

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



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**ENGLISH SERVICES**

## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Prepare the Way; O Come, All You Unfaithful; Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

PM: Prepare the Way; Joy has Dawned / Angels We have Heard on High;  
Here I am to Worship

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:1-25 (ESV)

Message: Preparing: The Saviour's Messenger

Response Hymn: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Holy Communion

AM: Silent Night, Lonely Night

PM: O Come all you Unfaithful

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:** Mr Danny Chua

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Lim Nan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 1

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Ming

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music AM Team 1

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Peter Wang

*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Music PM Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

|  |                    |
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| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>        | <i>alby</i>        |
| Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>              | <i>dev</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>        |
| Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)</i>  | <i>ebi</i>         |
| Rev Chris, <i>Asst Pastor (Tamil)</i>        | <i>christopher</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>       |
| Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>      | <i>tzeming</i>     |
| Mrs Jacqueline Ong, <i>Youth Ministry</i>    | <i>jacqueline</i>  |
| Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Ministry</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> |                    |

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**Preparing: The Saviour's Messenger**

Luke 1:1-25

**A Trustworthy Account**

**A Miraculous Son**

**A World-Changing Mission**

**Reflection Questions:**

1. What stood out to you from this Bible passage or the talk?
2. What questions do you have about the Christmas story?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Terusan Migrant Guest Workers' Christmas Program** – Pray for this evening's outreach at 6.30pm, that all registered will attend and hear the gospel. May God use the volunteers to serve with love and glorify His name.

**Children's Ministry Retreat** – Thank God that 18 CD teachers gathered yesterday for a retreat as Danny taught us about God's continuing story in Samuel and Saul, and be equipped to teach it in 2025. Pray that our time in God's Word will first encourage the teachers' hearts in seeing God as the True King who is committed to rescuing His people. May it then help them show this God to the children in the coming year.

**Domestic Helpers' Fellowship Christmas Party (1 Dec)** - Praise God that almost 90 have registered for the Christmas Party today, with two-thirds being visitors, including many from other faiths. Pray that the Lord will work through the gospel presentation and group discussions to convict the hearts of the attendees of the Good News. Pray especially that God would also move the hearts of the visiting

helpers to want to stay and keep in touch with the fellowship after today.

### **Our World**

**Lebanon** – Thank God Israel and Hezbollah agreed to a ceasefire that took effect on 27 Nov. May this ceasefire pave the way for longer-term peace given the year-long physical, emotional and social toil on many. Continue to pray for our partner, who is continuing to support and comfort the many internally displaced refugees.

**Radion Team (Thailand)** – Thank God our team of 8 arrived safely in Thailand last Sunday. The trip began with learning and orientating to Thai language and culture with Radion before accompanying the local Radion team for home visits amidst preparing their testimonies and some crafts, songs and games for a camp for vulnerable children this weekend. These children have been identified by their schools as possibly at risk because of the general prevalence and easy access to illegal drugs in the area. Pray that the team will have fruitful times of connecting with the children to provide relevant help where necessary.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service              | Attendance  | Offering          |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service Livestream* | 20          |                   |
| English Service 8:30am      | 178         | \$2,038.00        |
| English Service 10:30am     | 501         |                   |
| English Service 4:30pm      | 196         |                   |
| Chinese Service livestream* | 12          |                   |
| Chinese Service 8:30am      | 86          | \$1,145.00        |
| Cant/Mand Service 10:45am   | 72          | \$1,202.00        |
| ME Service                  | 72          | \$1,342.00        |
| Hokkien Service             | 62          | \$2,371.00        |
| Tamil Service               | 16          | \$310.00          |
| DHF                         | 19          |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>1234</b> | <b>\$8,408.00</b> |

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Electronic Transfer | \$59,188.50        |
| <b>Weekly Total</b> | <b>\$67,596.50</b> |

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

|                                     |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Electronic Transfer                 | \$5,386.37            |
| <b>Weekly Total</b>                 | <b>\$5,386.37</b>     |
| <b>Total General Projects Fund:</b> | <b>\$5,461,055.88</b> |

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Daniel Lim and Chong Yun Xin who entered into holy matrimony on 30 Nov 2024!
2. Ps Dev will be on overseas leave from 1-4 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

**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, 6 Dec

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 7 Dec

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 8 Dec

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

## Advent Series: The Saviour of All

**8 Dec – Believing: The Saviour's Announcing**

Luke 1:26-38 - *Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

**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.

## **COMMUNITY DAY**

2 hours before Community Day (16th November) began, I was making my way to our church premises. Earlier in the day, there was a wedding, and right after the wedding ceremony and lunch, there was a major handing over of the Fellowship Hall, so that all the food and activities for Community Day (organized by 27 AGs and youth groups) could be set up on time!

The Functional Health Screening that our Seniors360 ministry had arranged was already underway in the Chapel and in other rooms. I figured that some guests had already arrived. But would that be it?

Earlier on, over the 3 weekends prior to Community Day, over 22 AGs and youth groups did door-to-door invitations to 33 blocks of flats in Bishan.

We catered dinner for 400 people that evening.

And then it rained.

And it didn't look like it'd stop.

We didn't do any pre-event registration, so we had no idea as to who would actually show up.

Will anyone come at all? Will all our members be just standing there at their booths with no one to engage but themselves? Will all our effort come to nothing? What will we say to our members who have worked so hard? Will today be one big disappointment?

Over the one hour before the actual start (at 4pm), all we could do was to pray, and finish the setting up, and leave everything into God's hands. People gathered in small groups to pray. I sat myself down in the office to pray, and then another time in the Main Sanctuary (brother Desmond Chew was there, and we prayed together).

The rest is history.

People just kept coming. First time visitors and also long-time friends whom we have known through our home missions ministries.

The fellowship hall was constantly full, and everywhere was abuzz with activity.

The chapel was crowded with Seniors waiting their turn for their health screening. The barbers clocked their first free hair cut before 4pm, and never got to rest until 6pm.

I was at first concerned that the less visible activities (the ones that were not in the fellowship hall) would not receive much human traffic, but my concerns were unfounded. “Waves of people” visited the Empathy Lab run by our Enabling Ministry folks.

When dinner began, we soon ran out of food and utensils.

Many of our own people chose to serve dinner, talk to our guests, or help with the clean-up, before going to find food for themselves after the event.

My heart was so full after the event, and I’m sure it was the same with the rest of the organizing team.

The LORD surprised us all with more than what we expected. And for a moment, it seemed like this was what God did with the ones we’d learned about in Genesis (Adam and Eve, Noah, Abram), to simply trust and obey Him, and watch Him work.

And perhaps one of the biggest treats of all was seeing so many of you serving in the door-to-door invitations and at Day itself. In the end, Community Day was not just about the community in the neighborhood. It’s also about us and for us – the Gospel community.

To all who came, I hope you were blessed. Remember in prayer those you got to meet.

All glory be to God! He is good.





*A very full fellowship hall at dinner time.*



*Panoramic view an hour before dinner time.*



*The team behind The Empathy Lab - One of many engaging activities we made available for our guests.*

## Announcements

### Advent Series: The Saviour of All

Christmas presents a wonderful opportunity to share with our unbelieving loved ones the Good News of the Saviour who came to rescue sinful humanity! Please prayerfully consider inviting friends and family to our three service gatherings each week in December to hear an evangelistic message from Luke's account of the Christmas events!

Details and an invitation flyer will be sent via our bulletin channels.

Join our Telegram channel here:

<https://t.me/+5LTmGdsXkbc3Mzc1>

### 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.