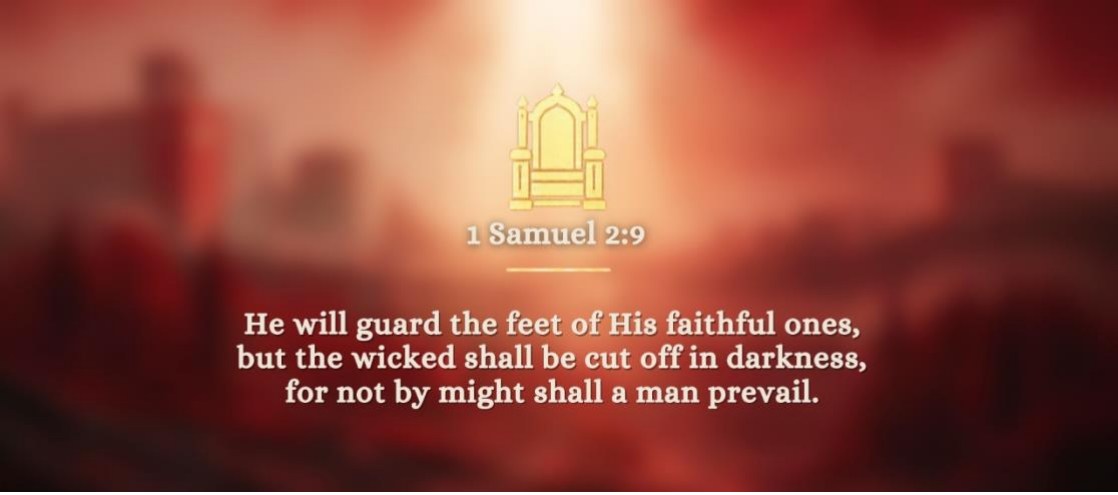



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**ENGLISH SERVICES** **22 NOV 2026**

## *Order of Service*

Call to Worship

Worship in Songs
AM: Let Us Exalt His Name; Psalm 62; Ancient of Days
PM: Jesus Shall Reign; Only a Holy God; Let Us Exalt His Name

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1–10; 1 Samuel 8:1–5; 19–22 (ESV)

Message: After a Year in Samuel...

Response Song: Christus Victor (Amen)

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**

## 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***

**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**

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:
**zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts**

## *Serving You Today*

***Speaker***: Ps Danny Chua

**8.30am**
*Service Coordinator*: Sharon Quek
*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua
*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 4

**10.30am**
*Service Coordinator*: Tim Ong
*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan
*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 4

**4.30pm**
*Service Coordinator:* Melvin Soo
*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan
*Vocalist & Musicians:* PM Music Team 4

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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|---|---|
| Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor (1030)* | 9844 9536 |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor (430)* | 9829 6051 |
| Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* | 9182 6957 |
| Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* | *8428 0525* |
| Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor (1030)* | 9796 0196 |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, *Pastor (830)* | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Paul Yeo, *Pastor (Mandarin)* | 9751 1897 |
| Rev Chris Rajendran, *Pastor (Tamil)* | 9446 7416 |
| Rev Danny Chua, *Pastor (430)* | 9239 4160 |
| Preacher Choo Han Boo, *(Hokkien)* | 9450 2789 |
| Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* | 9001 2926 |
| Mrs Sha.ron Quek, *Overseas Ministries* | 9788 0195 |
| Dr Quek Tze-Ming, *Ministry Staff* | 9060 8340 |
| Mrs Jacqueline Ong, *Youth Ministry* | 9322 7629 |
| Mrs Vanessa Khoo, *Women's Ministry* | 9880 4507 |
| Mr Joel Khoo, *YAs/Discipleship* | 9368 9221 |
| Mr Timothy Ong, *Missions Education* | 9271 5785 |
| Ms Elizabeth Hira, *Children's Min/DHF* | 9239 0680 |
| Mrs Debbie Wong, *Children's Ministry* | 8833 1994 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor* | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus* | |

**Confidential Care & Counselling**:
***care@zionbishan.org.sg***

*Sermon Notes*

## After a Year in Samuel...

Ps Danny Chua

1 Sam 2:1–10; 1 Sam 8:1–5, 19–22

### 1. A Profane Priesthood (1 Sam 1–7)

- Eli's priestly house treats holy things with contempt (2:12–17)
- The ark is lost and "the glory has departed" (4:21–22)
- But… God raises up Samuel and keeps His word (2:35; 3:19–21)

*Reflection: What do we see about our God even when His people are hopelessly corrupt?*

### 2. A Compromised Crown (1 Sam 8–17)

- Israel rejects the LORD as King and asks for a king "like the nations" (8:5–7)
- King Saul compromises by fearing people over God (13:8–14; 15:22–24)
- But… the LORD looks on the heart and anoints unlikely David (16:7–13)

*Reflection: What is God showing us by "giving in" to Israel's request for a king (in them rejecting Him as king)?*

**3. The Lowly and Lifted (1 Sam 18 – 2 Sam 6)**

- David is hunted and humbled in the wilderness, with the LORD as his refuge (22–24; 30:6)

- The LORD exalts him in His own time (2 Sam 5:12), while keeping His word to judge rebellious Saul (1 Sam 31)

- But… with the kingdom at his feet, David must still learn Hannah's song: "not by might shall a man prevail" (1 Sam 2:9; 2 Sam 1–6)

*Reflection: How much do we truly embrace the reality that God will fulfil His purposes not through our human might?*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing you have learnt about our God through the past year in Samuel?
2. How have the Samuel narrative and the lives of Saul and David helped you to see and behold King Jesus more clearly?
3. What is one struggle you have in relation to the story and the truths of Samuel?
4. How has our Father shone His light on your heart and your sinfulness through the Samuel journey?

## *Prayer Points*

### Our Church

**Advent Season –** As the Advent Season falls upon us, may God teach us afresh what it means to wait for the Savior of the world. Let us also pray for our pulpit ministry as it shifts from next Sunday onwards to an evangelistic series - "God with us: Christmas Changes Everything." May the Lord also bring to mind unsaved loved ones who urgently need to know Christ this Christmas.

**Tuition Ministry -** The ministry concluded the year with a year-end celebration this past Thursday evening. Thank God for sustaining our teachers with His strength and grace the past 10 years. Pray for the Lord to use their labour of love to draw more children toward Him. Pray for more tutors to serve in this area of ministry as more than 10 new tutors will be needed in 2027.

**Zion Bishan Kindercare -** Praise God for the ZBK K2 Graduation yesterday (Sat 21 Nov). Pray for the K2 batch, for their transition to Primary school, and especially for the Gospel truths they've been taught in their ZBK years to grow and flourish in their lives. Pray also for the ministry of ZBK as a whole: see this week's WIS for more details.

**PSLE Results Release** - Our primary 6 children will receive their PSLE results this week. Pray for them and their parents, to remember their true worth is in belonging to Jesus. As they move into their next phase of education, may God guard their hearts to keep growing in knowing and loving Jesus.

### Our World

**India –** Pray for the group of 3 visiting our ministry partner this week in India. They will be conducting 2 main trainings for the pastors and young disciples in this network. There will also be a few educational enrichment sessions for the school that our partner has established in this part of India. Our partner seeks to share the love and light of Christ for the transformation and progress of these various communities that they work in. May the group from our church be a help and encouragement to the faithful communities of believers in this region of India.

## *Last Week*

| **Sunday Service** | **Attendance** | **Offering** |
|---|---|---|
| English Service Livestream* | 15 | |
| English Service 8.30am | 206 | $600.50 |
| English Service 10.30am | 500 | |
| English Service 4.30pm | 225 | |
| Chinese Service livestream* | 8 | |
| Chinese Service 8.30am | 73 | $902.00 |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am | 88 | $1,489.00 |
| Mand/English Service 10.30am | 58 | $916.00 |
| Hokkien Service | 63 | $1,110.00 |
| Tamil Service | 12 | $282.00 |
| DHF | 18 | |
| **TOTAL** | **1266** | **$5,299.50** |

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

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| Electronic Transfer | $56,184.27 |
| **Weekly Total** | **$61,483.77** |

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: $91,095*

**GENERAL PROJECTS FUND**

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| Electronic Transfer | $3,379.20 |
| **Weekly Total** | **$3,379.20** |
| **Total expenses as of To-date** | **-$2,409,679.21** |
| **Total General Projects Fund** | **$3,945,462.29** |

## *Church Family News*

1. Bro Tze-Ming is preaching at Bethesda Chapel this morning.
2. Ps Zhiwen is preaching at Singapore Christian Canaan Church this morning.
3. Ps Vernon spoke at the ZBK K2 Graduation yesterday (Sat, 21 Nov). He will be on overseas leave 23-28 Nov.

## *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, 27 Nov**
**Prayer Meeting**: 8.00pm
*Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm*

**Sat, 28 Nov**
**Youth Fellowship:** 4.00pm
*Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf*

**Sun, 29 Nov**
**Worship Services:**
8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

**God with Us: Christmas Changes Everything**

**29 Nov -- Sent into the Harvest**
*Ps Ng Zhiwen*

**6 Dec -- Isn't Christmas Ancient History?**
*Ps Vernon Quek -- 8.30 & 10.30am*
*Ernest Kay -- 4.30pm*

**13 Dec -- Why do I need Christmas?**
*Ps Alby Yip*

**20 Dec -- Where can the weary find rest this Christmas?**
*Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

**25 Dec -- What does Christmas really mean?**
*Rev Joshua Sudharman (St Peter's Hall)*

**27 Dec -- The King has come — how will you respond?**
*Ps Danny Chua*

## *Connect With Us*

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Ps Vernon Quek

**Why We Must Pray for ZBK (Zion Bishan Kindercare)**

This week, we thank God for the 25 K2 students graduating from ZBK. Every batch we graduate, and every child in ZBK, is a reason for thanksgiving to the LORD.

Since 1995, ZBK has been one of our church's home missions. Every weekday, children and their families from Bishan and beyond walk into our building and get to hear about Jesus. Through Bible stories and songs, and through the patience and kindness of their teachers, children are shown what the love of Jesus looks like.

The last few years have not been easy – we saw ZBK transition from a kindergarten model that was financially unsustainable, to a thriving childcare of 146 students. We thank God for all the hard work of the ZBK Management Committee led by Ps Alby, alongside God's great provision of our wonderful Principal Mrs Serene Chang who God used to make this all possible. We have seen the LORD open doors for the Gospel to reach both children and their families through this difficult journey – some ZBK parents attended Christianity Explored recently and their family now comes to Zion Bishan. There is much to give thanks for!

There is even greater reason for thanksgiving when we see the wider landscape of what's happening with Christian preschools across Singapore.

Writing in Salt & Light in August, Kingdomgarten Preschool Services director Lim Ee Tuo put the number of Christian preschools in Singapore at 150 in 2020 – this decreased to 102 by August 2026. We now know that at least another 5 Christian preschools have decided that this year will be their last – which means more than 50 Christian preschools have closed in the last 6 years!

The kindergartens in our Presbytery the BPCIS have not been spared: 2 of the preschools closing this year are from our sister churches: Clementi Woods Kindergarten (co-founded by Mt Carmel BP with Bible Church) held its final graduation this week after 41 years, and Shalom BP also closed its kindergarten this year after 35 years. They were not the first. Hebron BP and our own mother church Zion Serangoon BP closed down their kindergartens in 2023 and 2019 respectively. We are so thankful for their almost 2 centuries (!) worth of Christian preschool education, but are saddened at the closures of these preschool ministries.

We praise God that ZBK is thriving at the moment, but we need to pray for the future of the ministry.

At this year's National Day Rally, the Government announced that monthly fees for Singaporean children at government-supported centres will be increasingly subsidised from 2028, down to $150 for full-day childcare by 2030. That is welcome news for families, but independent church-based centres like ours who are currently not eligible for those subsidies will find ourselves in an increasingly impossible situation as we compete with centres who are subsidised.

We have been told that the Government plans to offer a transition grant for eligible operators. Although currently ineligible, we now need to make plans for some changes in order for ZBK to be eligible to join the Partner Operator (POP) Scheme through this route. This funding is vital to keeping ZBK affordable and viable beyond 2030.

Will you pray with me and the ZBK leadership for favour as we seek to qualify, and for wisdom as we work through what this will mean for ZBK? Please also pray for our Principal Mrs Chang, our teachers, and for the children and families they serve, that all of this will enable many more to come to know the love of Christ through ZBK in the years to come.

## *Announcements*

### Ministry Behind the Money

There will be a forum for ZB members to dialogue and pray on the church's budget for 2027 / 2028 will be held on **TODAY, 22 Nov, 1 - 3pm** at the **Chapel**.

Registration not required.

To learn more about specific ministries and their draft budgets, visit **zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm2026** (Password will be shared separately).

### Church Camp 2027: Praying with Our King

Grief and Hope. Despair or Joy. King David's Psalms give us honest songs to sing along before our God. Let us draw near to Him in truth - whether in the desert or by fresh streams - through the "prayer book of the Church".

Dates: **11-14 June 2027**
Venue: **Four Points by Sheraton Desaru**
Speaker: **Rev. Dr. Ben Thompson (ETCAsia)**

Early bird registration until 31 Dec - sign up now!
**https://bit.ly/ZBCamp2027**

### Catechism Class Table Host

Join in the ministry of hospitality and welcoming new brothers and sisters into the family of Christ!

The next run begins **31 Jan - end May 2027.**

Contact **Ps Danny** (**danny@zionbishan.org.sg**) if you're keen to partner alongside.

### BGST Courses

Registration for BGST's AY2026/27 Semester 2 Courses is open!

For classes starting from January such as: "Christianity, Culture, and Society," "New Testament Foundations 2," "Biblical Hermeneutics and Interpretation," "Dimensions of 21st C Missions," "Beholding God's Beauty: Discovering God through the Arts."

To view all courses offerings and to register: **bg.st/courseschedule**

Vouchers for course fees are available for ZB members, please contact **tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg**