

Advent Series 2024

# The Saviour of All

*Behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

*- Luke 2:10-11*



## ENGLISH SERVICES

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### ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Joy Has Dawned; Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel;

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery

PM: O come O come Emmanuel; This Kingdom; Who Would Have Dreamed

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

Message: Believing: The Saviour's Announcing

Response Hymn:

AM: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

PM: Come behold the Wondrous Mystery

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

## 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)

## 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/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

**2.30pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only 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

**Speaker:** Dr Quek Tze-Ming

**8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 2

**10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Charles Chia

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Ming

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 2

**4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Timothy Ong

*Worship Leader:* Dn Junaidi Nyoto

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	9751 1897
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Chris, <i>Asst Pastor (Tamil)</i>	9446 7416
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Mrs Sha.ron Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
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Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

**Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

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**Believing: The Saviour's Announcing**

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

Luke 1:26-38

**Introduction: Impossible is ...**

**Background**

**Announcement**

**Response**

**Conclusion: Saying Yes to God**

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. Describe a time when someone asked you to do something that would be difficult or scary, but that you knew would also be good. How did you feel?
2. What is the meaning (political and religious) that the angel gives to the son Mary would conceive in Luke 1:32-33?
3. People at the time of this story knew just as well as we do where babies come from. What reasons would Mary have to dismiss this announcement? What reasons would there be for her to respond the way she did in Luke 1:38?
4. What are some things holding you back from saying “yes” to God’s invitation to be part of His rescue mission for the world?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Nepal Team** – Last week the team went to another remote area in Nepal where it was subzero temperatures at times. May the Lord sustain and guide the team as they reflect/evaluate the places they have visited and also plan for next steps. Pray for continued spiritual and physical protection against accidents and illness.

**Terusan Guest Worker Christmas Party** - Thank God for His abundant blessings on this event last Sunday. Over 35 guest workers came and joined befrienders from our church and other churches who welcomed and hosted our guests. They played icebreakers, heard Christmas song presentations, a testimony and a short gospel message before a nice meal. Pray for all guest workers who attended that they will continue to participate in our future Terusan events and will come to know Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord.

### **Our People**

**SA and J** – Thank God that Ps Dev managed to visit and encourage this couple over the last few days. They left Singapore in May 2024 to do gospel work in the Philippines. SA is grateful for a good transition to life there and protection as they travel for ministry exploration. Pray for good connections with a missions minded pastor and local Filipino mission workers. May they also have good time reconnecting with their respective families at the end of the year.

### **Our World**

**Lebanon** – One of the churches in Lebanon reports that they are thankful for the ceasefire but the situation remains fragile and unpredictable. They report hearing stories of resilience and heartbreak daily, of great loss and trauma in families. Pray for peace to take root, and the ceasefire to hold. For displaced families to find safety, shelter and the strength to rebuild their lives. For the church to have the provisions to provide much needed aid to those in need.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	14	
English Service 8:30am	160	\$616.20
English Service 10:30am	501	
English Service 4:30pm	209	
Chinese Service livestream*	4	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	\$1,680.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	62	\$484.00
ME Service	64	\$1,142.00
Hokkien Service	53	\$421.00
Tamil Service	21	\$1,047.00
DHF	125	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>\$5,390.20</b>

*\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.*

Electronic Transfer	\$59,749.71
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$65,139.91</b>
<i>Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235</i>	

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$2,305.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$2,305.00</b>
<b>Total General Projects Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,463,790.88</b>

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to our church staff Joel Khoo and Vanessa Lee who entered into holy matrimony on 7 Dec 2024!
  2. Ps Dev is preaching at Galilee BPC this morning.
  3. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning and he will be on overseas leave 9-21 Dec.
  4. Ps Vernon is preaching at Mount Horeb BPC this afternoon.
  5. Our deepest condolences to the following:
    - a. Sister Lo Kah Nah and family on the Homegoing of her beloved brother, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Lo @ Lo Tain Foh in Malaysia on 30 Nov 2024.
    - b. Brother Low Kum Seng on the Homegoing of his beloved father, the late Mr Low Fatt Kee, aged 88, on 5 Dec 2024 .
- Please uphold the bereaved families in prayer.

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  
**General Projects Fund**



DBS Current A/C: **070-901055-5**  
PayNow: **T10SS0029GGPF**  
**ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF**

*Please provide your CONTACT  
NUMBER on each cheque*

## Looking Ahead

### Fri, 13 Dec

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 14 Dec

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 15 Dec

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

## Advent Series: The Saviour of All

### **15 Dec – Reversing: The Saviour's Mission**

Luke 1:39-56 - *Ps Vernon Quek*

### **22 Dec – Forgiving: The Saviour's Purpose**

Luke 1:57-80 - *Ps Ng Zhiwen*

### **25 Dec – Rejoicing: The Saviour's Birth**

Luke 2:1-21 - *Ps David Wong*

### **29 Dec – Marvelling: The Saviour of All**

Luke 2:22-40

*Ps Alby ( 8.30 & 10.30am )*

*Ps Dev ( 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.

Supporting our Mission Workers

One of the important ways Zion Bishan participates in what God is doing around in Singapore and around the world for His glory and vision is through equipping and supporting our church members for missions everywhere. Some serve in or for Cross-Cultural contexts and others do so in Singapore. As you can see below, this is part of our #getsent and “Missional Communities” DNA of Zion Bishan’s next lap.



Next year we have an important revision in their support.

Support of our Mission Workers (in 2024)	Support of our Mission Workers (in 2025)
Framework of partial support and partial personal fundraising.	This has been revised to full support from 2025 onwards based on what is given to our Church’s ministry staff. (This has been endorsed by the Church Session and was presented at the Ministry Behind the Money (MBTM) and will be presented to the church congregation for approval in Feb 2025’s ECM.)

This support revision accounts for a significant increase in our budget for Mission Workers in our Home and Foreign Missions budgets. Our aim?

- To better support our current Mission Workers.
- To encourage more Mission Workers to give of their time and talents to the work of bringing the gospel to places and peoples who do not have it.

**What does this mean for us, the sending community here at Zion Bishan?**

As this is a faith commitment on our part to raise what is needed for them each year, may all who have already been giving specifically to a mission worker continue doing so through the church. And if you would like to consider giving to one of them specifically, please come chat with me or Ps Zhiwen. For your information, we have 6 cross cultural missions workers (ET, KY, SA, DT, DM and CL) and 3 local ones (RL, JL and JH).

Thank you all for being a faithful sending community. Praise God!



## Announcements

### Ministry Behind the Money

In conjunction with the in-person session, here are the ministry presentations that can be viewed on the churches website at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2024](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2024) ( password: mbtm2024! )

### Christmas Day Services - 25 Dec

#### Rejoicing: The Saviour's Birth

Luke 2:1-21, Ps David Wong

Join us either at **1030am or 430pm** for our Christmas Day services to hear good news of great joy about the Saviour's birth!

Stay for a post-service lunch or dinner - please sign up via this link for yourselves and your visitors/friends

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBC24YUM> or QR code by **15 Dec.**

### Tuition Ministry

Seeking church members and catechumens to join this exciting outreach ministry to serve underprivileged students within our church neighbourhood. The ministry has run for 8 years and it has blessed over 90 students and 140 volunteers.

Church members will be required to teach every Thursday night, and share the love of Jesus through academic assistance and friendship.

Please contact **Dns Li Hwee** ( **96727467** ) or staff **Timothy** ( **92715785** ) if you would like to serve.

### Women's Christmas Gathering

**"The Christmas We Didn't Expect!"**

**28 Dec 2024 (Sat) 5:30 – 8pm**  
**@ Winnie's home**

Christmas isn't over yet!  
Join us for a time of worship, reflection & fellowship.  
Feel free to bring a friend and share a dish for dinner.

Sign up with **Lydia @83383982** by **14 Dec.**

Organised by W.O.Z.