



WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Strengthening Families, Impacting Communities

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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/>

COLLECT 4th Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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 5.

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





REVERENT RAMBLINGS

As the time of my departure from WAC draws near, I tend to get more introspective than usual. Other than the usual “Have I done enough for them” questions, there are other things I want to leave behind. Some of these I will mention on AGM Sunday itself.

Here’s another one, though. Long after I leave WAC, I want you all to remember who you are and what you are supposed to be. To that end, I borrow from Peter:

For you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

I want to break it down for us. Firstly, Peter tells us that we are a chosen people. That means we did not earn our salvation. We did not earn any right to be proud or superior. We have eternal life not because we were talented, wealthy or powerful in any way. It was all because of the graciousness of God. It was because the Lord saw past our wretchedness and knew our desperate need for a Saviour who could atone for our sins.

A royal priesthood. Before I explain this part, I want to mention an abuse of it. There are some who allege that the Anglican church (worldwide) got it wrong because there is no need for priests; Christians are a royal priesthood. This is only half-right, and hence I come to my explanation.

Christians are a royal priesthood in that we belong exclusively to King Jesus (hence the term “royal”). We are a priesthood **to the world**. Not in the church. The office of the priesthood that you see (i.e. yours truly) is still valid. What, then, does it mean to be a priesthood to the world?

To answer that question, it’s helpful to revisit what a priest does. If I were to paraphrase the Old Testament, priests are to represent God to the people. They are to model for others a life of holiness and righteousness. They are to demonstrate, via their own lives, God’s presence and character to non-believers. When people see them, they see a living fulfilment of what Scripture says about God. They see what life in the kingdom of God is like (I’ve said this enough times that I expect that you are very familiar with it). Priests are not God. But when people see them, they have a good idea of what God is like and what He would do.

At the same time, priests represent the people to God. They do this by constantly keeping watch in prayer over the people. They bring the needs of the people to God in prayer. This presupposes that the priest must be aware of what the people’s needs are. This means spending time with people, interacting with them. Otherwise, the priest cannot know what matters to people if he lives in a vacuum by himself.

A holy nation, and a people belonging to God. “Holy” means “Utterly belonging to God”. “Nation” suggests “Community”. Put them together and you get the imagery of a community that considers itself to belong entirely to God, such that their every thought, word and deed, is subject to God’s authority.

That we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. Our status as God’s people is not for us to boast of our superiority over other human beings. It is not so that we can have a life of status and prestige. It is not for us to brag to others how good we are. It is to proclaim God’s praises (some of your Bible versions use this word). What is implied and assumed is that we *continually* proclaim His praises. It is not a one-off affair, or an item on your to-do list that you cross off once it’s complete. It is a never-ending lifestyle. If you know the joy of the Lord, that will not be a chore, but something we rejoice in doing.

We proclaim His praises, for what He has done for us. He could very well have destroyed us (which He is perfectly entitled and justified to do). He does not need us at all. Last Sunday, Ps Kelvin quoted a church elder who told William Carey, the missionary, that “...if God wanted to convert the heathen, He will do it without your help or mine.” That elder is only half-right in that God can easily do it without us. Yet, as I have also often said, God insists on involving us. This is part of the manifestation of communion.

My desire for WAC is that you always know that you are to be a people set apart solely for God. You will be willing to pay any price to do so, even if it costs you your place in the rat race. You are willing to be ridiculed and despised, because that is what your Lord and Master endured, and you walk in His footsteps.

I declare to you that all these will not be in vain. The day will come when you stand before your Lord, and He looks tenderly at you and says, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” in the presence of a cloud of witnesses, all of whom will be cheering you on.

In His Majesty’s Not-So-Secret Service,



Bertram Cheong



PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD

Ailing Economies

Even as governments around the world seek to revive their country's ailing economies and safeguard their own interests, pray that world leaders will continue to strengthen their collaboration and cooperation with one another, in a collective effort to tackle common concerns such as climate change, the pandemic and security issues. Pray that they will put aside their personal agendas and differences to focus on what is needed, for the greater good of the global community. Pray that there will be a stop to the violence and killings in Myanmar and that law and order will be restored through peaceful negotiations.

SINGAPORE

Racial Harmony

Pray that our young people will not be conditioned by ideologies that divide religious groups or disrupt racial harmony; that their minds will be shielded from negative influences, especially from internet sources and that they will be guided in the way of truth. Pray also that the public will remain vigilant to signs of radicalization in the community so that there can be early intervention to avert serious consequences. Pray for the continued preservation of racial and religious harmony in Singapore.

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

- **Our Overseas Ambassadors**
We continue to pray for all our overseas ambassadors, **Amaris Lee, Isaac Wong, Jack Chou, Sarah Soo, Hu Yang and Joshua Leong.**
- **St. Andrew's Kindercare - A Little Seeds Preschool**
- **Anglican Care Centre (ACC) Bukit Batok**
- **Anglican Senior Centre Jurong West**
- **St. Andrew's Nursing Home (Taman Jurong)**

COMING UP @ WAC

MARCH 2021

- 14 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- CONFIRMATION CLASS #4
- 21 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: REVD LEW K.L.
- CONFIRMATION CLASS #5
- 28 CONFIRMATION SERVICE
SPEAKER: BISHOP TITUS
- COUNCIL MEETING
ZOOM

APRIL 2021

- 2 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 2021

- 4 RESURRECTION SUNDAY
SPEAKER PS KELVIN KOO
- 9 CORPORATE PRAYER MEETING
ZOOM
- 11 SUNDAY SERVICE / AGM
SPEAKER: REVD BERTRAM CHEONG
- 18 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: REVD LEW K.L.
- 25 SUNDAY SERVICE
SPEAKER: PS KELVIN KOO
- COUNCIL MEETING
ZOOM
- 30 BAPTISM CLASS #1
ZOOM



ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLATION OF CANONS

There will be 5 clergys who will be collated as Canons on 21 March. They are : Revd Chua Siang Guan, Revd Huang Ao-you, Revd Barry Leong Kok Wai, Revd Lewis Lew Boon Chong and Revd Daniel Wee Chun Chian.

Please pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be upon them.

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION OF REVD LEWIS

Pray for Revd Lewis and his family as he prepares to be instituted and inducted as the Vicar of the Cathedral on 21 March; that he will be filled with divine wisdom, faith, strength and courage to unite God's people, build His church and advance His Kingdom, in the city and beyond.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday Service will be conducted on site and live stream on April 2nd, 2021 at 10.00 am. It will help us to focus on Jesus' seven last words through devotions and prayers.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE 2021

WAC will be having a combined Confirmation Service with JACM on 28 March 2021. Bp Titus Chung will be confirming the following candidates from WAC:

Cheong Chew Weng, Chong Cheng Yuan, Low Sze Yen, Matthew Wong Wei Min, Ngho Zhi Jun, Quek Jia Hui

Please keep these candidates in prayer as they prepare to take their next step of faith!



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

DUTY SCHEDULE (LIVE SERVICE)

This Week: 14 March

Next Week: 21 March

Chairperson	Pang Kwee Hoon	Jason Tan
Speaker	Ps Kelvin Koo	Revd Lew K.L.
Praise Leader	Carol Thia	Justin Chua
Music Team	Esther Chan, Jethro Tay, Jeremy Wong, Nicholas Lau	Scarlet Leong, Nicholas Lau
Audio-Visual	Scarlet Leong, Cherie Soon, Phoebe Loo, Joey Lim	Jonathan Leow, Low Sze Yen, Joyce Lee, Joey Lim
Holy Communion	-	-
Intercessor	Jon Koo	Susy Tan
Scripture Reader	Shirleen Toh	Edward Chen

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.

CELL NAME

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VENUE/DAY/TIME

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The Seekers	Jon Koo seekerscell@gmail.com	Choa Chu Kang Grove 1 st & 3 rd Fri, 8:00pm
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Salvation	Jimmy Ng & Ng Siew Choo schoojim@hotmail.com	Jurong West Street 41 Fri, 8:30pm
CROSSroads [Young Adults]	Thia Jun Hoong junhoong@gmail.com	Ghim Moh Link Fortnightly Fri, 8:00pm
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