

# THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL PEOPLE... REALLY?



ENGLISH SERVICE ( PENTECOST SUNDAY )

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs: Hail This Joyful Day's Return; Here We Stand

## **Reception of Members**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-12 (ESV)

Message: The Gospel is for ALL Peoples

Response Hymn: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

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:

[zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://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 [zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://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: [zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

[zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts](http://zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Dr Quek Tze-Ming

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Eld Tay Beng Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music Am Team 2

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music Am Team 2

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chan Kin Yip

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music Pm Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>Sabbatical</i>
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>	<i>Sabbatical</i>
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 June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
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Mrs Vanessa Khoo, <i>Women's Ministry</i>	9880 4507
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Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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

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**The Gospel is for ALL Peoples**

Acts 2:1-12

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

**“What does this mean?”**

**Pentecost is ...**

**When Christ sends His Spirit**

... and gathers the people of God

**When the Church speaks in other tongues**

... and overturns divisions between us

**When God hears our prayers**

... and grants guidance and peace for our journey

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

1. What is striking about the passage or the sermon?
2. What is the significance of people from all over the region hearing the followers of Jesus speak each in their own native languages?
3. What has the Spirit done in our midst recently that has grabbed the attention of others?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

#### **Tuition Ministry & School Holidays**

– Praise God for our children and youth completing a semester at their schools and the volunteer teachers who have been lovingly journeying with them. Pray for a restful break for the teachers this June holidays, that they will be refreshed and renewed.

**Reception of Members** – Praise God for each of the members we are receiving into membership today! May they know the joys and riches of being united with Jesus by His Spirit and may our church family help them lay hold of these privileges!

**Chinese Church Camp** – Let us uphold our Chinese congregations in prayer as 78 attendees will be headed to Malaysia next week for a time of fellowship with one another around the word of Christ.

### **Our World**

**Nepal** – Thank God for the safe return of HR and CT from their 3 week long time in Nepal. They were able to be in 2 remote towns to fellowship and study the word of God inductively with 2 communities of believers there. Though there were language barriers, we thank God for good times of studying Luke's gospel. Please pray for good discipleship of these key leaders in this faith-based NGO serving the needs of rescued children in this region of Nepal. May God empower these leaders to grow in the love and knowledge of Jesus and their heavenly Father.

**India** – We thank God that one of the brothers in Christ, doing faithful ministry in an unreached region was able to build a prayer room on his property so that their community will have a good place to meet up for fellowship and the study of God's word together. Though it took longer than expected, the community provided the labour and also paid for part of the cost of the construction themselves. Pray that this new facility will encourage this small group of believers to persevere in faith, hope and love and to see more reached for God in their networks.

Last Week

Easter Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	16	
English Service 8:30am	219	\$758.00
English Service 10:30am	549	
English Service 4:30pm	203	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	81	\$1,430.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	83	\$1,765.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	60	\$1,037.00
Hokkien Service	63	\$696.00
Tamil Service	13	\$872.75
DHF	28	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1322</b>	<b>\$6,558.75</b>

*\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.*

Electronic Transfer	\$55,026.50
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$61,585.25</b>

*Weekly Offering to meet estimated expenditure for 2025/26: \$94,181*

<b>GENERAL PROJECTS FUND</b>	
Electronic Transfer	\$6,448.50
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$6,448.50</b>
<b>Total General Projects Fund:</b>	<b>\$5,791,590.33</b>

Church Family News

1. Our deepest condolences to Hapreet Singh and family on the passing of his mother, the late Mdm Mohan Kaur d/o R Keher Singh on 31 May 2025. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
2. Ps Zhiwen will be on overseas leave from 10 - 17 June.
3. Congratulations to Ray Yeo & Kennis Khoo, who entered into Holy Matrimony on 7 June 2025!

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 June

*Break from Prayer Meetings for the rest of the  
Fridays in June*

### Sat, 14 June

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 15 June

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

## June Series

**The Gospel is for ALL people... really?**

**15 June – Breaking Barriers**

*Ps Dev Menon*

**22 June – 10.30am Service Only**

**The Message of the King**

*Rev Peter Low*

**29 June – Journeying with the Neurodivergent**

*Ps Ng Zhiwen*

## 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

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*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

## **ZION BISHAN ENGLISH SERVICE**

### **RECEPTION OF MEMBERS**

#### **8.30am Congregation**

##### **Adult Baptism**

1. Sim Eng Chee (Mr)

##### **Reaffirmation of Faith**

2. Chng Shi Ern Caitlin (Ms)

##### **Transfer of Membership**

3. Elizabeth Hira (Mrs) Salai Blessing Timai Oo – *Myanmar Nepali Baptist Church, Myanmar*

#### **10.30am Congregation**

##### **Adult Baptism**

1. Li Wen Mason (Mr)
2. Ryan Tee Boon Hong (Mr)
3. Ang Kai Si Esther (Ms)
4. Ong Jia Ying Beatrice (Ms)

##### **Reaffirmation of Faith**

5. Glenn Loong Jia Jun (Mr)
6. Sim Zhi Rong (Mr)

##### **Transfer of Membership**

7. Sim Ser Hai (Mr) – *Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church*
8. Hui Kah Wai (Mrs) Sim Ser Hai – *Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church*
9. Jerry Yang Shao Ern (Mr) – *CNEC Neighborhood Church*
10. Leow Kwang Ping Eddie (Mr) – *Barker Road Methodist Church*

##### **Child Baptism**

11. Kristian Lee Rui-En s/o Lee Ying Quan & Alethia
12. Adriel Yeh Kai Zhen s/o Aaron Yeh & Alicia
13. Chee Zhi Xin Alison d/o Winston Chee & Qi Qi
14. Averie Huang d/o Paul Huang & Bethia

## **4.30pm Congregation**

### **Adult Baptism**

1. Loh Kah Miin (Ms)
2. Koh Wen Xuan Jaycie (Ms)
3. Jacqueline Tan Wan Yu (Ms)
4. Isabel Chua Xin Ting (Ms)
5. Zelia Ng Jing Ling (Ms)

### **Reaffirmation of Faith**

6. Klein Aw Sheng Jin (Mr)

### **Transfer of Membership**

7. Sasiwin Moses Sathiadass Sundar (Mr) – *Church of South India*
8. Dayana Pon Sheeba (Mrs) Sasiwin Moses Sathiadass Sundar – *Church of South India*
9. Ramesh Chandrasegar (Mr) - *Full Gospel Assembly Melbourne, Australia*
10. Daniel Thumboo (Mr) – *Faith Community Baptist Church*
11. Phoebe Pang Yu Tian (Ms) – *Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church*
12. Tan Jie Ting Christine (Ms) – *Life Bible-Presbyterian Church*
13. Jolene Elizabeth Loke Mun Kei (Ms) – *Bethesda Serangoon Church*
14. Jo'ssy Koh Su-Wa (Ms) – *City Harvest Church*
15. Samuel Wong Xue Yao (Mr) – *Toa Payoh Methodist Church*
16. Tasha Ismail (Ms) – *Jesus Reigns Church*
17. Kang Yin Esther (Mrs) – Tan Xian Xun Shaun – *Singapore Life Church*

### **Child Baptism**

18. Prisca Tan En Xi d/o Aaron Tan & Hwee Lun



## **What a difference the Holy Spirit makes!**

Today is Pentecost Sunday. The word “Pentecost” is derived from Greek *pentecostē* which means “50th day”. Pentecost is the Christian festival that marks the coming of the Holy Spirit (described in Acts 2) upon the apostles and other disciples in Jerusalem 50 days after Jesus’ resurrection. It is also the Jewish Feast of Harvest or Feast of Weeks (called that because it was always 7 weeks or about 50 days from the Feast of First Fruits in the Old Testament) when the Holy Spirit came down on all the disciples!<sup>1</sup> Pentecost also occurred 10 days after Jesus’ ascension, which occurred 40 days after His resurrection (described in Acts 1:1-11).

Imagine, if you will, that you were one of Jesus’ disciples.

The sadness of losing your teacher through His arrest, trial and crucifixion during Passover week, to the bewilderment of hearing of his resurrection on Sunday to seeing Him for yourself when He appeared in person to all of you. Then, as you meet the risen Lord over the next 40 days, the sense of many things coming together as you realise what Jesus is revealing about the Kingdom. Then, Jesus’ instructions to wait for the promise of the Father, which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit which will come upon them “not many days from now” (Acts 1:4-5, ESV)

What did Jesus mean by all this? And so, you wait. After 10 days, just a week and a half, on the day of Pentecost, the dramatic coming of the Holy Spirit as a mighty rushing wind, that filled an entire house and the appearance of divided tongues of fire appeared and rested on each of you as you were filled with the Holy Spirit and how we spoke in other languages as the Spirit enabled (Acts 2:1-4, ESV)

Many people thought the disciples were drunk! But Peter stood up and boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus to the crowd.

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<sup>1</sup> “What is Pentecost and where did it come from?”, Christianity.com

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. Acts 2: 22-24 (ESV)

And 3000 people responded to Peter’s call to repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What a difference the Holy Spirit made in the hearts of all the apostles and disciples present there who waited for the promise of the Father.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

And what a difference the Holy Spirit makes in OUR hearts and souls TODAY as people of the same promise as children of the heavenly Father.

Church, as we reflect on the Holy Spirit’s coming so powerfully on Pentecost. This same Holy Spirit is at work in all disciples today! Let’s take heart that Jesus knew how weak and insecure His apostles and disciples would feel when He left them. So, He sent the helper, the Holy Spirit, who comes alongside powerfully to empower His saints for the Kingdom work before them.

Holy Spirit, come breathe on US again as You call us to Your Kingdom’s work to all peoples near and far.

## *Announcements*

### **Zion Bishan T-Shirt Sales**

**8 June & 15 June**

Church T-shirts are on sale at \$10 each at the booth in the fellowship hall after each English service this week and the next.

**First come first served due to limited sizes and quantities.**

### **Creation Care Conference 2025**

Be inspired, informed, and equipped in caring for God's creation.

**12 - 13 Sep**

Friday, 7.30-9.30pm

Sat, 9am - 6pm

Faith Methodist Church and Queenstown Chinese Methodist Church.

Sign up at [bit.ly/cc25signup](https://bit.ly/cc25signup)

### **English Combined Service - 22 Jun**

Church Camp Week

19 - 23 June

**Only **One** English Combined Service at **10.30am** in the Sanctuary**

### **Chinese Combined Service - 15 Jun**

Chinese Church Camp Week

13 - 16 June

**Only **One** Chinese Combined Service at **9am** in Chapel**