



WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Strengthening Families, Impacting Communities

5 September 2021

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Staff Ps Justin Chua, Ps Gladys Zhong, Sharon Tan

WELCOME!

Thank you for taking the time to be with us today! We are so glad you are here with us. If you are watching us for the first time, we would like to connect with you! Please fill in the online Newcomer's Form at:

<https://wac.org.sg/newcomers-form/>

GENTLE REMINDER

If you wish to make your tithe and offering, you may do so either through PayNow, Internet/Mobile Banking or cheque. The details about which you can do so is on page 12.

PRAYER & MINISTRY

If you would like to talk to someone or receive prayer ministry, you may contact our Priest-In-Charge, pastoral staff or any of our church leaders.

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TO PRESENT EVERYONE MATURE IN CHRIST

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:28



COLLECT 14th Sunday After Trinity

Lord God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by ravages of sin, to be subjected to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LECTIONARY READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7

Mark 7:24 - end

DUTY SCHEDULE (LIVE STREAMING @ YOUTUBE)

	<u>This Week: 5 September</u>	<u>Next Week: 12 September</u>
	<u>(Holy Communion)</u>	
Chairperson	Pang Kwee Hoon	Carol Loke
Speaker	Ps Joann Lin	Ps Kelvin Koo
Praise Leader	Ps Justin Chua	Jethro Tay
Music Team	Scarlet Leong, Matthew Chew	Esther Chan, Jeremy Wong, Nicholas Lau
Audio-Visual	Jonathan Leow, Sheryl Lim, Joyce Lee, Joey Lim	Duncan Lew, Cherie Soon, Phoebe Loo, Ngoh Zhi Jun
Holy Communion	Rev'd Lew Kiat Lern, Ps Kelvin Koo, Janet Wu	-
Intercessor	Nicole Leong	Susy Tan
Scripture Reader	Edward Chen	Sharon Yeo



DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK

Why Must We Gather?

If you're reading this from the Sanctuary, welcome back! If you're reading this from home, I hope to see you soon again! Although we may have started resuming physical services later than some churches, it's better late than never that we have done so. Some of you may be wondering, what took WAC so long? As Ps Kelvin had already mentioned before, when it comes to Safe Management Measures, our ethos is to be at least on par with the government's precautions. This means we may choose to be on the safer side.

Another practical manner is not wanting to be too quick in our decisions, only to backpedal on them a few weeks later due to our misjudgment and ending up confusing us. Some of you may be quick enough to spot the irony in how we're resuming services when the case numbers are now higher than when we chose to stop services. You're not wrong! However, with vaccination rates improving, most of those who contract the virus are asymptomatic or only display mild symptoms that do not require immediate medical attention. We also have plans to hold services only for vaccinated members from 7 November, so do go get your shot if you do not want to go through the hassle of having to get swabbed weekly!

Because we have had online services for much longer than most of us have anticipated, we may have forgotten the meaning of gathering as a church. We've become so comfortable watching services from the luxury of our home, not needing to prepare to go out and travel. Unfortunately, some of us may have lapsed into complacency and only tuning in to parts of the service we like.

In case you all didn't know, I do monitor the concurrent viewers count, and can see a graph that YouTube shows how many people tuned in at different times of the service! It's a bit disheartening to see that our view count peaks during the sermon instead of slightly after the start of service. Where's the reverence and respect for the Order of Service and our liturgy which points us to God just as much as the sermon would? I know it is "difficult" at times due to the nature of online services, but we should never stop wanting to give our best to God.

Other than those trying their best to focus during online services, I know there are some of us who now, thanks to experiencing the convenience of technology, have lost the importance of gathering. I don't expect to convince you through one devotion to come back, but I can at least stress and remind us about the importance of gathering. This brings us to the title of today's devotion, **why must we gather?**

Hebrews 10:23–25

[23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (ESV)

Why does the author of Hebrews tell us not to neglect meeting together? I think it boils down to one very important aspect of the Christian life: **fellowship**. Through fellowship, we can spur one another on in our struggles, encourage one another in our battles, and grow together in our faith! I know we can't stay back after service in church to talk like the old days, but nothing's stopping us from forming our groups of 5 and having lunch together elsewhere.

Jesus saw the importance of fellowship. That is why he had his 12 disciples journeying with him throughout his ministry. That is one reason why he was incarnated as a human to be with us, to be in fellowship with us, to fully understand our weaknesses and pains, to tell us that he's with us in life.

Every week when I release the booking link for the coming Sunday's service, I secretly hope for people to complain about the service being fully booked. I encourage us, no need to feel *paiseh*, don't let "I let others go first" become an excuse not to attend service. If you are unable to come because of a fully booked service, worship reverently from home, and be as fully immersed in the service as you can.

Here's some question we may ask ourselves to keep ourselves in check. **What's the state of our hearts? Have we grown cold and neglected the "fellowship" aspect of our walk with God?** It'll take some time for us to get used to attending physical services regularly, but just like any other adjustments that we make in life, with the help of God, we'll get there.

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Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Forgive us if we have taken you for granted at times. Help us to overcome our weakness in the flesh, and empower us to strive towards wanting to do our best for you. If our hearts have hardened, we implore you to soften it and be surrendered to you. Strengthen our faith, strengthen our will to worship you, and be with us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, amen.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JChua'.

Ps Justin Chua



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD

World Health Organization and World Leaders

Pray for the World Health Organization as they monitor and study the various new COVID-19 mutations. Pray that these studies to yield results which will enable global scientists to find effective ways to counter the viruses' transmissibility and possible resistance to known vaccines. Pray for continued collaboration among world leaders and for the release of sufficient resources to support the concerted fight against COVID-19. Pray for God's merciful intervention in the many countries which have been affected by political upheavals, natural disasters and rampant COVID-19 infections, that humanitarian aid will reach the people in time and lives will be preserved. Pray that in the increasing darkness, many will come to know Christ and find hope in Him.

SINGAPORE

Divine Favour

Pray for continued vigilance as Singapore plans to reopen her borders; for quick action and necessary adjustments to increase safety measures, as may be needed, to avoid a resurgence of COVID-19 infections. Pray for divine favour to preserve Singapore's status as a business hub; that we may remain attractive to foreign investors and local companies will be enabled to pivot into new markets and thrive in the new economy. Pray for fault-lines in our national life to be sensitively addressed and for help to be extended to every needy sector of society, that Singapore will continue to become a more inclusive and caring nation.

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MONTH

ANGLICAN SCHOOLS

1. Pray for the principals and senior leaders of our primary and secondary schools, and junior college - that God will grant them wisdom to lead staff and students in this challenging period.
May God equip them with sensitivity and strong change management skills as they implement new educational initiatives such as subject-based banding and the personal learning device project, and the new citizenship and character education curriculum.
2. May God protect staff and students, and their families in the midst of our nation's efforts to control the pandemic so that teaching and learning will not be disrupted. May He give them peace of mind and confidence and the assurance that He will see them through the different phases of our nation's transit to treating Covid-19 as an epidemic.
3. May God build a strong and positive culture within our schools so that our children will have good role models among the staff, and their own peers, and grow up to be positive, resilient and socially responsible citizens for Singapore.

ANGLICAN PRESCHOOLS

1. Pray for God's protection against Covid-19 for the children, the staff and their families.
2. God's guidance for the Board and Management team of the Anglican Preschool Services (APS), granting them wisdom in decision making and discernment in policy implementation.
3. As we embark on recruitment, we pray that God will send us the right labourers to join the staff to work together in harmony and teamwork.
4. God's wisdom and empowering of the Holy Spirit in bringing to fruition the full integration of all the Anglican kindergartens under APS.

COMING UP @ WAC

SEPTEMBER 2021

- 10 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
ZOOM
- 12 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- 19 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: REVD CANON LEWIS
- 26 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: REVD LEW KIAT LERN

OCTOBER 2021

- 3 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS JOANN LIN
- 7 COUNCIL MEETING
ZOOM
- 8 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
ZOOM
- 10 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO

OCTOBER 2021

- 17 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- 24 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: REVD LEW KIAT LERN
- 31 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS CHAY JIA XIN

NOVEMBER 2021

- 7 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- 11 COUNCIL MEETING
ZOOM
- 12 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
ZOOM
- 14 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- 21 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS JUSTIN CHUA



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESUMPTION OF PHYSICAL SERVICES

WAC's plans* for reopening were announced on 15 August 2021.

Here is our road map for reopening:

5 September - Service capacity of 50 unvaccinated or vaccinated individuals

7 November onwards - Service capacity of 80 fully vaccinated** individuals

Our services will continue to be broadcasted on YouTube Live.

Please contact Ps Justin if you have any questions.

* Subject to changes in Safe Management Measures

** An individual is considered vaccinated if he/ she has been: a) fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/ Comirnaty, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines, with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective, b) recovered from COVID-19, or c) has obtained a negative result on a pre-event test taken in the past 24 hours before the expected end of the event.

CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING

10 September | 8:00 pm | Zoom

Join us for a time of prayer and seeking God!

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank God for your faithfulness in giving to the Lord our God. In view of the COVID situation, tithings and offerings continue to be done electronically. For details, please refer to the bulletins or check with Admin.



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BLESSED BIRTHDAY

We will be praying for all September babies!

September: Chew Ek Hou, Margaret Chew, Clara Koek, Pang Seng Kuang, Faith Tan, Robert Tan, Stella Tan, Bettina Tay, Tavis Teng, Wang Ying, Lavelle Wong, Sharon Yeo, Pamela Pung, Angela Wong, Nathania Lam

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MONTH



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EDUCATION MISSION FUND

1. This Diocesan fund is a way for ALL parishes to say to the parishes anchoring chaplaincy work: WE ARE WITH YOU!
2. It is administered by the Education Board with final approval for disbursements from the Standing Committee.
3. The EMF primarily subsidises the parishes when they hire school chaplaincy staff. Each additional staff can make a big difference in terms of contact time with students and teachers.

EDUCATION MISSION FUND

2 WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EMF

BY CHEQUE

- Make the cheque payable to "DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE"
- Write "Education Mission Fund" on the back of the cheque
- Mail cheque to the Diocese or your parish

BY INTERNET TRANSFER

- Make an electronic transfer TO your parish
- Indicate "Education Mission Fund" clearly in the Remarks
- The parish will consolidate all such contributions and send them to the Diocese



WAC ELECTRONIC TITHING

Internet/Mobile Banking

Login to your bank's Internet Banking website and add Westside Anglican Church as a payee using the details below:

Account Name: Westside Anglican Church

Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-901156-8

Bank Code: 7171 | **Bank Branch:** 033

Your Initials: Tithing Number (if any)

PayNow

Step 1 - Log in to your bank internet banking or mobile banking app.

Step 2 - At the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN.

Westside Anglican Church's UEN: T08CC4055LWAC

Cheque Deposit

If you wish to tithe by cheque, please remember to:

1. make the cheque payable to 'Westside Anglican Church'.
2. write WAC's account number on the back of the cheque.
3. indicate the purpose of the payment (tithe, freewill offering, etc.) on the back of the cheque.

You may drop the cheque to any DBS/POSB branch.

WAC's Account Number: 033-901156-8

If you wish to make direct cheque deposit to WAC Building Fund, please remember to:

1. make the cheque payable to 'St Andrew's Cathedral - WAC Building Fund'.
2. write WAC Building Fund's account number on the back of the cheque.
3. indicate "WAC Building Fund" on the back of the cheque.

You may drop the cheque to any DBS/POSB branch.

WAC Building Fund's Account Number: 0039533675

CELL GROUPS

We gather in small groups (known as cell) for encouragement through bible study, prayer & other activities. We welcome you to join us! If you would like to find out more, you can email the cell leaders directly.

<u>CELL NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>VENUE/DAY/TIME</u>
ACTS	Jason Tan jastan_98@yahoo.com	1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8:00pm Zoom
Blessed LIFE	Henri Ngoh henri.ngoh@yahoo.com	2 nd & 4 th Thurs, 8.00pm Zoom
Evergreen	Margaret Chew margaretechew@hotmail.co.uk	1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8.00pm Zoom
The Seekers	Jon Koo seekerscell@gmail.com	1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8:00pm Zoom
Destiny Impact [Youth]	Luk Ching wac.destinyimpact@gmail.com	Jehovah Jireh Sanctuary Sat, 2:00pm
Salvation	Jimmy Ng & Ng Siew Choo schoojim@hotmail.com	Thrice per month, Wed 8.00pm Zoom
CROSSroads [Young Adults]	Thia Jun Hoong junhoong@gmail.com	1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8:00pm Zoom
Pure Heart	Reginald Low & Cindy Low tiong.liping.cindy@gmail.com	1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8:00pm Zoom
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