

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: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus; Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

PM: Who Would Have Dreamed; We are the Reason

Reception of Members

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:57-80 (ESV)

Message: Forgiving: The Saviour's Purpose

Response Hymn: Silent Night, Lonely Night

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

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/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

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

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

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speaker: Ps Ng Zhiwen

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: Music AM Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Music PM Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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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
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Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Forgiving: The Saviour's Purpose

Luke 1:57-80

The first mercy (1:57-66)

The second mercy (1:67-75)

The third mercy (1:76-80)

Reflection Questions:

1. What does Christmas mean to you?
2. From this passage of Scripture, what does Christmas have to do with the mercy of God? And what does forgiveness have to do with it?
3. Do you know for yourself the “tender mercy” of God?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Reception of Members – Praise God that today we can welcome about 40 adults and children as members of our church. Do pray that, like the rest of us, they will continue to learn more about Jesus each day - especially for the 10 or so individuals who are new in faith! Pray also that they find suitable AGs that focus on studying God's Word, so that they grow in spiritual maturity.

Youth Camp - Thank God for the smooth running of the camp and for sustaining the campers and leaders as they spent time together in the past week to learn from the messages by Ps Dev and various workshops and games. Pray that through all that they experienced at camp, each youth will come to know Jesus as their friend, and what it means to journey together in befriending Jesus.

Christmas Day Services - As we expect many visitors and worshippers returning for Christmas Day, pray that the Lord will speak to their hearts through the carols, scripture and message.

Our World

Nepal – Thank God for the safe return of the team last Sunday. For 3 of them, it has been a full and fruitful 4 weeks. They are grateful for safety during their treks, mountain flights and generally good health. Good fruitful connections were made and gospel opportunities explored for various unreached groups in West Nepal. May the Holy Spirit help us see what to start or continue.

Indonesia – Our partner invited the hearing-impaired and mute community from their special service to the Christmas celebration service. This service just started this year, meeting twice a month. They had expected 20 but more than 70 turned up to join the Christmas celebration. Please pray that more from among them will come to have a relationship with Jesus. This is a very unreached group in Indonesia.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	18	
English Service 8:30am	163	\$483.00
English Service 10:30am	437	
English Service 4:30pm	211	
Chinese Service livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	83	\$740.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	60	\$530.00
ME Service	46	\$1,083.00
Hokkien Service	59	\$555.00
Tamil Service	15	\$274.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1120	\$3,665.00

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers.

Electronic Transfer \$79,711.83
Weekly Total \$83,376.83

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$3,013.60
Weekly Total \$3,013.60
Total General Projects Fund: \$5,469,645.48

Church Family News

1. Our deepest condolences to Wee Cheow Beng and Eirene & family, on the Homegoing of Eirene's father, the late Prof. Dr Chew Chin Hin, aged 93, on 14 Dec. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer, this being their 2nd loss within a span of six weeks.
2. Congratulations to Derek Koh & Yelin Guo, as they entered into holy matrimony on 14 Dec!
3. Congratulations to Ian Mak & Su-Lin Kang on their wedding! They entered into holy matrimony on 21 Dec.
4. Ps Vernon is on overseas leave from the 23 - 31 Dec.
5. The Church Office will be closed in the afternoon on 24 Dec.
6. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning, and at Moriah BPC on Christmas day.
7. Bro Tze-Ming is preaching at Mt Hermon BPC on Christmas Day.

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**

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Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Wed, 25 Dec

10.30am & 4.30pm: Christmas Services

Fri, 27 Dec

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 28 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 29 Dec

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

Advent Series: The Saviour of All

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

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.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

8.30am Congregation

Adult Baptism

1. Tseng Liao Alva (Ms)
2. Chua Tong Chea (Mr)
3. Susan Chua Lay Lee (Mrs) Chua Tong Chea
4. Chye Swee Pheng (Ms)
5. Aye Thandar Oo (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

6. Kok Peng Quee, Grace – New Creation Church

10.30am Congregation

Reaffirmation of Faith

1. Seah Zheng Xiang, Camyn (Mr)
2. Seah Shi'en Maryann (Ms)
3. Tan Koon Wei Jonathan (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

4. Ho Sung Onn Luke (Mr) – Church of Good Shepherd
5. Foo Ji Woei, Amos (Mr) – The Life Church & Missions
6. Bin Jing Zhi, Daniel (Mr) – Geylang Evangelical Free Church
7. Liow Siew Tin Ruth (Mdm) – True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
8. Kang Shi Wei Dorothy (Ms) – Logos Christian Church
9. Yeow Aik Liang, Daniel (Mr) – Faith Community Baptist Church
10. Yeo Miu Luang (Mrs) Yeow Aik Liang, Daniel – Faith Community Baptist Church
11. Bin Wern Sern, Samuel (Mr) – Geylang Evangelical Free Church
12. Ting Seok Leng, Sheri (Mrs) Bin Wern Sern, Samuel – Geylang Evangelical Free Church

Child Baptism

13. Goh Xian En Luke - s/o Joshua Goh & Lim Min
14. David Liew Zhi Yong – s/o Paul Liew & Joyce

4.30pm Congregation

Adult Baptism

1. Kennis Khoo Yu Jie (Ms)
2. Tan Xian Xun Shaun (Mr)
3. Aericurl Chng Huang Wang (Ms)
4. Jolene Quek Cai Wen (Ms)
5. Mark Tan Chian Zhong (Mr)
6. Eng Gim Hwee (Mr)
7. Samuel Leong Zhong Wai (Mr)
8. Evon Leong Heng Hui (Mrs) Samuel Leong Zhong Wai
9. Chan Ka Po Carol (Ms)

Profession of Faith

10. Joanna Ho Tanuwijaya (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

11. Ray Yeo (Mr) – Grace Assembly of God (Tanglin)
12. Ng Zhi Qian Edwin (Mr) – New Creation Church
13. Vishitra Lakshimanan (Ms) – Grace Assembly of God (Bukit Batok)
14. Lan Yingjie (Mr) – Faith Methodist Church
15. Siah Zhi-Ling (Mr) – Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church
16. Goh Si Xuan, Rita (Ms) – City Harvest Church
17. Raphaelle Newinger (Ms) – Vineyard Church, Amsterdam

Child Baptism

18. Levi Lin Minh Khang – s/o Zack Lin & Phuong Nguyen
19. Avery Khoo – d/o Khoo Yong Jian & Carol
20. Andre Khoo – s/o Khoo Yong Jian & Carol

Christmas according to the Apostle Paul: The Past, Present & Future of Christmas

With just three days to go to Christmas 2024, we need every reminder of the significance of Jesus coming down to dwell with us. Our usual go-to places for such reminders are the opening chapters of the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. But did you know that the Apostle Paul also writes many reflections on the First Christmas? I've spent some time this week in one of them, from **Titus 2**:

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,
¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

In these four verses, Paul is giving us a good dose of helpful truth for our hearts this Christmas:

Firstly, Paul is helping us look back to **the Past** in verse 11. Two thousand years ago, Jesus, God's Grace in the flesh, appeared to bring Salvation for all. The starting point of Christmas is that all people – including you and I – needed Jesus to appear to save us. Isn't that so important to keep at the forefront of our thinking this season? To grow our own hearts in thankfulness but also to remind us what this season should be about: reaching out to all with the One who came to save them too.

Secondly, in verses 12 & 14, Paul helps us to see how that first appearance of Jesus impacts **the Present**. Did you know that Christmas is a time for training? Not for physical training (though a bit of exercise this season might not be a bad idea with all the eating), but of spiritual training! Training to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, to be self-controlled, upright, godly and pure – zealous for good works. Were those things on your Christmas to-do list this year? Paul here gives us a much-needed challenge to counter the lawlessness and rampant worldly passions of the season. Why is it so important to train ourselves in these things? It is because...

Finally, Paul helps us look to **the Future** in verse 13. He gives us the reason that all this training in godly living is worth it. It's because our blessed hope is found in the Second Appearing that is coming. Doing everything that we can to proclaim the Salvation that's only found in Jesus to all around us makes sense because He is coming again to save those who trust in Him. Living pure and self-controlled lives now only makes sense if we're living for something far better than what this world has to offer.

May this short Christmas reflection from Paul help us live for Jesus in the coming week and beyond!

Announcements

Seniors360 CNY Warehouse & Factory Shopping Trip

11 Jan 25 (Sat) 9am - 3pm

Places covered: Senoko, Woodlands Terrace, Fishery Port, Pandan Loop (refer to the sign up form for details)

\$5 per pax (including transport)

Lunch at Woodlands Industrial Park (on own expenses)

Meeting point: **9 am at church.**

Coach will leave at 9.05am.

Invite a non-Christian friend along!

Limited space! Register by **4 Jan.**

<https://tinyurl.com/s360jan25>

Watchnight Service

Join us for a time of testimony sharing, worship in songs, and hear from the Lord as we usher in a new year as a church family.

31 Dec 24 (Tues)

Main Sanctuary

10pm: Testimony Time

11pm – 12mn: Service

If you are not able to make it for service but would like to also meaningfully reflect on the past year with your family or AG family, a **New Year's Eve Devotion** will be made available on our website closer to 31 Dec.

Church Camp 20-23 June 2025

Venue: ParkRoyal A'Famosa Melaka Resort

Register **ASAP** before Early Bird flies away on 31 Dec 2024! Sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2025ZBCamp>

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. Come earlier for a time of carolling before each service (at 10am and 4pm respectively)!

Biblical Graduate School of Theology

Semester 2 (Jan-Jun 2025) courses are now open for registration.

Deepen your understanding of biblical studies, theology, practical ministry.

For info and sign-up, see

<http://courses.bgst.edu.sg/>

Bro Tze-Ming is teaching a class on "*Christianity, Culture, and Society.*"

Vouchers for Zion Bishan members may be available from **Tze-Ming** (tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg)