



Holy Work for Christmas

Inspired by Charles Spurgeon's sermon, "Holy Work for Christmas".

Every December, we hear the familiar carols and read the familiar story. Charles Spurgeon preaching to a different century, yet to the same human heart, called this season a time for "holy work." Not frantic busyness, but Spirit-filled responses to the birth of Christ. Drawing on Spurgeon's "Holy Work for Christmas," here are four simple, concrete ways to carry the wonder of Bethlehem into everyday.

1. Tell What You've Seen and Heard

The shepherds "made known abroad" what God had shown them (Luke 2). Spurgeon begins here: ordinary people, freshly astonished, simply told the truth. No polish required, just sincerity.

Put it into practice

- Share a brief story of God's goodness this year with a friend or colleague.
- Invite someone to coffee, a meal, or a church service: "Come and see".
- Post a short note about why Christ's birth gives you hope (keep it warm, not preachy).

Why it matters

Good news is meant to travel. Evangelism is not a performance; it's passing on light you've actually received.



2. Recover Holy Wonder

Christmas unites the simple and the sublime: the Infinite became an infant. Spurgeon urges us to resist numbness and rekindle awe. Wonder softens the heart and turns duty into delight.

Put it into practice

- Each night, name one truth about Jesus' coming and thank God for it.
- Read one carol slowly (e.g., "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing") and turn each line into a one-sentence prayer.
- Take an "awe walk" with family: point out signs of God's care and talk about the Gift at the center of the season.

Why it matters

Awe fuels love, steadies trust, and keeps our message radiant instead of routine.

3. Treasure and Ponder

Mary "kept" and "pondered" these things in her heart (Luke 2:19). Spurgeon highlights a discipleship rhythm: keep the truth, turn it over, let it sink from mind to heart.

Put it into practice

- Read Luke 1–2 this week; journal one line to "keep" each day and one question to "ponder."
- Over a meal, ask: "What does Jesus' coming show us about God?"
- Memorize a short verse (e.g., Luke 2:11) and pray it back to the Lord.

Why it matters

Christmas can be loud at the surface but thin at the core. Pondering gives the season depth.

4. Return to First Love

Christmas is a yearly call to "Bethlehem"—fresh joy, first works, renewed devotion.

Spurgeon presses us to crown Christ in our schedules and service again.

Put it into practice

- Set aside one unhurried hour for Scripture, repentance, and recommitment.
- Lay your gifts and calendar before God:
 "Use me where I am most needed."
- Choose one ministry or neighbor to love with focused attention this season.

Why it matters

The King who arrived in humility still reigns—and He renews those who return to Him.

A Simple Christmas Rule of Thumb

Speak the news. Savor the wonder. Store the truth. Serve with praise. Invite others along.

This is Spurgeon's "holy work" in modern clothes: not more to do, but a clearer way to live what we already celebrate. May this Christmas find us like the shepherds and Mary: mouths open in witness, hearts deep in wonder, hands busy with love, and lives that whisper to our world, "Come and see".





"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

CHRISTMAS SERVICE 25 Dec 9am, Ilam

Life Together
CHURCH CAMP 2026



10 – 13 Jun 2026 Parkroyal A'Famosa Melaka Resort

Theme: "Life Together"

Registration: Starts Jan 2026

For more information, please refer to the FAQ <u>here</u>.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

As 2026 is just around the corner, we're excited to share that the Women's Ministry will be hosting our very first gathering of the year on Saturday, 17 January!

We warmly welcome all ladies to come, connect, and begin the new year together with us.

As women, we often wear many hats and find our time pulled in many directions. At this event, we'll hear from godly sisters at different life stages as they share how they prioritise God amidst the many demands of life. There will also be space for meaningful conversations in small groups, where we can encourage and learn from one another.

Topic: God First, in Every Season

Date: Sat, 17 Jan

Time: 2.00pm - 4.15 pm (followed by

tea)

Venue: Shine Auditorium (L4)

We look forward to spending this meaningful afternoon with you!

Register <u>here</u>. Registration closes on 28 Dec 2025 or when registration is full, whichever is earlier. For more details, drop us an <u>email</u>.

CHRISTMAS DAY CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Come celebrate Christmas with us—and invite your friends too!

Hear the inspiring story of The Three Trees who served the King of Kings, and enjoy fun games and activities for all kids.

Date: Thu, 25 Dec

Time: 9.00am or 11.00am

Preschool (3-6 years): Attic Level

Primary (7-12 years): Light Auditorium (L3)

■We need volunteers!

We're still short of station masters and group leaders, and we would love your help to bless the children this Christmas.

If you can serve, even for one service, please click <u>here</u> to sign up now. Your help will make a big difference!

PARTNER WITH US TO SUPPORT GOFEED

GoFeed is a community feeding programme run by Goducate, our missions arm. It provides nutritious meals and holistic care to underprivileged children and families across the Philippines. Through local GoFeed Centres, the programme integrates feeding, education, and empowerment—bringing both practical help and the hope of the gospel. And most importantly, the establishment of community churches in these needy communities.

Support GoFeed: Giving Instructions for Local Sponsors

Please refer to the next page.

A. PayNow via QR Code (Quickest Option!)

- Open your banking app
- Select "Scan to Pay"
- Scan the QR code below
- Remarks: Your Name + "GoFeed"



B. PayNow via UEN

- UEN: S88SS0082AGF1
- Remarks: Your Name + "GoFeed"

C. Internet Banking

- Payee: Gospel Light Christian Church
- Bank: DBS Bank (Current account)
- Account Number: 033-021695-5
- Remarks: Your Name + "GoFeed"

CHIT CHAT! (NEWCOMERS EVENT)

Are you new to Gospel Light? Did you discover us through a friend, our online services or social media? We'd love for you to get to know us better! Chit Chat is an informal social session onsite where you get to mingle with our Pastor, Elders and leaders. Ever wondered what kind of church we are and where are our roots? What does our mission and vision statement mean? Save the date and we look forward to a great time of chit chat!

Date: Sun, 18 Jan

Time: 11.45am - 12.15pm (Welcome and intro leaders)

Lunch: 12.15pm - 1.15pm (Lunch fellowship)

Venue: Gospel Auditorium (L2)

←Connect with us — <u>Register</u> now! Registration closes on Sun, 11 Jan.

If you want to find out more, connect with Sue at **9776 1377** or **email**.

THINK + THRIVE: AHEAD — Parenting Workshop <a>♠;<a>♠

P1-P3 feels manageable, but **P4 surges**: more work, tougher problems, exams ... and homework battles.

The issue isn't potential; it's missing thinking skills. This workshop equips parents to build reasoning skills early so kids face challenges confidently and turn learning from stress to strength.

Who's leading:

Led by Norman Tien, the Math Talent Architect known for training the brain to think before solving. His approach has helped 10,000+ students move from struggling to thriving.

Who it's for:

Hosted at **Gospel Light, this** friendly **community outreach** is open to all families. Perfect for inviting a parent you care about.



Event details

📆 Date: Sat, 3 Jan

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: Light 1 & 2 Auditorium (L3)

Register Today! (Fee: \$10)
Invite a friend, come as you are, and help your child think better, not harder.

COFFEE CONNECTS - YEAR-END BREAK

Please be informed that Coffee Connects will be closed on 21 & 28 December.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. Every piece of cake or coffee purchased help us to get closer to our mission goals. Your contribution is very much appreciated.

The coffee Connects team wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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. Register here. Registration closes on Sun, 28 Dec.

English

Date: Sun, 18 Jan & 25 Jan

____Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

Chinese

mDate: Sun, 18 Jan & 25 Jan

ATime: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Venue: Hall 2 (L2)

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

SILVER JOY (SENIORS) MINISTRY

Every chapter of life is a gift from God. And our ministry for seniors celebrates that gift. Silver Joy 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: Weds, excluding the 5th Wed of the month
- Yenue: Gospel Light Christian Church Upcoming events coming your way.

*Silver Joy activities will resume Jan 2026.

Contact 9753 7964 for enquiries.

CLASSES + MINISTRIES

EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – GOSPEL OF LUKE

We will take a break and class will resume Tue, 6 Jan. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

Date: Tue, 6 Jan

ATime: 8.00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 851 8603 0760

Passcode: 211761

Prayer Meetings

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Heb. 4:16

There will be no prayer meeting on 24 & 31 Dec.



Wednesday 8PM | HALL 3 (ATTIC LEVEL)



Sunday 7.45AM | CRY ROOM SHINE AUDITORIUM LEVEL 4



Prayer List
WE CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD
AS A CHURCH BY PRAYER.
SUBSCRIBE TO OUR WEEKLY
PRAYER LIST



Bereavement
WE MOURN WITH MEMBERS
WHO'VE LOST LOVED ONES.
(ROM. 12:15) STAY UPDATED
ON CHURCH BEREAVEMENT
NOTICES.



English @Shine Auditorium (L4)
Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Chinese @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am
Watch our livestream service at 10.15am only

Filipino @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 2.00pm
Watch our livestream service at 2.00pm

No Youth service on 13,20 & 27 December

Youth @Gospel Auditorium (L2) Saturday at 4.30pm

Subscribe to our announcement channel on WhatsApp or Telegram.



No Varsity service for the month of December

Varsity @Light 1 and Light 2 (L3)
Sunday at 2.30pm *no service on 5th week
of the month
Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel

Bahasa @Hall 1 (L2)
Every alternate Sunday 10.30am
For more info, please contact
9117 6000 / 9628 5061

Telugu @Gospel Auditorium (L2)
Sunday at 5.00pm and 7.30pm

<u>Watch</u> our livestream service at 5.30pm



PLAYGROUP

(12 - 35 months) @ Hall 3 (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am and 10.15am

PRESCHOOL

(36 months - 6 years) @ Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic) Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am and 12.00pm

PRIMARY

(Primary 1 - 6)

@ Light Auditorium (L3)

Sunday at 8.30am, 10.15am, 12.00pm*

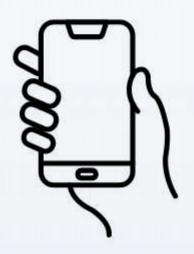
*12.00pm service held at Eshkol Valley Premises (Attic)

Join our Whatsapp community
for regular updates

Contact us if you're interested to explore serving in Children's Ministry!



FULL GIVING DETAILS HERE



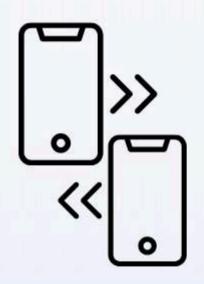
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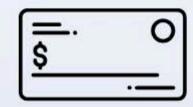
Scan With Your Bank App

All offerings will be directed to the "General" fund. State "Missions" in the UEN/Bill Reference No. section if you wish to designate the offering to our mission work.

Giving Online



> Internet Banking Transfer DBS Bank 033-021695-5



> Cheque
Make Payable to:
"Gospel Light Christian Church"
Write "Offerings" behind.

For internet banking transfer, indicate "General" or "Mission" to designate where the offering goes to

For cheques, you can further indicate on the reverse: "General Fund" 033-021695-5 or "Missions Fund" 001-042653-2.

Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.