

— OUR SPIRIT WAITS —

3 DECEMBER 2023 | ENGLISH SERVICES 8.30AM | 10.30AM



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— ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES —

A person stands on a dark rock in the foreground, looking out at a calm sea under a deep purple sky. In the distance, a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, creates a lens flare effect. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

OUR SPIRIT WAITS

ADVENT WORSHIP SERIES

Season of Advent

The word “Advent” comes from the Latin word “adventus” which means “coming” or “visit.” It begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Jesus Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfilment of all that was promised by His first coming. The liturgical colour is purple, symbolising penitence and royalty.

First Candle - Hope

The first Advent candle symbolizes Hope. It signifies the hope of promises delivered through the prophets from God in the Old Testament as well as the hope we have in Christ.

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Preaching Today

1st Sunday of Advent

- **English Services at 8.30AM and 10.30AM**

Preacher : Rev Jeremy Yap
Season Theme : Our Spirit Waits
Sermon Title : Our Shocking Hope
Scripture : Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

- **Mandarin Service at 10.30AM**

Preacher : Rev Khoo Cheng Hoot
Sermon Title : Watch and Wait for the Lord's Coming
Scripture : Mark 13:24-37

**No Youthphoria, Children's Ministry and Toddlers
Programme on Holy Communion Sunday.**

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Scripture Text

English Services 8.30AM and 10.30AM

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

Scripture Text

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Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.

How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸ Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;
do not remember our sins forever.

Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

Scripture Text

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Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Psalm 80:1-7

- ¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,
shine forth ² before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.
Awaken your might;
come and save us.
- ³ Restore us, O God;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.
- ⁴ How long, Lord God Almighty,
will your anger smolder
against the prayers of your people?
- ⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.
- ⁶ You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,
and our enemies mock us.
- ⁷ Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Psalm 80:17-19

- ¹⁷ Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.
- ¹⁸ Then we will not turn away from you;
revive us, and we will call on your name.
- ¹⁹ Restore us, Lord God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

Scripture Text

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1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴ “But in those days, following that distress,
“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

²⁶ “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

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1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

The Day and Hour Unknown

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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Sermon Reflection Questions

English Services 8.30AM and 10.30AM

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

1. What are some of the things that you hope for in life?
2. Does the hope that Jesus is coming again feature in any of these personal hopes?
3. How would you describe your walk with Jesus?
4. Is it a walk of hope or are there other feelings that more accurately describe it?
5. How can you better live a life of hope, in particular the hope of Jesus' coming?

4

Worship Arrangement for 10 December 2023

Sunday Service at 8.30AM

Please take note that there is only one service on 10 December 2023 at 8:30AM. After the service, campers will board the coaches and depart for the church camp at Johor Bahru.

The Lord's Café

The Lord's Café will not be serving breakfast on 10 December 2023.

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AMC Church Camp Update

Departure Date : Sunday, 10 December 2023

For those travelling via coach from AMC, please take note of the following schedule:

- 8AM - 8.30AM: Tag & leave your luggage at FMS(P) covered play area
- 8.30AM: Attend Service at AMC
- 9.45AM: Assemble at FMS (P) – final check and boarding of coaches
- 10.30AM: First coach departs
- 12.30PM - 1PM: ETA at Holiday Villa Hotel JB

Car Parking at AMC (10-13 December 2023)

Limited lots are available at AMC car park, please register with the church office @67731964 should you wish to park in the AMC car park. Church will not be held liable for any loss or damage to your vehicle.

6

Heartfelt Condolences

The late Mdm Elaine Sin Nyuk @ Shang Nyuk Pin

Our heartfelt condolences to Mr Pang How Tze on the demise of his beloved mother. The late Mdm Elaine Sin Nyuk @ Shang Nyuk Pin passed away in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 29 November 2023. Please pray for God's peace and comfort for the family during this time of their loss.

7

Youth Football Club Volunteers and Coaches

December Session

The AMC YFC is a youth soccer group that aspires to disciple and mentor through sports. It champions godly living and bonding between parents and children. We train once every two Saturdays. If you are interested to join us as a coach or a volunteer, please see us at our next session 16 December 2023 from 8.30AM to 10.30AM at the FMS(S) field.

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Bless the Timorese Initiative

Through a cover letter jointly issued by Bishop and the Council of Presidents on 17 September 2021, Bishop and the Presidents of the three Annual Conferences encouraged the local churches, regardless of Annual Conference membership, to discuss the feasibility of working together on a Christmas project within this quadrennium (before end 2024) to show God's love to the community. The theme: Loving Our Neighbours Together At Christmas.

Local churches were grouped in Clusters and Aldersgate Methodist Church was placed in Cluster 9 together with Faith Methodist Church, Holland Village Methodist Church, Living Waters Methodist Church and Queenstown Chinese Methodist Church.

Bless the Timorese Initiative

Each Cluster was free to decide on the nature and theme of the combined project but Bishop's hope was for the project to be an expression of Loving God By Loving Our Neighbours. The hope is to bring some kind of visible blessing to the Community.

Over the whole month of October 2023, an appeal to raise funds for the "Bless the Timorese" initiative was presented to the worshippers of Aldersgate Methodist Church (AMC). Our missionary in East-Timor, David Chan had shared that there were three projects we could be a blessing to a neighbouring nation namely:

- i) Purchase of Compassion packs
- ii) Purchase of Blessing packs
- iii) Sponsorship of a Christmas cum Graduation Party
- iv) Contribution towards the purchase of a second-hand vehicle

As a result of your generosity, we raised a total of \$24,556.00. Including the donations from the other churches in Cluster 9 we raised a total of \$46,556.00. The total sum required was \$38,000.00. The extra funds will be designated to the MMS Timor-Leste General Fund. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the "Bless the Timorese" initiative.

To God Be The Glory!

Ghim Moh 28 Rebuild and Restore Fund Update

On 16 August 2023, a fire broke out in a Ghim Moh flat in Block 28, destroying the home of a family of 5. The fire rendered them homeless overnight necessitating their relocation to temporary housing. The family needed to raise a sum of \$51,143.36 for restoration and renovation costs.

An appeal to raise funds for the Teo family was presented to the worshippers of Aldersgate Methodist Church (AMC) on 22 October 2023. As a result of your generosity, we raised a total of \$31,715.00.

AMC donated \$10,199.00 out of the \$31,715.00 to meet the total renovation costs required by the Teo family. The balance of the funds will be used to purchase home essentials such as beds, mattresses and kitchen electrical appliances.

Other channels of support included donations in kind and free legal support from one of our church members in resolving neighbours' claim to incidental damages.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Ghim Moh 28 Rebuild and Restore fund. Your love and generosity have touched Mr Teo and his family.

Activities Timeline

DECEMBER

3



- Honouring Cell Group Leaders

16



- Carolling@Dover

23



- Love Feast



25



- Christmas Day Combined Evangelistic Service

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- WSCS Agape Befrienders' Christmas Party

17



- Children's Ministry Christmas cum Graduation Party

24



- Christmas Eve Sunday Service
- Christmas Party for Domestic Helpers
- Unwrap The One - Youth Christmas Party
- Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Service

31



- New Year's Eve Sunday Service
- Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service cum Communal Dinner

E-Posters

1. Honouring Cell Group Leaders
2. Christmas Flyers Distribution at Dover Area
3. Blessing Packs Distribution
4. AMC Christmas Initiatives
 - Christmas Activities
 - Love Feast
 - Carolling@Dover
 - Christmas Party for Domestic Helpers
 - Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Service
 - Christmas Day Combined Evangelistic Service
 - Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service cum Communal Dinner
5. Volunteers Needed
6. TRAC 48th Session Highlight
7. Methodist Message - December
8. John Wesley Graphic Novel - Christmas Special
9. Companions in Christ
10. SPMS Update - Season 3: The Call to Restore



Honouring Cell Group Leaders

<u>Adult CG</u>	<u>Cell Group Leader /Co-Cell Group Leader</u>
1. Agape	• Mr Charlie Tan / Mr Steven Black Chung
2. Christ's Ambassadors	• Mr Michael Khor / Mrs Khor Poh Khim
3. Exodus	• Mr Lim Hock Kheng
4. Grace	• Mr Eric Lim
5. L3: Last, Least, Lost	• Mr Jonathan Quah
6. Leap of Faith	• Mr Wee Jun Xiang / Mrs Serene Wee-Koh
7. Living Stream	• Mr Joseph Tay
8. Lord's Seekers	• Mr Michael Wee
9. Meta Oasis	• Ms Sabrina Chew
10. Oasis 1	• Pr Richard Seow / Mr William Choo
11. Oasis 2	• Mr Leong Jenn Yeoong
12. Oasis River	• Mr Geoffrey Tong / Mr Adrian Ho
13. Ouch!	• Mr Wee Tat Chuen / Ms Cynthia Tan
14. Philadelphia (Philly+)	• Mr David Hu / Dr Andrew Khor
15. Salt & Light	• Mr Kong Chong Phang / Mr Peter Cheng
16. TG	• Ms Hor Yuet Sim / Mr Jason Soon
17. The Upper Room	• Mr Ronald Lee / Mrs Angelic Lee
18. Treasured Possessions	• Mr Adrian Ng / Ms Rosalinda Yapit
19. YA2	• Mr Dominic Leong / Ms Alyssa Lim
20. Zion	• Mr Desmond Chan / Mr Jeffrey Sia

Honouring Cell Group Leaders

Young Adult CG

1. Chara
2. Coco Puff
3. Coffee Bean
4. Joshua Generation
5. Lightly Salted
6. Philia
7. Quicker
8. Since 93
9. The 96's

Cell Group Leader /Co-Cell Group Leader

- Ms Joyce Huang / Ms Natalie Ang
- Ms Corinne Sia
- Mr Kenneth Goh / Mr Aaron Eio / Ms Dawn Seow
- Mr Joel Tan
- Mr David Lim / Mrs Denise Lim
- Ms Athalia Choo
- Mr Kelwin Li
- Mr Goh Sheow En / Ms Joy Sim
- Mr Ashley Lim

Youth CG

1. 2008/2009 Combined
2. 2007 Combined
3. 2006 Combined
4. 2004/2005 Combined
5. 2003 Combined
6. 2002 Girls
7. 2001 Girls
8. 2001/2002 Boys
9. 1999/2000 Boys

Cell Group Leader /Co-Cell Group Leader

- Mr Brian Cheng / Mr Ng Kiang Wu
- Mr Maverick Leong / Ms Gracia Hoyos / Mr Alexander Sui
- Mr Jeffrey Hoo / Ms Lim Si Xiu
- Mr Vincent Tan
- Mr Ho Zhen Chong / Ms Yee Minyi
- Ms Belicia Ong / Ms Sandy Goh
- Ms Michelle Ng
- Mr Christopher Chng
- Mr Keith Tan

Christmas Flyers Distribution at Dover Area

26 and 30 November 2023



Special thanks to Chinese Ministry, Children's Ministry.
God bless all your hard work.

Blessing Packs Distribution to the Custodians

29 November 2023



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2 DEC 2023 Children Carolling at MWS Bethany Nursing Home 9AM - 10.30AM

4 DEC 2023 WSCS Agape Befrienders' Christmas Party 7PM - 8.30PM

16 DEC 2023 Carolling@Dover 5PM - 6.30PM

17 DEC 2023 Children's Ministry Christmas cum Graduation Party 10.30AM

23 DEC 2023 Love Feast (Love202X) 11AM - 1PM

24 DEC 2023 Christmas Eve Sunday Service 10.30AM

Christmas Party for Domestic Helpers 10.30AM

Unwrap The One Youth Christmas Party 10.30AM

Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Service 6PM - 8.30PM

25 DEC 2023 Christmas Day Combined Evangelistic Service 10.30AM

31 DEC 2023 New Year's Eve Sunday Service 10.30AM

Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service cum Communal Dinner 6PM - Dinner
7.30PM - Service



The background of the entire poster is a dark, textured surface, possibly a tablecloth, with several wrapped gifts in brown paper. The gifts are tied with white twine and decorated with small red berries and pinecones. A pinecone is also visible on the left side of the image.

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LOVE202X AND TOYS4U PRESENTS

LOVE FEAST

DONATIONS ARE CLOSED!

Thank you to all who have contributed and donated gifts for the children and families of Love 202x. We have received an overwhelming support for this initiative over the past few weeks, and collections are officially closed.

The collection booth will remain open on **3 December** to receive donations that were pledged beforehand, and this will be our final day for collection.

We appreciate your generosity!

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CAROLLING@DOVER

YOU ARE INVITED!



16 DECEMBER 2023

5 PM - 6.30 PM

Courtyard next to Blk 22 Dover Crescent,
Telok Blangah Dover Crescent Residents'
Network Center

Christmas Carolling | Ukulele | Skit | Welcome Pack

FOR MORE INFORMATION, KINDLY CONTACT

HO WENG KIN 何永坚弟兄 @ 9646 7133

SUSIE LOH 劳凤枝姐妹 @ 8112 1967





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雅德门卫理公会

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR DOMESTIC HELPERS 家庭帮佣圣诞庆祝会

Only domestic helpers of our AMC worshippers are welcome
仅限于雅德门教会会友的家庭帮佣

DATE : SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2023

TIME : 10.30AM - 12.30PM*

**VENUE : FAITH ROOM, ALDERSGATE
METHODIST CHURCH**

COST : FREE

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 10 DECEMBER 2023

*The Christmas Party for Domestic Helpers will run concurrent to the Sunday worship service at 10:30AM on 24 December 2023.



SIGN UP NOW! <https://tinyurl.com/yc3m9762>

Don't miss this opportunity to share Jesus, the Light of the World with your domestic helper.



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ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER CUM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER 2023

TIME : 6PM - 8.30PM

VENUE : ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE : 10 DECEMBER 2023

The Christmas Story

A MODERN RETELLING



CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

REGISTRATION FOR DINNER WILL CLOSE ON 10 DECEMBER 2023. SIGN UP EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.



CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

EVERY NEWCOMER WILL RECEIVE A WELCOME GIFT.



CHRISTMAS FUN ACTIVITIES

THERE WILL BE GAMES, POPCORN AND CANDY FLOSS FOR ALL.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ijQQzsX2YU>



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ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY COMBINED EVANGELISTIC SERVICE

MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER 2023 | 10.30AM

VENUE : ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH

The doctor told Jason he had six months to live.

Do you experience fulfilment and fruitfulness as you live out your life? What if one day you receive news that you have a terminal illness and limited time to live? What will you do and who will you turn to?

Pastor Jason Ong is a 2-time cancer survivor. Diagnosed with a very rare form of brain tumor in 2004; he was miraculously healed after a personal encounter with **JESUS** in 2013 after his second surgery. Come hear the true story of Pastor Jason Ong. How did he defy all odds? **What gave Jason such unwavering hope and an incredible attitude towards life.** Today, Pastor Jason Ong is the Lead Pastor and Co-Founder of RESTORE GLOBAL MISSIONS, a business owner (Co-founder of Olive Vine Restaurant) as well as an ordained minister.

Ps Jason Ong

Ps Judith Halim





ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH
雅德门卫理公会

WESLEYAN COVENANT RENEWAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE CUM COMMUNAL DINNER SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2023

DINNER : 6PM SERVICE: 7.30PM

VENUE : ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH

REGISTRATION DEADLINE 17 DECEMBER 2023



REGISTER FOR
DINNER

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KINDLY CONTACT RICHARD
@9088 7368 IF YOU COULD
CONTRIBUTE A DISH FOR
DINNER.

<https://tinyurl.com/5n956d8e>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Hi there! It's the season of the year again, Christmas is just around the corner!

This year we are having a multiple of Christmas activities and your participation in our preparation work will be of great help! If you are available to help, **kindly contact the church @67731964.**

Logistics

Pax

- Traffic marshal :3
- Security :2
- Volunteers to set up and clean up on 24 Dec :5
- First Aid :1
- Setup PA system :1
- Crowd control :2

Contact : Richard Quek @9088 7368

Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Servic

Pax

- Hospitality team :10

Contact : Esther Lim@9712 9751



Together let us all be a light to the community we are in and reach out to others with love.



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**ON TRAC
TOGETHER**

word | worship | welcome | witness | wonder

TRAC 48th Session (20 to 23 November 2023) Conference Highlights & Updates

1. The 48th Session of the Trinity Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Singapore was held at Bedok Methodist Church.
2. **Ordination of Deacon and Elders**
 - 2.1 Rev Shannon Chan Mei Ming, Rev Emanuel Goh, Rev Tay Li Ping, and Rev Jeremy Yap were ordained Elders.
 - 2.2 Pastor Isaac Tan was ordained Deacon.
3. **New Local Preachers**
District 2 Mr Leon Seah (Pentecost MC)
4. **Retirement**
 - 4.1 Rev Dr Malcolm Tan will retire at the end of 2023 after 39 years of service.
 - 4.2 Rev Dr Jonathan Seet will retire at the end of 2023 after 32 years of service.
 - 4.3 Rev Lilian Ang will retire at the end of 2023 after 23 years of service. She will however be re-engaged by TRAC.
 - 4.4 Rev See Swee Fang will retire at the end of 2023 after 22 years of service.
5. **Policies / Papers / Proposals Approved at TRAC 48th Annual Conference**
 - 5.1 Draft Governance Evaluation Checklist for August 2022 to July 2023
 - 5.2 Enhancements of the TRAC PDP Operation Procedures Manual ver 2 (02 June 2023)
 - 5.3 TRAC Guidelines for the Church to be a Safe Place for persons facing LGBTQ struggles
 - 5.4 TRAC be the sponsoring Annual Conference for the Methodist Church in Thailand, known as Mettakji Church Association (MCA)
 - 5.5 Audited Financial Statements and its Audited Report for the year ended 31 July 2023
 - 5.6 Procedures for the closing of a Restricted Fund and adding these to TRAC Financial Manual
 - 5.7 Payment of the 13th month AWS and Variable Bonus subject to a total payment of 2.5 months
 - 5.8 Giving of a one-off special lump sum payment to all eligible TRAC staff in Dec 2023
 - 5.9 Revised HR Manual
 - 5.10 Removal of pastors' birthdates (retaining only the year) and marriage dates effective from the Annual TRAC Official Journal with immediate effect, i.e. Official Journal 2023.
 - 5.11 Discipleship & Nurture Syllabus to be organized into four main categories for all churches, namely (1) Christian Doctrine, (2) Christian Living, (3) Baptism & Vow Sacrament and (4) "Strangely Warmed" Retreat.
6. **District Superintendents for 2024**

	<u>Churches</u>
District 1 – Rev Alvin Chan	Barker Road MC, Bedok MC, Christ MC, Christalite M Chapel, Kampong Kapor MC
District 2 – Rev Kenneth Huang	Ang Mo Kio MC, Living Hope MC, MC of the Incarnation, Paya Lebar MC, Pentecost MC, Trinity MC
District 3 – Rev Reuben Ng	Agape MC, Cairnhill MC, Fairfield MC, Toa Payoh MC, Wesley MC
District 4 – Rev Dr Edwin Wong	Aldersgate MC, Covenant Community MC, Faith MC, Holland Village MC, Living Waters MC
7. **Ministerial Appointments w.e.f. 1 January 2024**
Ministerial appointments may be obtained from TRAC Website: www.trac-mcs.org.sg



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THE GATHERING OF THE GIFTS

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*What the wise men's gifts
tell us about Jesus*

The Christmas hymn
*With no manger,
angels or shepherds*

JOHN WESLEY GRAPHIC NOVEL

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COMPANIONS *in Christ*
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WHO ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL FRIENDS? HOW DO I BECOME A SPIRITUAL FRIEND?

Speaker: Rev Dr Niam Kai Huey

Date:
13 January 2024
Time:
9am to 12noon

Venue:
70 Barker Rd, L6, Sophia
Blackmore Hall
Registration fee: \$10

We need companions on our spiritual journey. Do you have a friend you could trust to guard your soul? Have you ever thought of friendship as a spiritual discipline? All ministry leaders need to cultivate healthy and life-giving friendships, with peers and especially with Jesus.

We invite all current and graduates of "Companions in Christ" and all disciples of Jesus who are willing to befriend and become spiritual friends to attend this talk.

For more information or
to register:
[https://forms.gle/du2Sr1
cucxjckNAv9](https://forms.gle/du2Sr1cucxjckNAv9)

Closing Date: 31 Dec 2023
(Limited to 50 participants only)



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SPMS Update

Season 3: The Call to Restore



09/12/23 (Sat)

3 - 430pm

Aldersgate Methodist
Church (AMC)

The Rev William Denver
Stone Hall (Level 1)



Any query, kindly contact
Evelyn @ 91136980



Give, and it will be given to you

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

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Second Offering

Today's second
offering is for

**TRAC - MWS
Chaplaincy Ministry**

Monthly Financial and Attendance Updates - October

UPDATE ON FINANCE & ATTENDANCE									
DESCRIPTION	Last Year Up to End 31 July 2023	This Year Up to Date	1/10/23		Laity Sunday 8/10/23	15/10/23	22/10/23		
BUDGET PLEDGE	1,205,445	339798.08	24,134	18,119	16,459	21,084	19,600		
MISSIONS SUPPORT	205,183	81855	3,220	3,470	785	1,120	2,450		
TIMOR-LESTE MISSIONS	6,100	20370	7,810	400	3,930	6,130	1,600		
TIMOR-LESTE SCHOOL PROJECT	400	1100	-	300	-	-	-		
HOPE HOUSE-CAMBODIA	3,000	670	200	-	-	-	-		
ST PAUL METHODIST SCHOOL BLDG FUND (NEW)	63,655	800	-	-	-	-	-		
OFFERING(OPEN)	77,441	21349.18	1,620	1,232	1,688	1,896	1,172		
FLORAL	650	0	-	-	-	-	-		
DONATION-LOVE 202X(NEW)	100	0	-	-	-	-	-		
CHILDREN MINISTRY (CHURCH SCH)	21,483	12005.9	500	-	130	130	-		
YOUTHPHORIA	1109.4	6138.25	-	218	24	55	-		
2ND OFFERING (OTHERS/TRAC)	26,390	10198.5	2,990	200	-	-	-		
DONATION/LOVE GIFTS (GENERAL)	629,886	202042.3	10,477	10,105	9,463	11,255	34,150		
SPECIAL DONATION-CHRISTMAS/EASTER/ASH	9,052	0	-	-	-	-	-		
YOUTHPHORIA-FUNDRAISER-ACADEMIC(NEW)	0	30075	-	-	-	25,145	4,930		
SPECIAL DONATION(SPECIFIC)/EMPOWER RUN	5,704	1900	-	200	-	-	-		
THE GIVING METHODIST (CHURCH ANNI)	12,301	0	-	-	-	-	-		
CHURCH CAMP COLLECTION	0	55750	3,370	6,760	12,420	3,070	3,270		
RENTAL OF PREMISES/MISC	12838.91	1890	-	-	1,890	-	-		
GRAND TOTAL	2,280,738	785,942	54,321	41,004	46,788	69,886	67,172		
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	8.30AM	English Service	148 onsite ; 25 online	110 onsite ; 30 online	111 onsite ; 26 online	121 onsite ; 30 online	127 onsite ; 30 online		
	10.30AM	English Service	293 onsite ; 51 online	192 onsite ; 32 online	241 onsite ; 36 online	214 onsite ; 35 online	223 onsite ; 44 online		
	10.30AM	Chinese Service	69 onsite ; 8 online	55 onsite ; 12 online	64 onsite ; 7 online	56 onsite ; 8 online	68 onsite ; 9 online		
	10.30AM	Youthphoria	at the main service	60 onsite	54 onsite	59 onsite	58 onsite		
	10.30AM	Children's Ministry		396 onsite	141 onsite	135 onsite	130 onsite		

Monthly Financial and Attendance Updates - November

UPDATE ON FINANCE & ATTENDANCE						
DESCRIPTION	Last Year Up to End 45138	This Year Up to Date	5/11/23	12/11/23	19/11/23	26/11/23
BUDGET PLEDGE	1205444.65	406508	24973	17529	12414	11794
MISSIONS SUPPORT	205183	97150	7400	1575	1800	4520
TIMOR-LESTE MISSIONS	6100	24856	2500	1986	-	-
TIMOR-LESTE SCHOOL PROJECT	400	1550	300	50	50	50
HOPE HOUSE-CAMBODIA	3000	870	-	200	-	-
ST PAUL METHODIST SCHOOL BLDG FUND (NEW)	63654.75	1800	-	-	-	1000
OFFERING(OPEN)	77441.39	27870	2077	1370	1417	1657
FLORAL	650	-	-	-	-	-
DONATION-LOVE 202X(NEW)	100	1556	-	1556	-	-
CHILDREN MINISTRY (CHURCH SCH)	21483.45	12428	140	109	94	80
YOUTHPHORIA	1109.4	6272	31	63	40	-
2ND OFFERING (OTHERS/TRAC)	26389.5	11852	1653	-	-	-
DONATION/LOVE GIFTS (GENERAL)	629886.25	256707	19407	12010	6963	16285
SPECIAL DONATION-CHRISTMAS/EASTER/ASH	9052	-	-	-	-	-
YOUTHPHORIA-FUNDRAISER-ACADEMIC(NEW)	0	31715	1640	-	-	-
SPECIAL DONATION(SPECIFIC)/EMPOWER RUN	5704	1920	-	-	-	20
THE GIVING METHODIST (CHURCH ANNI)	12301	-	-	-	-	-
CHURCH CAMP COLLECTION	0	55870	-	-	-	120
RENTAL OF PREMISES/MISC	12838.91	1890	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	2,280,738	940,814	60,121	36,447	22,778	35,526
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	8.30AM	English Service	134 onsite ; 28 online	122 onsite ; 30 online	109 onsite ; 24 online	136 onsite ; 30 online
	10.30AM	English Service	255 onsite ; 54 online	224 onsite ; 38 online	201 onsite ; 44 online	200 onsite ; 30 online
	10.30AM	Chinese Service	63 onsite ; 9 online	56 onsite ; 8 online	58 onsite ; 7 online	66 onsite ; 8 online
	10.30AM	Youthphoria	at the main service	58 onsite	57 onsite	39 onsite
	10.30AM	Children's Ministry		125 onsite	123 onsite	125 onsite

We Bring Before our Father

Prayer concerns for December

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9:6



AMC Community

- **Pray** for God's light to shine through our AMC family that we will experience spiritual revival.
- **Pray** for our AMC family to know God and to grow in relationship with Him as He speaks to us through His Word.
- **Pray** for a season of harvest of souls that we will be a beacon of hope that draws people to Jesus.



Pastors and LCEC

- **Pray** for a fresh anointing and wisdom to be upon our pastors as they play a vital role in guiding, nurturing, and shepherding the congregation on their spiritual journey.
- **Pray** for God's blessings upon the pastors and leadership as they carry out specific responsibilities within our church.
- **Pray** for our pastors and leaders to lead with humility, love, and a deep desire to glorify You in all that they do.



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Next Generation

- **Pray** for them to walk in wisdom and to be surrounded with wise friends.
- **Pray** that they will seek God in all their choices.
- **Pray** for righteousness. Ask God to strengthen them and give them the drive to flee from the temptations of the world.

Fairfield Methodist School (Primary)

- **Pray** that our students will have a blessed time of bonding with family and friends during the school holidays.
- **Pray** that our students will steer away from evil and cling to what is good.

Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary)

- **Pray** for God's wisdom and strength to be upon the school leaders, as they lead all staff and students in the school holiday activities and in planning for next year.

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Our City

- **Pray** for strength, protection and wisdom for our government as they continue to navigate the nation through these challenging times.
- Give thanks for the peace and prosperity we have enjoyed as a nation. We give thanks for the many good and kind people and organizations that are serving the poor, needy and vulnerable with compassion.
- Pray for strength, protection and wisdom, as they continue to navigate the nation through these challenging times.
- Pray that all believers in this nation will respond to the call to serve the lost this Christmas Season.

The World

- Pray for God's grace, mercy to help the world to recover, protect ocean life and food sources.

Israel - Hamas War

- Give thanks that there is finally a truce between Israel and Palestine, and some hostages have been freed. We pray that the truce will not be temporary, that all hostages will be freed, more humanitarian aid will enter Gaza, and dialogue is insisted upon.

Church Attendance

26 November 2023

- **8.30AM Traditional English Service**
Onsite : 136 | Online : 30
 - **10.30AM Contemporary English Service**
Onsite : 200 | Online : 30
 - **10.30AM Mandarin Service**
Onsite : 66 | Online : 8
 - **10.30AM Youthphoria, Youth Service**
Onsite : 39
 - **10.30AM Children's Ministry**
Onsite : 125
- Total Onsite : 566 Total Online : 68**

Staff Annual Leave

Rev Jeremy Yap : 14 to 20 December 2023

Sabbath

All pastors, pastoral and ministry staff observe their sabbath day off on Monday.

Prolonged Ailment Leave

Pr Yuen Wai May is on Prolonged Ailment Leave until 31 December 2023.

Stay Connected - AMC Updates

Sign up for AMC updates to receive weekly updates of church news, service information and our weekly bulletin.

1. By WhatsApp

STEP 1

Save 88784578 into your phone or simply scan the QR code, and set the contact as "AMC Updates" Note that you will not be able to receive text messages without saving the number.



STEP 2

Send a WhatsApp message to "AMC Updates" with your Full Name, number and service you attend. (E.g David Lim Su Neng / 91234567 / English 8.30am).

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2. By Telegram

We are also on telegram if you wish to receive updates through telegram. Join us through this link : t.me/amcupdates

3. By E-mail

Please send an email to: cathrynliew@aldersgate.sg to receive your weekly e-bulletin updates. Subject: Subscribe AMC Updates

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Worship Services

Do join us to worship God on Sunday!

- **English Worship Services**

Time : 8.30AM (Traditional Service)
10.30AM (Contemporary Service)
Venue : The Sanctuary
Online : [youtube.com.user/aldersgatesg](https://youtube.com/user/aldersgatesg)

- **Mandarin Worship Service**

Time : 10.30AM
Venue : The Rev William Denver Stone Hall
Online : youtube.com/AMCChineseministry

- **Youthphoria**

Youthphoria meets every Sunday except for the first Sunday of each month (Holy Communion Sunday)

Time : 10.30AM
Venue : Fairfield Methodist School (Primary)
Performing Arts Studio

- **Children's Ministry**

Children's Ministry meets every Sunday except for the first Sunday of each month (Holy Communion Sunday)

Time : 10.30AM
Venue : Basement Rooms

Toddlers meet every Sunday except for the first Sunday of each month (Holy Communion Sunday)

Time : 10.30AM
Venue : Faith Room

Duty Personnel

3 December 2023

8:30AM Traditional English Service

Worship Leader	: Pr Richard Seow
Organist / Pianist	: Dr Joanna Tan, Tan Guodong, Dr Adeline Seow
Ushers	: Nina Kang, Tan Mui Lee
Counting Steward(s)	: Linda Woon
Pastoral Staff i/c for Service	: Maverick Leong
Admin Staff	: Christina Tan, Richard Quek
Service Director	: Kelwin Li
Sound Crew	: Kewin Wong
Videographer	: Jonathan Ho
Projectionist	: Benjamin Chen
Livestream	: Yap Jing Han

10:30AM Contemporary English Service

Worship Leader	: Vincent Tan
Worship Team	: Joyce Wee, Sheldon Wee, Debbie Lam, Jonathan Seow
Ushers	: Thia Teng Swan, Tay Sok Boon Ho Bee Choo, Diana Kang
Counting Steward(s)	: Linda Woon
Pastoral Staff i/c for Service	: Maverick Leong
Admin Staff	: Christina Tan, Richard Quek
Service Director	: Kelwin Li
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