



10 December 2023

ANNA'S ADVENT

“ Give thanks to God and speak of him to all who are waiting...”

“And there was a prophetess, Anna...” (Luke 2:36)

Anna is a remarkable woman. She is among a handful of women in the Bible called a prophetess. The other 8 are Miriam (the sister of Moses), Deborah (the judge), Huldah (the wife of Shallum), Isaiah's wife, and Philip's four unmarried daughters.

Luke 2:36-38 tells us that Anna was only married 7 years before she lived the rest of her life as a widow, until she was 84. Through these long and lonely years, she dedicated herself completely to God. “She did not depart from the temple,” enjoying physical proximity to things and worship of God. She was found “worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day,” devoting herself to seeking and serving God.

This devotion was finally rewarded when she saw her Savior. “And coming up at that very hour” when Jesus was presented at the temple to the Lord, Anna beheld the Messiah. He, whom she has long awaited together with the rest of Israel. At that moment, Simeon has finished praising God for the salvation he has seen. When she entered the scene, she immediately recognizes the same baby Jesus as the “redemption of Jerusalem.”

Anna saw what others in the temple did not see on that day. The other worshippers also came to perform sacrifices in worship but they walked right by. Instead, an elderly woman who has been bereft of her husband after only 7 years of marriage, who has struggled with decades of lonely life, saw Jesus for who He is to herself, and her people. Anna's piety was God-centered. Putting aside her own sorrow and struggles in life, she sought God and His purposes. So she saw Jesus at His Advent.

It would be sad day, if we who enjoy physical proximity to the things of God, recognition and respect among the people of God, fail to see Jesus for who He is to ourselves, and to our community today. It would be a sorrowful Christmas, if we who enjoy freedom and opportunity to practice our faith, and even longevity of years in this life, pass Him by amid all our activities and ministries in His service.

But if we, like Anna, see Jesus as our Redemption, then we would, like her, “give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting.” A truly life-changing relationship with Jesus draws out humble and heart-felt thanksgiving. A true understanding of the Gospel of Jesus drives us to share the good news with all who will listen. Will Anna's Advent be your Advent this Christmas? Who you see makes the difference, not just what you have experienced or enjoyed, in this life.

In His Service,
Pastor Seethor Chee Keen
Chinese Pastor



CLASSES & MINISTRIES

•CHINESE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – A BIRTH OF HOPE

A Christmas outreach service will be held on 24 Dec Sunday at our 9am and 11am Chinese worship services. Seize this opportunity to invite your family and loved ones to hear the good news of the gospel preached in Chinese.

•IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME

On this side of eternity, Christmas is a promise. The Savior brings peace to those who receive him, but the story isn't finished until there is peace on earth. Every Christmas is still a 'turning of the page' until Jesus returns. Every 25 December marks another year that draws us closer to the fulfilment of the ages. May the babe of Bethlehem who gave his life on the Cross of Calvary bring you love, joy and peace from now and into eternity.

"...BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD NEWS of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Date: Mon, 25 Dec 2023

Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

Admission is free. Please register for ticket.

To register for ticket, please visit this link
<https://bit.ly/45ZaCnD>.

Ticket registration closes, Sun, 17 Dec.

•CHURCH CAMP 2024 – GREATEST HITS

Hit songs from every generation have left their mark. But for the believer, the ageless songbook of all time is the Psalms.

The Psalms, God's divinely authored songbook, draws our adoration and worship to Him in joy, lamentations and heartfelt prayers.

At Church Camp 2024, come hear our speakers teach us from well-known Psalms, and draw near to God!

Click here for the camp FAQ: <https://bit.ly/3SFvjLK>.

Registration starts on 7 Jan 2024.

Early bird 7 Jan - 31 Jan 2024.

Normal registration 1 Feb - 17 Mar 2024.

•COFFEE CONNECTS

Coffee Connects will be closed on Dec 24 and Dec 31. We thank you for your support and look forward to serve you again in 2024.

Have a blessed Christmas & New year!

Coffee Connects

•MINISTRY: SERVE WITH US!

Abundant opportunities await us as a church as we move towards three services in 2024. But workers are needed to step up to serve! Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.", and this appeal continues today. If you feel inadequate or unready to serve, we encourage you not to look at your LACK, but look to the LORD.

Find out about the many roles today:

<https://bit.ly/3uM3MFr>

or email/whatsapp your questions to
shine@gospellight.sg / 9117 6000.

Leading Generations into a Life-changing Relationship with Jesus Christ





CLASSES & TRAININGS

• **BEGINNING INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY** **1&2 KINGS / DANIEL / GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Begin the New Year with Inductive Bible Study online. Study the Word of God inductively and know the God of the Word intimately.

We are studying 1&2 Kings, Daniel and the Gospel of John in 2024. This study requires your commitment of 2-3 hours of personal study with Precept New Inductive Study Series (NISS) guide and 2 hours of small group sharing and discussion each week via Zoom. The schedule for the study follows:

Daniel

Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm OR Friday mornings 10am to noon

16 January - 31 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49AHXsm>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

1&2 Kings

Wednesday mornings 10:00am - 12:00pm (For men only)

17 January - 29 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:

<https://bit.ly/49hofl4>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

Gospel of John

Monday evenings 7:30pm - 9.30pm

15 January - 27 May 2024

To register, please visit this link:


<https://bit.ly/3SMKLg7>.

Registration closes, Sun 17 Dec.

Discussion Leader: Brother Michael Lau.

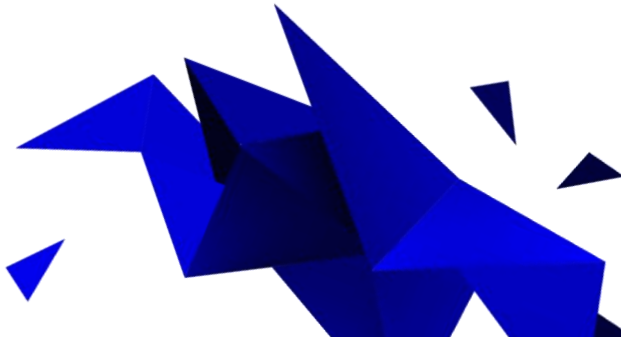
The cost is \$15 each for Precept study material.

You will receive eBook to help you begin your inductive Bible study: **How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth**
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*Now he who supplies seed
to the sower and bread for
food will also supply and
increase your store of seed
and will enlarge the harvest
of your righteousness.*

2 Corinthians 9:10





• MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application. Classes will be conducted on-site.

English

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

Date: Sun, 28 Jan & 4 Feb

Time: 11:45pm – 12:45pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

To register, please visit this link: <https://bit.ly/3TaiYEb>.

Registration closes on Sun, 31 Dec.

• SILVERJOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY RELAUNCH

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. SilverJoy isn't just a place for seniors to gather, it's a spiritual community of friendship and support.

Invite your pre-believing friends, neighbours or family members.

Date: Every 1st & 3rd Wed of the month

Time: 9:45am - 12:30pm

Venue: Connections Corner (L1)

Upcoming events coming your way. Join us!

Contact CE Hotline – 97537964 for inquiries

Date	Programme	Activity
20/12/23	Chinatown Trail Walk	Outing

• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF JOHN

We will be taking a break for the month of December and will resume class on 2 January 2024. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 2 Jan 2024

Time: 8:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/3pd7C7T>

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761





WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm**

Venue: Hall 3, Attic

- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am**

Venue: Cry Room at Shine Auditorium (L4)

If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg

(A) Worship Services

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	https://bit.ly/3SH45uZ (only available at 9am)
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am and 11am	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT (only available at 9am)
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 2pm	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m No service on 4 th & 5 th week	Subscribe to Youth announcement channel https://t.me/+Yd524QzAjKk2Yzll
Varsity @ Light 1 & 2 (L3)	No service for the month of December	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 1 (L2) *For more info, please contact 9117 6000 / 9628 5061	No service for the month of December	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm and 8pm	http://bit.ly/30G4fXI

(B) Children Service

Children's services are at **9am and 11am**:

(i) Playgroup (12 months - 35 months): Hall 3 at Attic Level

(ii) Preschool (36 months - 6 years): Eshkol Valley premise at Attic Level

- There will be a primary orientation for K2 children next Sunday. Please register your K2 child at the Primary check-in counters at Level 3 and pick them up at the Eshkol Valley premise at Attic. Thank you!

(iii) Primary (Primary 1 to Primary 6): Light Auditorium at Level 3



GIVING ONLINE

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:

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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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