Relax and enjoy the scents of plants and herbs
- Engage the Cosy Garden hosts and volunteers
- Upload your visit photos and get grocery packs donated to needy families

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **25 Nov. First-come-first-serve.**
<https://tinyurl.com/s360dec23>

ZION BISHAN 30th ANNIVERSARY CHURCH CAMP

English Camp Theme: **Gospel People**

Whenever the saints meet, we want to both speak & embody the gospel to each other. This means loving each other by living lives that constantly point each other to the goodness of Jesus' love and Lordship, authentically sharing where we're struggling and have fallen, and even lovingly admonishing each other when we need to.

Camp Dates: **14 - 18 June 2024** (Fri - Tue)

Speakers: Ps Simon Murphy &
Ps Jacob Ng, Redemption Hill Church

Registration is now open!
Early bird discount ends **31 Dec.**

For more information and to register, visit
bit.ly/zbcamp24

BGST COURSE: READING REVELATION ETHICALLY

Lecturer: Quek Tze-Ming

Want to dip more into the study of Revelation? You may want to consider this BGST course next semester.

**Thursdays (10x) fortnightly
from Jan 18, 7.15-10 pm**

Venue: Zoom
(except in-person first and last class)

Fees: \$600 (credit); \$300 (audit).
For vouchers, please contact Tze-Ming
(tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg)

Register at <https://courses.bgst.edu.sg>

DOMESTIC HELPERS' CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2023

3 Dec 2023 (Sun) 12.30-4pm

Lunch (halal) in Fellowship Hall Level 1,
Games & talk on "Home" by Ps Ng Zhiwen
at Chapel Level 4

Registration closes on **26 Nov.**

We hope to reach every helper of every family in Zion Bishan. So we appeal to all families in all our congregations to invite their helpers to this Outreach event.

Please register your helpers at
<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/DHFChristmas2023>

For more information, please contact Dns Cerintha at ziondhf@gmail.com
or 6283 9752.

MINISTRY BEHIND THE MONEY SCHEDULE

19 NOV 2023 TODAY

VENUE	CHAPEL (LVL4)	MPH (LVL1)	CONFERENCE ROOM (LVL3)	MUSIC ROOM (LVL3)
1.30pm	Overall Finances	Seniors360	830 ENG Congre	Canto-Mandarin
2.00pm	HR & Personnel	Building & Maintenance	PA	Safeguarding
2.30pm	Excel Apprenticeship	Music	Domestic Helpers Fellowship	Soccer
3.00pm	Foreign Missions	1030 ENG Congre	Missions Education & Mobilisation	Bishan Home

Ever wondered how the different ministries in Zion Bishan utilize their budgets? Where does the money collected each week go to?

Join us on **19 Nov (Today) 1.30 – 3.30 pm** to listen to presentations by leaders of selected ministries and have a chance to ask questions and pray alongside these ministries for God to grow the work of His church.

Indicate your interest to which sessions you would like to attend.

Please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/ZBMBTM>

Walk ins also welcome.