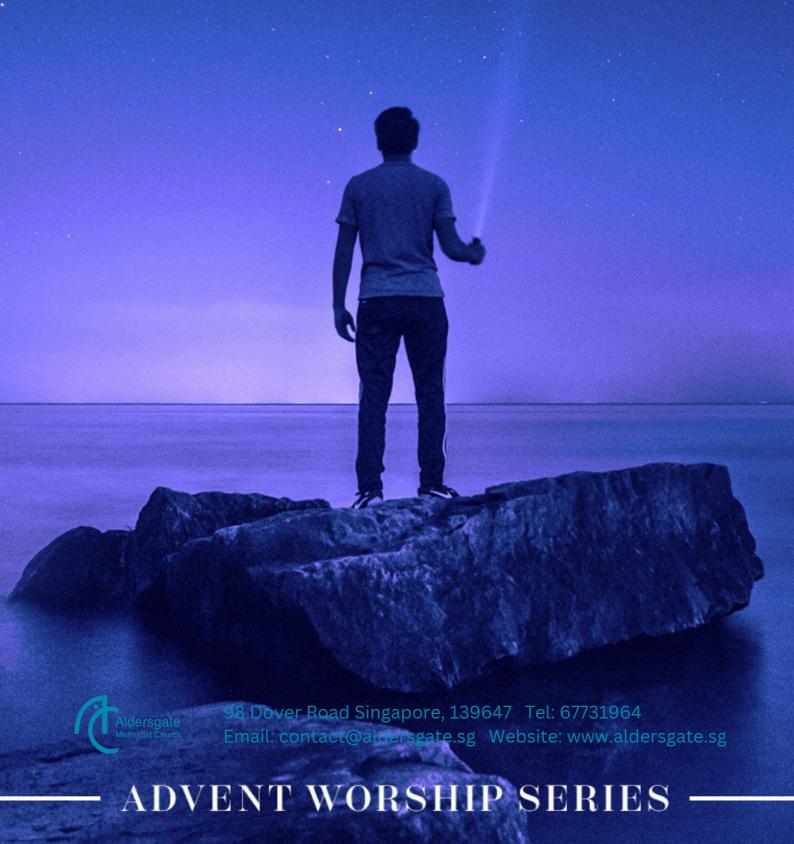
OUR SPIRIT WAITS

17 DECEMBER 2023 | ENGLISH SERVICES 8.30AM & 10.30AM





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.

Third Candle -Joy

The third Advent candle symbolizes Joy. It signifies the joy of anticipation for Christmas as we rejoice in the salvation through Jesus Christ.

Preaching Today

3rd Sunday of Advent

• English Services at 8.30AM & 10.30AM

Preacher : Dr Ng Moh Ying
Season Theme : Our Spirit Waits
Sermon Title : Our Fierce Joy

Scripture : Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mandarin Service at 10.30AM

Preacher : Ms Sharon Lam Sermon Theme : Our Spirit Waits

Sermon Title : Bear Witness to the True Light

Scripture : John 1:6-8, 19-28

Youthphoria at 10.30AM

Preacher : Mr Maverick Leong Sermon Theme : Our Spirit Waits Sermon Title : Our Fierce Joy

Scripture : Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Children's Ministry and Toddlers Programme at 10.30AM

Children's Ministry Christmas cum Graduation Party

Today's Preacher

Dr Ng Moh Ying



Dr Ng Moh Ying currently serves as a pastor in "My Father's House" church. After working as a lawyer for over 25 years, she left the legal field to enter Trinity Theological College to equip her for pastoral ministry. She carries a doctoral degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in the area of discipleship and spiritual formation for a postmodern world. Her passion is in the creation of curriculum for small groups and she has crafted small group study guides and materials for churches. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling, reading, discovering new things and being grandma to her 4 toddlers.

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Scripture Text

English Services 8.30AM & 10.30AM Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Isaiah 61:1-4

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion to bestow on them a crown of beauty

instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise

instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities

that have been devastated for generations.

3b

Scripture Text

English Services 8.30AM & 10.30AM Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Isaiah 61:8-11

8 "For I, the Lord, love justice;I hate robbery and wrongdoing.

In my faithfulness I will reward my people and make an everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples.

All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the Lord has blessed."

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,

as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow,

so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations.

3c

Scripture Text

English Services 8.30AM & 10.30AM Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalm 126

- ¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed.
- ² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."

- ³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.
- ⁴ Restore our fortunes, Lord, like streams in the Negev.
- ⁵ Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy.
- 6 Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil. 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

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Scripture Text

English Services 8.30AM & 10.30AM Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

John 1:6-8

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

John 1:19-28

¹⁹ Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰ He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹ They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²² Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself? ²³ John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" ²⁴ Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵ questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷ He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." ²⁸ This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

Sermon Reflection Questions

English Services 8.30AM & 10.30AM Psalm 126

- 1. Describe some of the instances in your life when God has powerfully worked and you would not have gotten through without God's help. How can remembrance and reflection of these instances help you with joy in the present.
- 2. Reflect on the measure of joy in your life right now. How joyful are you? If you are not experiencing joy, what are some things you could practically do to experience joy in your life?
- 3. How does Psalm 126 encourage you to remain hopeful and continue "sowing even during tough times". How might you "sow seeds" in a difficult situation now, trusting God for a future harvest of joy?

Church Premises Closed

Tuesday, 26 December 2023

The church premises will be closed on Tuesday, 26 December 2023 in lieu of Christmas Day on Monday, 25 December 2023.

Monday, 1 January 2024

The church premises will be closed on New Year's Day, 1 January 2024.

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Aldersgate Praise Centre

Closed from 24 December 2023 to 1 January 2024 Please take note that Aldersgate Praise Centre (APC) will be closed from Sunday, 24 December 2023 to Monday, 1 January 2024.

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Staff Movement

Ms Christina Tan

Ms Christina Tan will be retiring after 5 years of faithfully serving as the Finance Executive of AMC. Her last day of service will be 18 January 2024. The Aldersgate family would like to take this opportunity to thank her and may God continue to bless her new season of life.

Activities Timeline

DECEMBER

23



Love Feast





Christmas Day Combined
 Evangelistic Service



 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

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

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- 1. WSCS Agape Befrienders' Christmas Party
- 2. AMC Church Camp Reignite
 - Christmas Activities
 - Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Service
 - Christmas Day Combined Evangelistic Service
 - Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Holy Communion Service cum Communal Dinner
- 3. Volunteers Needed
- 4. AMC Job Vacancies
- 5. YA Integration Sunday
- 6. Methodist Message December
- 7. John Wesley Graphic Novel Christmas Special
- 8. Companions in Christ



WSCS Agape Befrienders' Christmas Party

4 December 2023

































ALDERSGATE METHODIST CHURCH 雅德门卫理公会

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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
	901	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
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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

🙇 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.

M CHRISTMAS FUN ACTIVITIES

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

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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 (Cofounder of Olive Vine Restaurant) as well as an ordained minister.









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



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 Security Volunteers to set up and clean up on 24 Dec First Aid Setup PA system

Contact: Richard Quek @9088 7368

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Crowd control

Christmas Eve Dinner cum Candlelight Servic

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.









COME JOIN US FOR YA INTEGRATION SUNDAY!



FOOD | FELLOWSHIP | FORECAST

If you're between the ages of 23-35 in 2024, we would love for you to join us!

REGISTER NOW AT:

www.tinyurl.com/YAintegration2024

(Registration Deadline: 1 January 2024)





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JOB DESCRIPTION

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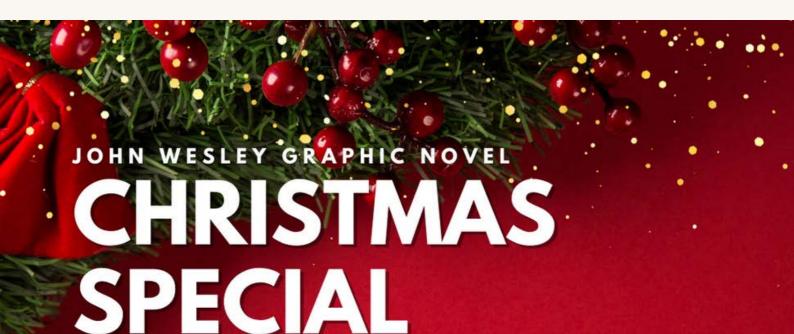






The gathering of the gifts
What the wise men's gifts
tell us about Jesus

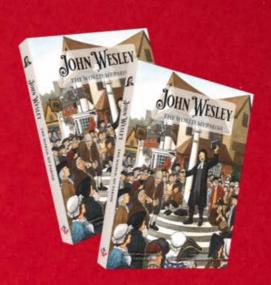
The Christmas hymn With no manger, angels or shepherds





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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

Closing Date: 31 Dec 2023

(Limited to 50 participants only



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- 2 Corinthians 9:7

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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 grow in their relationship with God 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 leadership to leaders 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 God in all that they do.



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Next Generation

- **Pray** for the next generation to walk in wisdom and be surrounded with wise counsel.
- **Pray** that they will seek God in all their choices.
- **Pray** for 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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Prayer concerns for December

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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 enjoy 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** 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 and mercy to help the world recover and protect ocean life and food sources.

Israel - Hamas War

• **Pray** that a lasting solution of peace will be found to the war and violence in the region.

• 8.30AM Traditional English Service

Onsite: 148 | Online: 58

• 8.30AM Mandarin Service

Onsite: 45 | Online: 14

No Youthphoria, Children's Ministry and Toddler's Programme on 10 December 2023.

Total Onsite: 193 Total Onsite: 72

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

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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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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

• 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

17 December 2023

8:30AM Traditional English Service

Worship Leader : William Choo

Organist / Pianist : Dr Claire Tay, Dr Adeline Seow

Ushers : Shirlaine Lim, Patrica Lee

Counting Steward(s) : Dr Joel Lai

Pastoral Staff i/c for Service : Rev Dr Lynette Sathiasingam

Admin Staff : Han Suat Hoon, Richard Quek

Service Director : Cathryn Liew

Sound Crew : Shaun Lin

Videographer : Sim Xiu Jun

Projectionist : Melissa Boey

Livestream : Balasingam Chow Yu Hui

10.30AM Contemporary English Service

Worship Leader : Justin Tan

Organist / Pianist : Audrey Tan, Brendan Loon

Ushers : Evelyn Wong, Diana Kang

Counting Steward(s) : Ronald Lee

Pastoral Staff i/c for Service : Rev Dr Lynette Sathiasingam

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