

The Christian's Conflicting Desires

Read: Philippians 1:1-26

His statement of longing for Christ to be glorified in him whether he lives or dies (Philippians 1:20) prompts Paul to “think out loud,” as it were, about the prospect of life and death in today’s passage. Specifically, the apostle considers whether it would be better to go on for many more years in this world or to pass at once into glory, illustrating the conflicting desires within the heart of every believer.

On the one hand, living many years gives us almost countless opportunities to serve Jesus in this fallen world and bring great blessings to the brethren (v. 22a). In Paul’s specific case, this meant a reunion with the Philippian church and work that was “necessary” for their spiritual maturity (vv. 24–26). For the apostle to have been taken to heaven soon after writing this epistle would have been, from a limited earthly perspective, a disadvantage to the Philippians, who, from what Paul could see at the time, needed some face-to-face guidance.

On the other hand, physical death puts the Christian in a far better position, at least in the believer’s own experience. Simply put, to breathe our last is to enter the very presence of Christ Jesus (v. 23). The emphasis here is not so much on the cessation of earthly difficulties, although that is one of the blessings that attends face-to-face life before our Saviour (Revelations 21). Instead, the focus is on the joys that come with experiencing the unmediated presence of the One who bought us with His own blood. We cannot even begin to describe the glories of that day.

Being in Jesus gives our entire existence meaning and purpose, just as it drove everything that Paul did on earth. Dying brings us great gain — the joys of communion with our Lord unhindered by sin. Living, however, is a great advantage as well, enabling us to bring glory to Christ among the nations. John Chrysostom writes, “One must not suppose that [Paul] is demeaning this life. . . There can be profit even here, if we live not toward this life finally but toward that other” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture*, NT vol. 8, p. 217).



May you experience the presence of God as we sing, pray, and learn from His Word together.

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Pray for the World

Pray for the Gulf states and their surrounding region during this time of heightened tension. May the Lord grant wisdom and restraint to national leaders and security forces, that they would seek peace and justice rather than retaliation or violence.

Lift up the relationships between neighbouring nations, asking for reconciliation where trust has been strained. Pray for God's grace to prevail, bringing peace and healing to an already troubled world.

Pray for the Diocese of Singapore

September marks our Diocesan Education month. Let us pray for our school principals and senior leadership team, that they may have wisdom and courage to lead the team in fulfilling our education mission and in promoting Christian values in our schools amidst changing societal values.

Pray for the well-being of our teachers and support staff as they labour tirelessly in their roles and responsibilities; for the chaplaincy teams in their ministry among students and staff, and that God will open doors of opportunity for them to share the Gospel.

Pray for the students to have good emotional and mental health, wisdom in their academic studies; that they will grow up to be positive, resilient servant leaders in their generation.

Pray for SACC

We pray for our Chaplaincy ministry this week. Pray for Rev Eric who is the Chaplain IC as he leads the Chaplaincy team. Pray for all our associate chaplains in Simei and Bedok as they continue to minister to the staff and patients. Pray for God to bless the team and their families as they serve others.

Collect – 15th Sunday After Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Diocese Education Month (Sep 2025)

Diocese
Education
Month

SEPTEMBER 2025

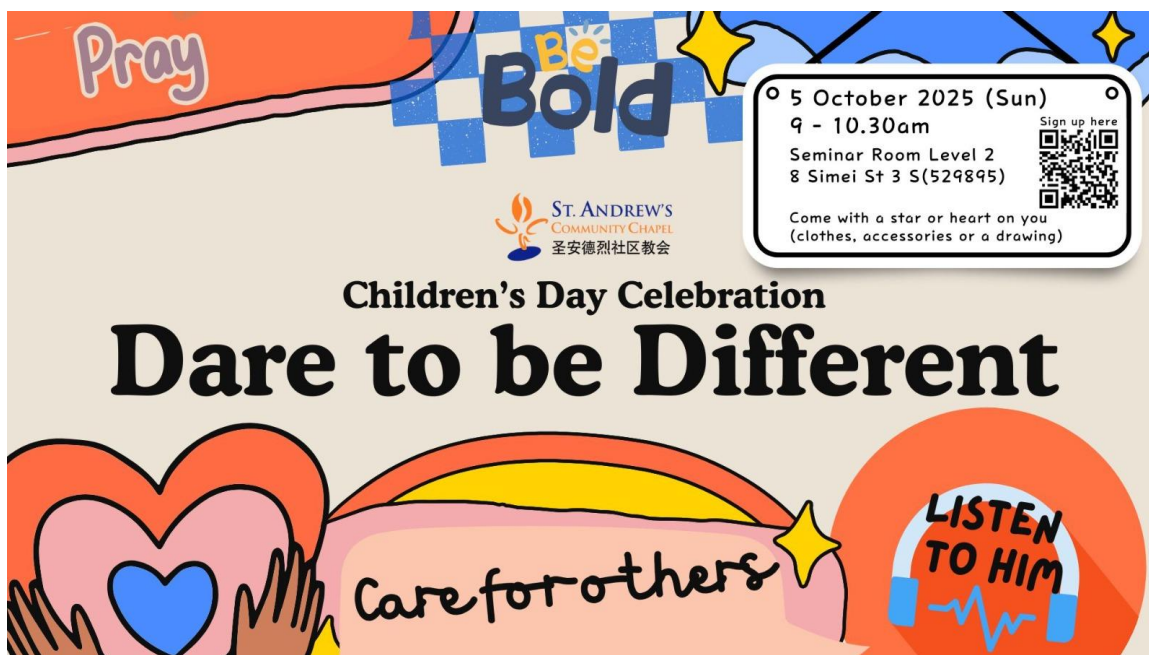
The Diocese of Singapore remembers our Education Mission every September, marking it our Diocese Education Month.

You may read more about the Education Mission and school chaplaincy by scanning/clicking the QR code above.

Interested in contributing to the Diocese's Education Mission?

- **Monetary contribution:** Indicate “**Education Month or EM**” in your envelope, cheque, PayNow, etc. to SACC.
SACC will then transfer the sum to the Diocese.
- **Voluntary Work:** Approach the anchor parishes for more details.
SACC is **not an anchor parish for school chaplaincy. All Saints' Church (Anglican High) & Chapel of Christ the Redeemer (St Hilda's Pri/Sec) are the anchor parishes in our area group!*
- **Prayers:** Your prayers are instrumental for the Education Mission in our Schools.

Children's Ministry Children's Day Celebration – 5 Oct 2025 (Sun)



The children's ministry will be having our Children's Day special event on **5 Oct 2025**. Themed “Dare to be Different”, the event is designed with station games for fun and meaningful learning on living as children who shine. Dress theme: Come with a star or heart on you (clothes, accessories or a drawing).

Sign up by **30 Sep 2025** through the above QR code or by clicking the publicity image. This event is open for pre-believing children too.

Chinese Congregation Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach Event 4 Oct 2025 (Sat)



Chinese Congregation would like to extend their outreach event to any English Congregation members with Mandarin-speaking friends and families. The details in Mandarin can be read from the publicity image.

Do feel free to invite them to this dinner!

Baptism & Confirmation Services 2025 – 19 Oct & 2 Nov 2025

SACC will be having our Baptism service on 19 Oct 2025. Do take note that there will still be 11am service happening that Sunday, **but** Baptism will be held during the 9am service **only**.

There will also be Confirmation service on 2 Nov 2025. There will be **only one** 9am service conducted, there will be **no** 11am service that Sunday.

Do note that this will be a Holy Communion service as well.

We hope to see you during these services to welcome our new siblings in Christ as well as our new family members of SACC!

The Friend Space 2nd Anniversary Celebration



Come Join us to Celebrate
our **2nd** Anniversary

THE FRIEND SPACE
"A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE COMMUNITY"

What to expect?

- ✓ Food and games
- ✓ Music, singing and dancing and more!

Sat 11 Oct 2025
12pm - 2pm
St Andrew's Community Chapel
Level 2 Multipurpose Hall
8 Simei St 3 (529895)

报名
Register

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THE FRIEND SPACE
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11 October 2025 (Sat), 12pm – 2pm, Free of charge!
SACC Level 2 Multipurpose Hall (Ferguson-Davie Hall)

****Register via the form by 28 Sep 2025!***

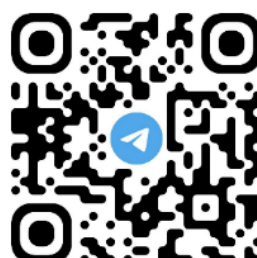
SACC's community initiative, The Friend Space, is turning two years old! Come join us in a delightful lunch to honour the occasion in shared joy and gratitude. This will be a precious opportunity for meaningful reflection and connection to create an unforgettable experience.

Scan the QR codes to join our channels and receive updates before Sunday!

WhatsApp



Telegram



ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

Please click on this link for the events at TFS: <https://thefriendspace.sg/events/>



Osmanthus Jelly is a delightful traditional Chinese dessert, renowned for its delicate floral fragrance and refreshingly light texture. Learn to craft this exquisite treat and explore the wondrous world of traditional Chinese confectionery!

桂花糕

\$8

SG 60

Racial Harmony Culinary Demo

Osmanthus Jelly

30 Sep
Tuesday 星期二
11AM - 1230PM

Demo conducted in Mandarin

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Osmanthus Jelly Racial Harmony Cultural Demo

**Demo will be conducted in Mandarin*

30 Sep 2025 (Tue)

11am – 12:30pm

The Friend Space Birthday Party @ Tampines Mart (Youth Event)

2 Oct 2025 (Thu)

2pm onwards

The Friend Space
is turning

2

Join the
Birthday party
#02-07 Tampines Mart
THURS 2 OCT 2 PM

from friends to family

The Friend Space
Register

Calming Bottle 舒缓瓶

Inviting volunteers to a
Mental Health Event

心理健康活动

正招募义工

8 Oct 2025

10月8日

Wed 星期三

730am - 1130am

East Spring Primary School
31 Tampines Street 33,



义工报名
Register as
volunteer



Calming Bottle Making for East Spring Primary School Mental Health Event

**Register as a volunteer, not a participant*

8 Oct 2025 (Wed)

7:30am – 11:30am

Empower your Future by learning about

LASTING POWER OF ATTORNEY & ADVANCED CARE PLAN

18 OCT SAT @ 10 AM TO 12 NOON

FREE!

Include appointment
with lawyer for LPA
at no fees

2 IF I LOSE MENTAL CAPACITY,
CAN MY NEXT-OF-KIN
AUTOMATICALLY MANAGE
MY FINANCES?

3 IF I HAVE A WILL,
DO I STILL NEED
AN LPA?

In English &
Mandarin

4 WHAT IS ADVANCE
CARE PLAN (ACP)?

1 WHAT IS LASTING
POWER
OF ATTORNEY
(LPA)?

Workshop
conducted by:
Mr Sammy Leong
Case Manager
sata
CommHealth

5 WHERE CAN I ACCESS
SERVICES FOR
ADVANCE CARE?

6 WHAT ARE THE CHARGES
FOR DOING LPA AND ACP?

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Lasting Power of Attorney &
Advanced Care Plan
18 Oct 2025 (Sat)
10am – 12pm

Stronger with Friends
(Group Exercise Session)
Every Tuesday
10am – 12pm



STRONGER WITH FRIENDS

10AM - 12PM
EVERY TUESDAY
免费 free!

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SERVICES @ SACC

SACC SUNDAY SERVICE



What does it matter? Philippians 1: 1-26

Preacher: Mrs Ruth Sim

Sunday, 28 September 2025
9 am & 11 am
St. Andrew's Community Chapel



Clay Youth Ministry



YOUTH PLANNING FOR OCT – DEC 2025

Sunday, 28 September 2025 @ 9am
St Andrew's Community Chapel

SACC GIANT CHILDREN MINISTRY (7-12 YEARS OLD)



ELISHA'S MINISTRY
CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIP
2 KINGS 2: 19-22, 4: 1-37

Date: 28 September 2025
Time: 9 AM
St. Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers
Poh Chee Yang
Larry Kee
Jenny Teo
Mary Poh



SACC OLO Children's Ministry (3-6 years old)



The Friends
Mark 2: 1-12

Sunday, 28 September 2025 @ 9 AM
St. Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers:
Lena Tan, Janice Ting, Angelina Rani



OTHERS

STAY CONNECTED WITH SACC

Join a Cell Group

All members are encouraged to join a cell group to learn God's Word, fellowship and pray together as a community. If you are interested, please let us know by completing this google form

<https://forms.gle/xNKmMKq8Gvsux5gM7>



USHER ROSTER

Ushering Roster for 2025 (from 5 Jan)

Week	9am Service - FDH	11am Service - Chapel
1 st Sunday (Holy Communion for 1 st Service + Prayer over children)	CLAYERS + John 13:34	Company of Christ
2 nd Sunday	Beacon	Grace@228
3 rd Sunday	1 John 4:19	5 Loaves & 2 Fish
4 th Sunday	Oasis	Koinonia
5 th Sunday (Est 4 times per year)	1 Kings 8:57	Fuel+

Special Service Roster for 2025

- Christmas Service (25 Dec, Thu): Oasis

UPCOMING SERMONS

2025 Theme: Resilience Anchored in Christ (Ephesians 6:10)

Date	Sermon Topic		Preacher
5 Oct	Open Doors Through Prayer	Colossians 4:3-4 Matthew 9:35-38	Rev Timothy Chong
12 Oct	Make My Joy Complete	Philippians 2:1-11	Ps Raymond Sim

SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Mrs Ruth Sim
Topic : What Does it Matter?
Text : Philippians 1:1-26

Background of Philippi Church

To understand book of Philippians, read Acts 16. This was Paul's 2nd missionary journey where he had a dream, and crossed from Asia to Europe. He headed straight for Philippi.

At the time of writing, Paul was under house arrest and he was writing a letter that is so full of joy!

What is the secret to his joy in suffering?

The secret to joy is in the attitude of the mind!

God used Paul to share the gospel to Caesar's household and elite guards 3 things even when he is in adverse circumstances.

1. CHAINS (V12 – 14)

(A) Contact with the Lost

Paul was chained to the Roman guards 24 hours/day who are on 6-hour shift.

vs 13 – "ALL of them heard..."

(B) Courage to the Saved

Because of what happened to Paul, the believers in Rome found new courage.

vs 14 – "...and most of the brothers in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear..."

2. CRITICS (V15 – 19)

There were 2 groups of people who are preaching because of Paul's imprisonment:

1. Those Who Are Inspired – His Friends
2. Those Who Are Insincere – His Critics

V18 – "What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice..."

3. CRISIS (V20 – 30)

Crisis is when we see who Christ is.

Who or what are you living for?

CONCLUSION:

What is the focus of your life?

There is no higher purpose for living than Christ and His Gospel!

TITHES AND OFFERTORY

Members are encouraged to remember our Lord and His house, and continue to tithe. You may do so remotely by scanning the following QR Codes:

SACC (English) T08CC4074CEC1	SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF	SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2
		
DBS 029-900919-2	DBS106-900039-4	DBS 106-900038-6



Remember to indicate your tithe number & purpose of transfer.

Transferring of Tithe/Offering via DBS/POSB banking platform

1) digibank Mobile

- Log in to digibank Mobile with your **Touch / Face ID** or **digibank User ID & PIN**.
- Tap **Pay & Transfer** and select **Local**.
- Select the **Recipient** you wish to transfer to: *(For Recipient's list refer to Add a Recipient)*
 - o SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- Select the **Fund Source** you wish to transfer from (e.g. saving account) and enter the **Amount** you wish to transfer
- Enter your tithe number in '**Reference**'
- Tap **Next** to review the details, and tap **Transfer Now** to complete the transfer.

2) Via Paynow

- Select 'PAYNOW' in your banking app
- Bank will send you a 6 digits OTP
- Key in the UEN T08CC4074CEC1 / T08CC4074CCMF / T08CC4074CGF2
- Key in the amount to be transferred.
- Key in your **Tithe number** in the 'Reference' space
- Click 'Transfer'

- Bank will send a text message to you that the amount has been transferred.
- You can send this message to church office.

3) DBS/POSB ATM

- Insert your ATM/Debit Card and key in your PIN.
- Press Button for **More Services**.
- Press Button for "Funds Transfer/Fixed Deposit".
- Select the Account Type to Debit (your own bank account)
- Select the saving account type and number to Credit
 - o SACC (English) 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- Enter the amount.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and press **Confirm**.
- Key in your **tithe number** under reference/bill or send a text to the church office of the transaction: Date of transfer; tithe & amount

4) digibank Online

- Open ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Other DBS or POSB Account**.
- Log in with your **6-Digit iB Secure PIN**.
- Choose the **Recipient** you wish to transfer your money to.
- Select the **Account** you wish to transfer from.
- Select the **Currency** and indicate the **Amount** you wish to transfer.
- Click **Next**.
- To transfer to a particular payee, you will need to have him/her in your recipient's list.

Adding a recipient to your list.

- Open the ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Add New DBS or POSB Recipient** and complete the **Authentication Process**.
- Indicate the **Recipient's name** and **Account number**, click **Next**.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and follow the **2-Factor Authentication Instructions**.
- Click **Submit** to complete the request.

Digibank Online allows you to set a monthly transfer on desired date.
Follow the instruction in the '**More Services**' button.

Transfer from Other banks.

Please check with your bank's website portal.