

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: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel; Witness

PM: My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness; Witness; Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:7-13 ESV

Message: The Open Door

Response Hymn:

AM: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross; Witness

PM: Witness

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

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 Ng Zhiwen
(8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee
Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo
Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan
Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee
Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang
Vocalist & Musicians: Ad-hoc Team

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 Open Door

Revelation 3.7-13

Ps Ng Zhiwen

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Witness

The Open Door (#1)

#getdeep

The Open Door (#2)

#getsent

The Door to be Opened (#3)

#getreal

Advent Season

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Recall what you heard from the sermon. What are the 3 doors?
2. What have you learned about what it means to be a witness for Jesus?
3. Who are burdened to be a witness for Jesus to? How can you help Zion Bishan be a witnessing community this advent season and beyond?

The Open Door

Revelation 3.7-13

7 Lampstands

Effective Witness

Light Shines Brightest

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What did you remember about the passage or sermon?
2. How did you answer the survey questions?
Discuss your answers with someone.
3. What helps us be a more effective witness?
What compromises it?
4. Is it about time you talked to someone about Jesus?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Christmas Series: From Sorrow to Joy -

Pray that the LORD will use our evangelistic advent series in December to show many the true joy that only Jesus can bring this season. Pray for open hearts as we invite our non-Christian friends and loved ones and proclaim Good News to them this season.

Our People

Christmas and New Year – Year-ends and festive seasons are welcomed and joyful for many. But for a segment, it can be a dreaded time for many reasons. Extra arrangements for childcare, being “left behind” while others who can afford go for holidays, and the grief of a loved one who passed away are also accentuated during festive seasons. Perhaps, you know who these are. Pray for them, and where you are able to support them.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP - Over the last 3 months, Ps David & Ps Dev preached through the book of Colossians, 12 sermons in total. Pray for the evangelistic series they are organising for the whole month of December, with guest speakers from the other BP churches as well as Breakthrough Missions.

Our World

India - Last week, we prayed for a Ps S who died in a motorbike accident while his daughter suffered injuries while travelling together. We thank God that our partner, was able to raise enough finances through their fellowship network to help Ps S’s family through their immediate medical expenses. Our partner was also able to organise a camp for 240 youths when the accident happened. Praise God also for the commitment by our partner to care for the family through supporting the wife, her young son and older daughter.

Indonesia – Pray for a 7-members church team who will leave on Monday (27 Nov) for about a week. They will be visiting our missiology school alumni based in an eastern island in this nation of many islands. Pray for good fellowship and safe travels for the team as they seek to understand and encourage the labourers in this harvest field to the majority religious group.

Israel-Hamas War – The Israel-Hamas war commenced four days of truce on Friday. Pray for relief to be able to reach those who need them and that those who need medical attention may be able to get out. Pray for the hostages who are released to be able to fully heal from the trauma. Pray also for the hostages still being kept for safety and emotional wellness.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	167	\$1,056.00
English Service 10:30am	468	
English Service 4:30pm	247	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	77	\$842.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	75	\$887.00
ME Service	58	\$1,297.00
Hokkien Service	64	\$856.00
Tamil Service	15	\$370.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1217	\$5,308.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Precept Ministry	\$700.00
Electronic Transfer	\$66,491.78
Weekly Total	\$72,499.78

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Gift No: 1881-2	\$1,600.00
Electronic Transfer	\$4,065.60
Weekly Total	\$5,665.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$10,074,861.95**

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
2. Pastor Dev is preaching at Herald BP Church this morning and will be on overseas leave from 27 Nov - 1 Dec.
3. Congratulations to Joel and Rachel Yeow on their holy matrimony on Saturday 25th November.
4. Pastor Vernon will be on overseas leave 29 Nov – 6 Dec.

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, 1 Dec

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 2 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sunday, 3 Dec

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

Advent Series: From Sorrow to Joy

3 Dec – From Burden to Joy

Ps Ng Zhiwen

10 Dec – From Tears to Joy

Mr Danny Chua (8.30am & 10.30am)

From Shame to Joy

Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

17 Dec – From Shame to Joy

Mr Joel Khoo (8.30am & 10.30am)

From Tears to Joy

Mr Danny Chua (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.

**AG Leaders Bible Study:
Reflections on a year in Hebrews**

What does it mean to relate to God our Father through Jesus our Great High Priest? How important is it for the saints to gather together and run the Christian race as one – is it not possible for us to ‘commune with God’ individually, on our own? Why do we always speak of Jesus and only of Jesus alone as our center and focus in the Christian life?

Those were some of the questions we encountered as about 40 or so Action Group (AG) Leaders journeyed through the epistle to the Hebrews this past year. Praise God for speaking to us His final and better Word through Jesus His Son as we live in these last days! We want to also thank our Father for working in the hearts and lives of our AG Leaders, who committed yet again to another year not only of studying and teaching Hebrews, but also of loving and shepherding the flock under their care.



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Through the precious time we spent together, it was perhaps the AG Leaders who benefited the most as we learnt how to fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2) and endure the Christian race of faith together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We learnt that knowing our Lord Jesus as our Great High Priest is so crucial to a Christian life filled with “the full assurance of hope until the end” (6:11). We began understand a little bit more than seeing Jesus as our sympathetic Brother, praying for us before God even now (7:25) is what we need to combat “unbelieving hearts, leading us to fall away from the living God” (3:12). Indeed, our prayer and hope for each AG Leader is not that they fulfil their role or serve well as leaders *per se* though that is certainly important! Instead, we yearn for every single one of them to be fueled by the spiritual food they share with their AGs, and that their confidence in Christ keeps each of them going all the way to cross the finish line at the end of their lives or when He returns.

Here are some reflections from a few of these AG Leaders:



Wilbur Koh (AG2): *What has been most encouraging from our year in the book of Hebrews has been seeing how in Jesus we have a brother/mediator who can deal with us in our weakness gently because he has gone through and understands our suffering but is himself without sin (Heb. 4:14-16).*

Eld Reginald Tan: *Thankful for this season of listening together to God speaking to us about the perfect sacrifice and perfect kingdom of his Son. I’m learning to look to Jesus, our high priest and victorious forerunner, and to ask him to transform my life, faith and worship.*

Esther Tan (AG13): *I learnt that I am meant to endure in this life under God’s discipline (hardship, suffering etc.), because we are the Father’s children. Together with the assurance of the coming, Promised Rest, these have been sobering truths that have brought hope. Lord, help me not to run away from hardship in the Christian life, but press on together in obedience, while cherishing the mercy I have been granted to draw near to God only through Christ.*

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Dn Peter Wang, AG75, 4.30pm Congregation: *Our time in Hebrews has allowed me to spend much more time thinking about who Jesus is, and has greatly encouraged me to want to listen to Him. It's very tempting for me to float through life on "survivor mode" just dealing with life's situations as they come, but Hebrews speaks of an unseen future reality that motivates and encourages me to endure in the faith, listening to Jesus our brother and high priest. Even if that comes at the expense of the current realities and circumstance. To know and remember that I live for the hope of something that is sure and solid, and not*

for things that will pass away has been immensely encouraging.

Please continue praying for the team of trainers including our pastors and ministry staff as we begin another year of seeking Jesus through His word, that the Lord will grow each leader in joy and maturity in Him, and equip many more to join in the ever-increasing ministry of under-shepherding and AG leading in Zion Bishan!

Announcements

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**
(Friday – Tuesday)

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

LADIES CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER

9 Dec 2023 (Sat) 6 - 8pm

*Please join us for a time of praise and adoration @ **Winnie's home**.*

Sign up with Lydia @ 8338 3982
by **3 Dec**.

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 **27 Nov**.

We hope to reach as many helpers of Zion Bishan families as possible. So please do invite your helpers and encourage them to attend this Outreach event.

Please register your helpers at <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/DHFC> **Christmas2023** or at our registration desk in the Fellowship Hall.

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

ADVENT SERIES 2023: FROM SORROW TO JOY

This December, come join any of our services to find out why Jesus is the Joy that we all need this Christmas season.

Sundays 3 - 31 Dec:
8:30am, 10:30am & 4:30pm

Christmas Day: 10:30am & 4:30pm
Lunch & dinner will be provided after the Christmas Day services