

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

### **COLLECT FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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 forever.**

## **Article: Jesus Is Accused**

### **Read: Mark 3:20-30**

This is one of the most difficult episodes in the Bible! What is going on?

Two things to note first: 1) Early on in Mark's Gospel, Jesus has already caused a stir, and investigators from Jerusalem have come to assess his threat (v. 22). 2) Some of the dialogue is 'apocalyptic' – an exaggerated way of speaking that is 'revelatory' of God's purposes in a political context, and which needs unpacking.

Jesus has gone home, but the people cannot eat (v. 20). He is already upsetting the normal expectations of 'table fellowship': the traditional social 'order' is being shaken. Even his family try to restrain him, fearful for his well-being; and 'people' (not least the Jerusalem investigators) are calling him names – a common tactic to discredit someone who is causing trouble like 'Beelzebul' (lord of the demons). So the context is highly political – there are conflicting agendas and ideologies, and the stakes are high: how should the authorities interpret and deal with this Rabbi? He replies in parables, and even his 'parables' are part of this political context – not nice moral stories, but tools for exposing the political interests of the elite. He says, basically, 'If I am Satan, then this is a battle between Satan and Satan!' That is to say, he understands the Jerusalem elite in satanic terms (satan is an 'obstacle to' or 'opponent of' God's purposes). He elaborates on this, by talking in terms of a kingdom divided (the Jerusalem elite understood themselves as the continuation of the Davidic kingdom) or a house divided (the Temple was known as 'the house'). Alluding to the apocalyptic picture of one who comes 'like a thief at night', he identifies himself as the burglar who must bind the strong man of the house (the guardians of the Establishment).

Then, seemingly unconnected, he says that all sins are forgivable, except any blasphemy against the Holy Spirit! But there is a link: for the Temple exercises the mandate to forgive sins. Jesus is wrenching this mandate away, and declaring blanket forgiveness, undermining the Temple's purity code. The only unforgivable sin is the misnaming of God's work: in other words, to call 'godly' what is actually Satan's work, and to label satanic what is God's work. The confrontation with the Temple is clear.

### **Reflection**

The British theologian, Andrew Shanks, identifies key ways in which we are inclined to be 'dishonest'. One of the ways is how gangs or 'powers-that-be' manipulate us with propaganda, in order to urge us to behave ourselves, making it possible for some people to be scapegoated/sacrificed along the way. This episode from Mark's Gospel illustrates this. It is a battle between the establishment's propaganda (calling Jesus names) and his counter- or anti- propaganda, which exposes the lie of the system and how it aims to divide us from each other, when God's grace and forgiveness is for all.

The crunch will come, when the System seeks to silence Jesus definitively, by crucifying him – the ultimate propaganda tool – to put an end to his exposure of its lies. But even that will be exposed and overcome: God, in Christ, will share in solidarity with the victims of the propaganda-regime, and will rise to new life, in defiance of it!

[Abridged devotion taken from  
<https://www.movement.org.uk/resources/jesus-accused-mark-3-20-30>]

## Upcoming Sermons | 2022 Theme: By My Spirit, Says The Lord (Zechariah 4:6)

Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
13 Mar	Do Not Grieve The Spirit	Ephesians 4:29-32 Matthew 12:33-37	Ps Raymond Sim
20 Mar	Do Not Take Your Spirit From Me	Psalm 51:10-17	Mr Raymond Choo
27 Mar	Open Topic		Mr Sam Kuna
03 Apr	Same Spirit, Common Good	1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Luke 10:17-20	Revd Daniel Tong

## Prayer and Praise 2022



Date	Topic and Text	Speaker
25 Mar	Donkey Rebukes Rider	Numbers 22:27-35
<b>Pray for the World</b>		<b>Pray for SACC</b>
<p>Lord, we bring before You the various armed conflicts taking place around the world, praying for the protection of lives and Your divine intervention to bring about the restoration of peace. We pray for all involved in these conflicts to die to themselves – their personal ideologies, desires and wants, etc. – and strive in compassion for the welfare of their neighbours. We pray for those pressing these conflicts to be convicted of their sin and repent, and for those wounded by these conflicts not to grow bitter, but learn to forgive. Help all learn afresh and accept our need for Jesus in our lives!</p>		<p>Lord, stir within us a heart for the lost of this world, and a sense of urgency for their salvation. Open the door for us to be personally and actively engaged in the sharing of the gospel to those around us, grant us favour with those with whom we share, and bring conviction upon them of their need for You.</p>
<b>Pray for Singapore</b>		<p>Entering into this week:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We pray for our young ones who recently received their 'A' Level results in their applications for further studies, that all would grow to trust that You have their futures safe in Your hands.</li> <li>2. We pray for our respective work and careers in the marketplace, that You would help us stand in faith upon Your word, and seek in all we do to glorify Your name.</li> <li>3. We pray to fall deeper and deeper in love with You, so to grow in our love of Your word and the spending of time with You in prayer and worship.</li> <li>4. We pray for our Parish outreach, that You would guide and bless the plans and events we put together to proclaim Your name, that they be effective for the establishing and expanding of Your kingdom here on earth.</li> <li>5. We lift up before You those we know who are unwell – be it from COVID-19 or some other chronic illness – for them to experience Your peace and healing touch.</li> </ol>

## A Prayer Request, Feedback, or Query

Have you a prayer request? Some feedback to share?

Queries with regard to our church, how you may serve, or about life?

Write to **[bridget\\_tan@sacc.org.sg](mailto:bridget_tan@sacc.org.sg)** and we will link you with the best person who may help.



# Announcements and Upcoming Events

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## SOS Tea

Topic: Living in God's Shekinah Glory

Date & Time: 19 March 2022 (Saturday), 2.30 to 4.30pm via Zoom

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/19mar22sostea>

If you are unable to access the google form, you may email Jenn via [jennwongwl@gmail.com](mailto:jennwongwl@gmail.com) to register.

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## Baptism Course 2022

In preparation for Baptism on 22 May 2022 (Sun), SACC will run the Baptism Course in the following manner:

Group lessons - 19 & 26 Mar 2022, 10am-12 noon, via Zoom

To complete one-to-one lessons with Baptism Mentor between 27 March and 15 May 2022.

Please register with Josephine at 65861983 or email: [josephine@sacc.org.sg](mailto:josephine@sacc.org.sg) by 17 Mar 2022.

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## Our Love/Hate Relationship with the Arts

Please note that the above class has been postponed. Details will be announced later.

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## The Reliability of the New Testament

<An online seminar organized by the Christian Education Committee of St Andrew's Community Chapel>

The reliability of the New Testament (NT) has often been questioned. Many feel that the bible as we know today was collated by the pagan Roman emperor Constantine the Great, while others think that the NT is filled with inaccuracies.

This seminar attempts to show through the formation of the NT canon, and textual evidences that the NT is a reliable document preserved for us to know the Christian faith.

Speaker: Lydia Wee

17 March 2022 (Thursday), 8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. Platform: Zoom

Free admission. Register via <https://tinyurl.com/saccce202203>. Meeting link will be given after registration nearer the date of the event.

Registration deadline: 16 March 2022 (Wednesday) 6.00p.m.



## Children's Ministry Classes

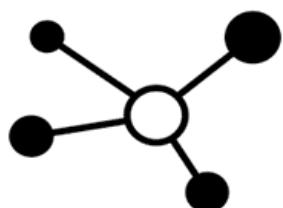
OLO and GIANT will have physical class at SHPS on 6 and 13 Mar 2022 and via Zoom on 20 and 27 Mar.2022.

CLAY will continue to meet physically at SHPS every Sunday, 11am except the 5th Sunday (to attend the main service)

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### Usher Duty

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday | - 1 John 14:19 / Grace @228  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday | - Mark & Agnes / Fuel+       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday | - 1 King 8:57 / Oasis        |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday | - 5 Loaves & 2 Fish / Beacon |



### SACC Cell Life – Be Part of it

In our cell groups we fellowship, support each other, and serve the community alongside one another. We welcome you to share and be part of these groups situated in Simei, Tampines and Bedok. Contact us today at [admin\\_info@sacc.org.sg](mailto:admin_info@sacc.org.sg) and let's explore together the best for you!



**Speaker : Revd Daniel Tong**

**Title : Do Not Quench The Spirit**

**Scripture : 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - 23  
Mark 3:20-30**

## Introduction

### 1. Definitions

#### Quenching The Spirit

##### 1. The Work of the Spirit

##### a. Quenching the Spirit

##### b. Spirit Desire

##### 2. Do You Believe?

##### a. Quenching the Spirit

##### b. How Big Is Your God?

## Conclusion

### For Reflection

1. What causes the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn brighter or dimmer in your life? How might this fire burn more consistently bright and brighter in your life?
2. Do you believe our God to be the God of miracles? What are your thoughts on biblical miracles taking place today?

*Our services and sermons can also be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/SACCyoutube>  
For more information about SACC, please visit [www.sacc.org.sg](http://www.sacc.org.sg)*

# You're invited to SOS Tea!

Saturday, 19 March 2022

Topic 1 : *Living in God's Shekinah Glory*

2:30 to 4:30pm via Zoom



A close-up photograph of several white orchid flowers with distinct purple speckles or spots. The flowers are arranged in a dense cluster, creating a soft, floral background.

**God's  
Shekinah  
Glory**

Zech  
4:3

**Holy  
Spirit's  
Light**

**Jesus is  
the Way  
and Truth**

*2022 : Moving in God's glory, truth and light to  
the world*

A Christian Education event organised by the Christian Education  
Committee of St Andrew's Community Chapel

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**Zoom**

Please register via QR code:



## Sunday Service Registration through Eventbrite:

From 2 January 2022:

All Sunday Services will welcome 100 vaccinated\* worshippers

except 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday will welcome 50 worshippers cater for youths and non-vaccinated.

<https://sacc-dos.eventbrite.sg>

**Registration will close on Saturday, 3pm or upon capacity reached.**

Steps to register either by mobile:

- 1) Download the Eventbrite App in our mobile and bookmark the above link
- 2) Select Date
- 3) Click 'Tickets'
- 4) Click on the Zone to select the number of required Tickets
- 5) Click 'Register'
- 6) Fill in the required information
- 7) Click 'Register'
- 8) A 'Thank You' message will appear informing you a ticket has been sent to you

Feel free to contact the church office if you need help.

**Please note:**

**You have to be fully vaccinated to attend our Physical On-Site Service.**

**\*Vaccinated means:**

- Completed the two (2) doses plus 14 days after the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
- Or have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> Booster shot within 270 days of your last dose.
- For people who are medically exempted will have to produce a medical letter.

## 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



DBS 029-900919-2

**SACC**  
**Cambodia Mission Fund**  
T08CC4074CCMF



DBS106-900039-4

**SACC Growth Fund**  
T08CC4074CGF2



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 website portal.