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## Seeking the Living Among the Dead

### Read: Luke 24:1-7

In our Scripture lesson this morning, we meet a group of women who have come to care for Jesus' body. There are at least 5 or 6 of them, although Luke only names three. As women always do, they have gathered in support of one another as they give tender care, one last time, to Jesus, whom they have come to love and follow.

What brought them from despair to hope was the power of reminiscence. The angel continued speaking to the women, "Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee."

These women had spent the last two days puzzling over what went wrong. It seemed that the three years following and caring for Jesus had been a waste. They had bet their lives on a dream that would never come true. It all seemed so senseless and they couldn't figure it out.



But then they remembered the words of Jesus and something clicked. "Oh, that's what he was trying to tell us. That's why kept quoting strange scriptural prophesies about a suffering Messiah. These last three days had not been the unravelling of God's plan, but the fulfilment. Jesus was meant to die, but he was also meant to be resurrected. Oh, now we get it. "

And that is how it is with us. There comes a time when we realize the enormity of God's plan in Jesus. It ended not death but in resurrection, not in defeat but victory. As the Apostle Paul exclaimed. "Death has been swallowed up in victory! Oh death, where is thy victory! O grave, where is thy sting!" they had a new message of hope to bring. And so, they returned to the 12 and shared with them the hope they had received. This Easter we are called to join them in their mission.

[Extract taken from <u>https://musingsandwonderment.blog/2021/04/06/seeking-the-living-among-the-dead-a-sermon-of-the-resurrection-luke-241-12/]</u>



## Pray for the World

Father, many parts of our world is spiralling under a trade war which is wrecking major havoc on our economy, and with every country working to protect its own interests. We appreciate the need for an economic reset, but pray for protection – especially for the small and struggling economies – against being trampled under by the economic elephants of our world. We pray for our world governments to respond with negotiation and good sense, and that a quick sensible end will be brought to this trade war.

### **Pray for Singapore**

Father, as our Parliament is dissolved and our nation heads to the polls to elect our political leaders for a new term, we pray for all who offer themselves as candidates to be men and women of sound godly morals, whose heart is first and foremost for the people of this land and the welfare of our nation. We pray for the raising of men and women with vision, foresight and courage to lead our nation in these turbulent times, who will continue to protect our heritage, as well as lead us into growth.

### **Pray for SACC**

Father, this Eastertide, let each member of our Parish be well reminded and strengthened in our knowledge and love of You, refreshing our commitment to be Your faithful disciples today and evermore.

We pray, O Lord:

- 1. For wisdom in the casting of our vote for the election of our political leadership.
- For the raising of willing and able men and women into leadership in our Parish, particularly for our Parochial Church Council (PCC), English Congregation Committee (ECC) and Chinese Congregation Committee (CCC) at our coming Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 3. To never forget Your commission for us to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)
- To daily make decisions and live a life that glorifies Your name, and expands and establish Your kingdom here on earth.



Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.



**Resurrection Sunday Message from Archbishop Titus** 

Please scan the QR code to watch the video on YouTube.



## Vicar on Sabbatical Leave

Dear members of SACC, please be informed that our Vicar, the Rev Daniel Tong, will be on sabbatical leave from **1 May to 31 October 2025**. In his absence, it is the intention of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Titus Chung, to appoint the Rev Luke Ting as Acting Vicar. Kindly keep both our Vicar and Rev Luke in prayer during this time. Thank you.



## **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

Our AGM will be happening on 27 April 2025 at 1pm in the Ferguson-Davie Hall.

### ELECTORAL ROLL

• Starting from <u>30 March 2025 until 18 April 2025 (Good Friday)</u>, the Electoral Roll will be placed at the reception desk outside the chapel for members to sign as well as forms for eligible confirmed members to fill up should they wish to apply for Electoral Roll.

### NOMINATIONS

 Starting from <u>6 April 2025 until 18 April 2025 (Good Friday</u>), nomination forms for the positions of People's Representative (1 vacancy), PCC Ordinary Member (4 vacancies) and Congregation Committee Member (2 vacancies) are available. Please proceed to nominate your election candidates with the forms provided by the admin staff.

### AGM REPORT 2025

• If you would like a physical copy of the report for the upcoming AGM happening on 27 April 2025, do approach the admin staff before or after service or contact them on WhatsApp at 90186851.

You may also scan the QR code below to request access for a digital copy (do note that this report currently does not include the budget and audit report).



English Congregation admin staff:

- 1. Ms Zhang Xin, Renee (Executive Officer)
- 2. Mr Justin Cheang (Administrative Assistant)



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



## The Parenting Teenagers Course 26 Apr & 3, 10, 24, 31 May 2025 (Sat) 9:30am - 12pm



Sewing: patchwork 24 Apr 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm



### **Morning Activities at TFS - May**



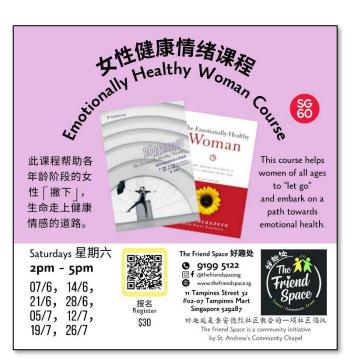
## Button Pouches for Singapore Nurse's Day 8, 22, 29 May & 19 Jun 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm



Emotionally Healthy Woman Course 7, 14, 21, 28 June & 5, 12, 19, 26 July (Sat) 2pm – 5pm



Learn to Make Nyonya Otak 5 Jun 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm









## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE



## THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS LUKE 24: 1-7 Guest Speaker: Dr Andrew Goh

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Dr Andrew Goh is the editor of Impact Magazine and a founding elder of Riverlife Church. He earned his PHD from NTU in HR Personnel Selection and graduated in Theology at Perth Bible College (Australia).

Date: 20 April 2025 Time: 9 am St Andrew's Community Chapel



**Clay Youth Ministry** 

## **GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY**

Clay Youths will be joining the Sunday Service.

18 & 20 April 2025 @ 9 AM St Andrew's Community Chapel







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# 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 <a href="https://forms.gle/xNKmMKq8Gvsux5gM7">https://forms.gle/xNKmMKq8Gvsux5gM7</a>



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## **USHER ROSTER**

### Ushering Roster for 2025 (from 5 Jan)

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

### **Special Service Roster for 2025**

- Good Friday (18 Apr): Koinonia
- Christmas Service (25 Dec, Thu): Oasis

## **UPCOMING SERMONS**

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

| Date   | Sermon Topic   |                | Preacher       |
|--------|--|----------------|----------------|
| 20 Apr | The Resurrection of Jesus<br>(Easter Sunday Service) | Luke 24: 1-7   | Mr Andrew Goh  |
| 27 Apr | Transformed by Love                                  | John 10: 11-18 | Ps Raymond Sim |



## SERMON NOTES

Speaker:Dr Andrew GohTopic:Text:Luke 24: 1-7

#### Introduction

Calvary expresses the love of God. The resurrection explains the power of God. What if Jesus did not resurrect? 1 Corinthians 15: 17, 19 Is the resurrection an accident, an afterthought or actual intent? John 2: 19-22

#### How does the Resurrection affect us?

1. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we see the clear demonstra6on of the power of the true God. (Ephesians 1: 19-20)

2. The resurrection proves that Jesus Christ is God. (Romans 1: 4)

3. Our salvation depends on our faith in the resurrec6on of Jesus Christ. (Romans 10: 9)

4. The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrates to us that all the teachings of Jesus Christ are true. (John 6: 40)

5. The resurrection of Jesus Christ secured our justification. (Romans 4: 25)

6. Our own resurrection depends completely on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

7. The power of our Christian life in the present is the power of his resurrection. (Ephesians 1: 19-21)

8. The resurrection of Jesus Christ demonstrates that this Jesus Christ is going to be the appointed judge of all the wicked people in the world. (Acts 17: 31)

<u>Conclusion</u> He lives within our hearts.



Our Vision is to be a House of Healing to the Nations, Reflecting the Glory of God, Full of Grace and Truth.



## 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:



DBS 029-900919-2

DBS106-900039-4

DBS 106-900038-6

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### 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)
  - 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
  - SACC (English) 029-900919-2
  - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
  - 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

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#### 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.