

THE DANGERS OF ISOLATION

The Big Ben in Britain recently underwent a massive renovation. It took five years, lots of manpower, and lots of money. In many ways, it was a feat of modern restoration. But for five years, the historical clock tower was hidden behind ugly scaffolding, and its bells rendered mute. Likewise, in the past two years, the church was hidden behind the four walls of our home. The physical gathering of Care Groups and Discipleship Groups gave way to Zoom links and breakout rooms. Physical services moved online. Our Sunday lunchtime conversations came to an abrupt halt.

During the lockdown, many were worried and isolated. But as the pandemic gradually abates, many are wondering what church will look like in the post-pandemic years. Will church continue to be run online? Will it be a hybrid – both on-site and online? As a Christian, am I still part of the church even if I don't attend the physical gatherings? (Of course, you are!)

To many, the idea of being a hybrid church attendee or an only-digital-church attendee sounds attractive. It marries convenience and spirituality. It's like church with a click of a button. Who doesn't like the sound of that?

Though such arrangements sound like plausible options, in reality, they are unrealistic and even dangerous expectations. Consider what the author of Hebrews says,

²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb. 10:24-25) First, we are to meet together so that we may not drift away. Throughout the book, the author consistently warned about the dangers of drifting. Here are a few examples. They are to pay close attention to the Gospel lest they drift away (Heb. 2:1-4). They should not be like those in the wilderness generation, who went astray by rebellion (Heb. 3:7-11). In light of this, the author offers a salient response: do not neglect meeting with each other as we obey the Gospel. In other words, physically gathering with the spiritual community is important. It protects someone from drifting spiritually.

Second, as we meet together, we encourage each other as the Day approaches. Like running a race, meeting together is like a pat on the back. It pushes us to persevere until we cross the finish line. Hence, the physical gathering is so needful because other Christians are there to encourage us when we are weary, or when we feel tempted to hang the towel.

So, fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, realise that isolation is dangerous. Therefore, let's strive to meet needs by meeting together in the spiritual community!

Hanniel Sinon Care Group Leader



•SHINEKIZ EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at <u>benita.teo@gospellight.sg</u>. Details of the job position are available via our website at <u>Careers</u>.

•RACIAL HARMONY CARNIVAL 2022

Gospel Light will be participating in the annual Pasir-Ris Punggol Inter Racial and Religious Harmony Parade on Sat, 23 Jul this year.

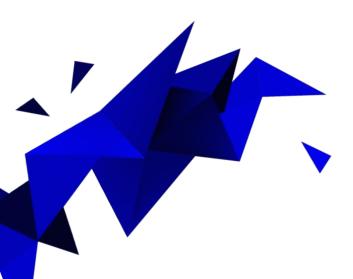
We'd like to invite volunteers to support our outreach to residents at our event booth.

Date: **Sat, 23 Jul** Time: 1:00pm to 8:00pm Venue: Punggol 21 CC, 80 Punggol Field

Please register here. Closing date Sun, 17 Jul.

Volunteers are required to attend briefing via Zoom on Mon, 18 Jul at 8:15pm. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35





• COMPLIMENTARY BUS SERVICE

Choa Chu Kang, pick-up point beside block 302 at 10:10am has resumed and it will be on first come first serve basis. Click <u>here</u> to view the pick-up point.

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: **Thu, 21 July** | Time: **9pm - 10pm** Click Zoom link: <u>https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ</u> Meeting ID: **865 7673 8143** Password: **mums**

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

(i) Primary Levels (7-12 years): 11am on-site (Level 3). No need for registration.

(ii) Preschool Levels (3-6 years): 11am on-site (Attic). Weekly registration is required. Registration open on Sundays at 4pm and close on the following Thursday at 1pm.

To register, click <u>https://bit.ly/3DisxJk</u> or scan QR code.

*If your child is born in 2019 (i.e. turning 3 years old this year) but is not yet 36 months old, we will require a caregiver to accompany the child throughout the preschool children service.



We are still looking for volunteers to join our Children's Ministry teams – do contact <u>children@gospellight.sg</u> for more info.





• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 19 July 2022, we will be studying the passage in Romans 8:12-17, where we will learn that the Spirit delivers from the power of sin. Do come and join us. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh Date: **Tues, 19 July 2022** Time: 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://bit.ly/301w48a Meeting ID: **858 4763 1856** Passcode: **406222** so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Leading Generations into a Life-changing Relationship with Jesus Christ

• WORSHIP SERVICE

- No need for online registration to attend worship services.
- Free seating, no zoning required.
- Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.
- On-site prayer meeting on Sundays at 8.15am in Shine Auditorium.
- Food will be served after the 9am worship service (simple breakfast) and after the 11am worship service (lunch).

(A) Worship Services for Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	800 pax	<u>http://bit.ly/38BU0rA</u> (only available at 9am)

- Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:
- o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
- o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days
- From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.
- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.

(B) Worship Services for Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Worshippers

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	240 pax	<u>http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT</u> (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	240 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	140 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel <u>https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1</u>
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	20 pax	Nil
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 7pm	240 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

(B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 3 of this bulletin.

Heekly MEETINGS

- Wednesday Prayer Meetings 8pm Venue: Hall 3, Attic
- Sunday Prayer Meetings 8:15am Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)
- Our weekly Meet the Pastor has ended. But do check back <u>here</u> for future Q&A sessions with Pastor Jason Lim. For further questions about, the Church, God and the bible, please drop us an email at <u>shine@gospellight.sg</u>
- Varsity Ministry Sermon Series Exodus: Freed to Follow
- If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg



You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN: **S88SS0082AGF1**

2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: 033-021695-5
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write Gospel Light Christian Church and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund 033-021695-5
 - Missions Fund 001-042653-2
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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