

### **Abundant Grace**

Read: John 21:1-17

When the disciples were on land, they saw a charcoal fire, with fish laid on it, and bread (21:9). The charcoal fire is used in only one other place in the New Testament and John wants to draw our attention back to that event. John is calling to the readers' minds when Peter denied the Lord Jesus three times. Jesus was arrested and Peter remained in the courtyard of the high priest, warming himself by the charcoal fire. It is at this place that Peter denies that he knows Jesus or that he has any association with Jesus. Three times Peter denied the Lord.

What Jesus does is absolutely glorious and Peter understands what Jesus is doing. The scene of his denial is reset but Jesus does not condemn. Rather, Jesus restores Peter. Jesus brings Peter back.



This is the reinstatement of Peter. Peter is in Galilee fishing. "Peter, do you love me more than these?" "Peter, do you love me?" "Lord, you know that I love you!" Then do not remain here fishing. Go feed my sheep. The three failures of Peter are met with three opportunities of grace. You failed. Do you love me? Then get back to feeding my sheep.

This is the glorious, loving, merciful God we serve. You sinned this week. You have failed the Lord. You have not shown yourself to be a disciple of Jesus. You have denied the Lord in your words or your actions. What should you do? Should you give up? Is it too late? Are you a complete failure? Should you spend your life doing something else? When you sin, Jesus comes to you and asks, "Do you love me?" If you love him, then you will go and feed his sheep. You will continue forward in obedience, standing up in the grace of God.

Friends, this is how we stand in grace. Our failures do not destroy us. Rather, we will hear Jesus ask if we love him. If we love him, then we keep going in our love for him and continue serving and obeying him. This is the grace in which we stand. No matter how great our failure, Jesus is ready to forgive us and receive us back as one of his children.





## **Pray for the World**

Father God, we humbly ask you to lift both Pakistan and India in your prayers. We long for an end to violence and the needless loss of life. May God bring healing to the land and grant them the gift of enduring peace. Let us be united in prayer—pleading for a swift ceasefire and a turning away from further aggression.

## **Pray for Singapore**

Almighty God, we pray for our country's civil service as they serve the people in the different areas of public service. We pray for our schools – principals, teachers and all the admin staff as they serve to bring quality education to the students from our Primary, Secondary, JC, polytechnics, ITE and Universities.

# **Pray for SACC**

We praise you, Almighty God, for our SACC PCC, CCC and ECC leaders.

We pray for God's wisdom and guidance to be on their lives as they serve and lead our church. We pray for our cell group leaders as they lead and organise the cell meetings every week / alternate weeks that the cell members will be ministered through the word and through the sharing and discussions. We also pray for the pastors and staff as they serve you with joy and commitment Bless them and their families as they serve others sacrificially and bring glory to Your name. Amen.



# Collect - 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



#### 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.

## St Peter's Hall Roadshow

St Peter's Hall (SPH) is home of training for the Anglican Diocese in Trinity Theological College. They will be having a roadshow **today** (**18 May 2025, Sunday**) in SACC to showcase the courses they offer to any interested church member.

There will be a photo booth set up, a video presented, as well as a Q&A session with SPH staff which will all be held in the *Seminar Rooms*. There will also be light refreshments, so please do stay back to enjoy it while learning more about SPH after the 9am service!

Scan the QR code below to view the SPH Roadshow Flyer.





## **Message from Acting Vicar**

Dear Church Family,

#### Shalom!

As we embark on this six-month period during the Vicar's sabbatical, I want to acknowledge the unique position in which we find ourselves. This time presents us with an opportunity for reflection and growth, both individually and as a community, and I am honored to serve alongside you during it.

I want to emphasize the strength and resilience of our congregation. Your commitment to this church, your unwavering faith, and your dedication to serving one another are truly inspiring. As Proverbs 3:5-6 reminds us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Let us trust in God's guidance during this time.

Over the coming months, my focus will be on nurturing the spirit of our community, fostering open communication, and ensuring that our church remains a source of comfort and inspiration for all. We will continue to uphold our traditions and values while also remaining open to exploring new ways to deepen our connection with God and with each other. We will also ensure we prepare a welcoming and supportive environment for the Vicar's return. As Ephesians 4:2-3 encourages us, let us be "completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

I understand that many of you lead busy and demanding lives, and I want to express my gratitude for your unwavering dedication to this church. Your presence and contributions are invaluable.

Let us use this time as an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our community, to find renewed purpose in our faith, and to work together to create a church that truly reflects the love and grace of God.

I am here to serve you, to listen to your voices, and to walk alongside you on this journey. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any thoughts, concerns, or ideas you wish to share.

Thank you, and may God bless us all as we look forward to the future.



# ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

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



Ukulele Lessons Apr – Jun 2025 (Wed) 9am – 10 am

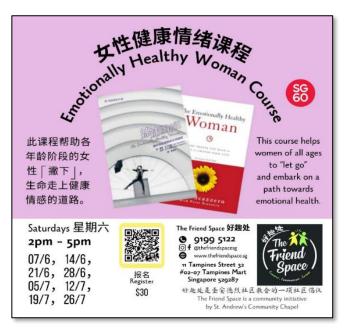
Celebrate Parents' Day 31 May 2025 (Sat) 11am – 4pm





Button Pouches for Singapore Nurses' Day 22, 29 May & 19 Jun (Thu) 10am – 12pm





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

(Racial Harmony Culinary Demo)
21 Jun 2025 (Sat)
10am – 12pm





**TFS – May Morning Activities** 



# SERVICES @ SACC





**Clay Youth Ministry** 



**Equipping Youth Series SEXUALITY & ME** 

**Preacher: Ms Mirabel Ong** 

Sunday, 18 May 2025 @ 9am St Andrew's Community Chapel





SACC GIANT CHILDREN MINISTRY (7-12 YEARS OLD)



# **DAVID'S LATER LIFE**

Date: 18 May 2025 Time: 9 AM

St. Andrew's Community Chapel

<u>Teachers</u> Lily Li

Chen Shi Hong Foo Chuan Gin



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

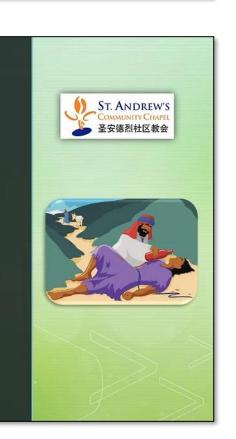
# The Good Samaritan

Luke 10: 25-37

Sunday, 18 May 2025 @ 9 AM St Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers:

Winifred Cher, Natalya Thangasamy, Amanda







## 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>



# **USHER ROSTER**

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

Week	9am Service - FDH	11am Service - Chapel
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday (Holy Communion for 1 <sup>st</sup> Service + 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 (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
25 May	Spiritual Peace in an Age of Anxiety	John 20: 19-23	Mr Raymond Choo
01 Jun	Open Topic		Rev Freddy Lim



# **SERMON NOTES**

Speaker: Mrs Ruth Sim

**Topic**: Posture of the Heart

Text : John 21:1-7

### Introduction

Peter's life reflects themes of forgiveness, redemption and unwavering faith.

### **Peter's Unique Leadership Qualities**

- Leader of the Twelve
- Close Companion of Jesus
- Confession of Faith
- Shepherd of the Early Church
- Preacher and Miracle Worker
- Bridge to the Gentiles

### **Major Failure**

Denied of Jesus 3 times

#### **Great Restoration and Death**

## What caused Peter to deny the Lord?

Luke 22: 31-32 - Satan asked Jesus for permission to sift Peter like wheat.

## **3 Points to Learn from Peter**

- 1. Our strength can lead to pride
- 2. We break down in order to build up
- 3. Our brokenness brings breakthrough





# **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
PAY NOW	PAY NOW	PAY NOW
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)

SACC English Congregation
 SACC Cambodia Mission Fund
 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
     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

#### 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.