

Bishop of Singapore: **Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung**  
Assistant Bishop: **Rt Revd Low Jee King**  
Archdeacon of Singapore: **Ven Daniel Wee Chun Chian**

Vicar: **Revd Martin Jungnickel**  
Clergy: **Revd Calvin Wee | Revd Tay Hong Ern**



**Our Vision:** *In Christ we serve the COMMUNITY as a beacon of FAITH, HOPE & LOVE.*

**Our Mission:** To be a worshipping community that is grounded in God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit for sanctification, ministry and missions and is growing in Christ to reach out as a beacon of *Faith, Hope & Love*.

## Worship & Ministry

### Services

#### English

##### Saturday

E3: 2pm

SES: 5pm (Holy Communion)

##### Sunday

E1: 8am (Holy Communion)

E2: 10.15am (Holy Communion)

#### Hokkien

##### Saturday

2pm (Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### Mandarin

##### Sunday

10.30am (Holy Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>)

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### Children's Ministries

#### Saturday at 5pm

Primary 1 - 6 in Daniel Room

#### Sunday at 8am (in recess till Jan 2023)

Pre-school (Age 4-6) & Primary 1 - 3  
in Room 201

Primary 4 to 6 in Room 210

Youth ministry - The Creed in Daniel Room

#### Sunday at 10.15am

Cradle Club (Toddlers) in Room 211

Pre-school (Aged 4 - 6) in Room 201

Primary 1 to 3 - in Daniel Room

Primary 4 to 6 - in Joshua Hall

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**26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

### THE COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### *Scripture Readings / Sermon Title:*

OT/NT: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 21

Gospel: John 3: 1 - 16

*"A Fresh Start!"*

A very warm **Welcome** to all who have come to worship with us. We invite members and visitors to stay back after the Sunday worship services for refreshments and fellowship at the Manna House.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

#### **Weekly Holy Communion Church Services**

- Saturday Evening Service (SES) at 5pm in the Church Sanctuary.
- Sunday (E1) at 8am in the Church Sanctuary.
- Sunday (E2) at 10.15am in the Bethel Hall.

#### **E3 Service**

Saturdays at 2pm in the Bethel Hall.

**Online (Non Holy Communion) Services** is available on Sundays from 8am.  
YouTube channel: [bit.ly/shconline](https://bit.ly/shconline)

The podcast (audio of the sermon only) will be available each Tuesday.  
Podcast: <https://sthildas.org.sg/glory-to-god/podcasts/>

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**Private Worship** – The church sanctuary is open for prayer and worship (without singing) during the week for up to 45mins.  
You may book your time slot by calling the church office at 63443463.


### **PASTORAL CARE**

We want to care for you during this difficult time.

- Please let us know of any pastoral need that you may have
- Please call your church friends and encourage one another
- Please let us know if you know of anybody in need of pastoral care

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### **FAMILY**

1. **E-TALKS** resumes this week after the E1 & E2 services at Manna House  
**Topic:** "Answering Tough Questions"
2. **OUR CONDOLENCES TO...**  
Ivan, Angela and Andrew Cai as Angela's beloved father, the late Mr Sim Mong Heng was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2022.
3. **F.I.S.H (Faithful Intercessors of St Hilda's)** Meets every Tuesday at 9am to pray via Zoom.  
Please contact Tina at 97780818.  
**This Tuesday, 29 Nov.** we will be having a Prayer Walk instead - 9.45am to 11am. We will meet at the church sanctuary at 9.45am for a short briefing before setting out.
4. **AN EVENING OF WORSHIP & PRAYER** (Monthly Church Prayer Meeting)  
Tuesday, 6 Dec. 2022, 8pm in Joshua Hall.  
Brothers and sisters from Marine Parade Christian Centre will be joining us. *(Light refreshments will be provided)*
5. **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:**  
Help is still needed to decorate Christmas trees and the church premises.  
Please do come and lend us a hand: 8th, 9th and morning of 10th Dec.  
We start at 9.15am.  
  
Please contact  
Pauline Goh 94556604  
or Pat Wee 96404200  
  
Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!!
6. **FIRE PLACE**  
(via Zoom every Tuesday, 10am to 11.45am)  
Facilitators: Mr John Teo and Mr Chan Mun Seng  
Study on "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5 - 7)  
Please contact the church office for the link.
7. **MEN'S FRIDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
We are meeting via Zoom and in the Care Lounge from 7:15 – 8:15am every Friday.  
Join us if you like! Just contact Ps Martin at: [martin@sthildas.org.sg](mailto:martin@sthildas.org.sg)
8. **OFFERTORY**  
The 4 different payments methods which you may contribute –  
+ Cash - put in an envelope, set it aside and bring it to church  
+ Cheque –  
Write to "St Hilda's Church" and mail it to: 41 Ceylon Road S (429630)  
+ Electronically  
i) St Hilda's Church  
DBS Account No.: 004-006227-2  
ii) via PayNow  
  
  
  
+ Using your bank's internet banking or mobile banking app.  
Enter UEN T08CC4076F at the PayNow transfer screen and verify St Hilda's Church as recipient before confirming the transfer.

## OUR WIDER FAMILY

### 9. CHRISTMAS IN QUEENSTOWN BY CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Look forward to a hearty  
Christmas market, a dazzling  
concert and some winter  
wonderland snowfall!  
Invite your friends and family for a  
meaningful time of Christmas  
celebrations.

Date: 16-18 December 2022

Time: 5pm - 10pm

Venue: Church of the Good  
Shepherd

(2 Dundee Road, S 149454)

Find out more:

[www.facebook.com/christmasinquenstown](https://www.facebook.com/christmasinquenstown)

### 10. RECRUITMENT

SAMH/SACS, the medical and  
community service arms of the  
Diocese of Singapore is recruiting an  
Associate Chaplain for St Andrew's  
Nursing Home (Taman Jurong), to  
provide holistic pastoral and spiritual  
care for the residents, staff members  
and volunteers.

For more details, and other  
employment opportunities, please  
visit [anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/](https://anglican.org.sg/work-with-us/).

## PRAYER BULLETIN THIS WEEK

### Church

- Pray for God's guidance, strength, and wisdom upon our Bp Titus Chung as he leads the Diocese of Singapore. Strengthen his spirit and protect him with your goodness daily.
- Pray for all Vicars and clergy as they lead their parishes. May God grant them the fervour and grace to love and lead their parishes.
- We pray for our parishes as they prepare for Christmas, that they will share the love of the Lord with others.
- Pray for the church worldwide that they would be a light wherever they are placed, that they would share the good news and the grace of the God to their communities.

### World

- We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and any other place in the world where there is war and hostility and pain. Pray for God's comfort to be with the families of all that have lost loved ones in areas of conflict
- As we approach the end of the year, may we remember those who have less. May the church arise as God's hands to help and provide for them. We pray for God's providence for those that are affected by rising costs, that God may provide food and shelter and safety to the hungry, sick and the homeless.
- Thank God for our government and all those in authority, as we continue to battle against covid, give the workers on the ground continued resilience and strength.

### St Hilda's Church

- Thank God for the joyous celebration at the 88th anniversary last weekend.
- Pray for a spirit of compassion for the lost, that we will invite those that are not saved to our Advent and Christmas services.
- We pray for the clergy that God may grant them wisdom and fortitude to lead. Give them insight into God's word so that they be able to lead and guide this community at SHC. Bless and protect their families that they will love and serve the Lord together.
- We pray for those in our community who are sick and suffering from illnesses, that they will be healed and their families be comforted.
- We pray especially for Pastor Allison, that the treatment will eradicate all cancer cells in her body.

## MEMORY VERSE (November)

“And \_\_\_\_\_ all this, \_\_\_\_\_ us and you a \_\_\_\_\_ has been  
set in \_\_\_\_\_, so that those who \_\_\_\_\_ to go from here to \_\_\_\_\_  
cannot, nor can anyone \_\_\_\_\_ over from there to \_\_\_\_\_.”

Luke 16: 26 (NIV)





***5 more days  
to the  
Christmas Event  
Sat 3 Dec 2022***

***Please pray with us for fine weather...  
For love, joy and peace of Christmas to  
fill every heart who is present.***



Christmas Event, Sat 3 Dec 2022

***Last call for 5***

**MAKE-UP ARTISTS!**

Contact: Peggy (Tel:63450054 / [peggy@sthildascsc.org.sg](mailto:peggy@sthildascsc.org.sg))

***Many thanks to our***  
**TABLE HOSTS / BEFRIENDERS**

***Who have signed up!***  
***Please report for briefing***  
***on 3 Dec, 4.30pm sharp***  
***Blk 10 Jalan Batu, Link Hall.***



# UPCOMING EVENTS

December  
3

Love COPE Christmas Event -  
"The Gift of Life"

December  
6

Church Prayer Meeting

December  
7 - 9

KFC Camp

December  
7 - 12

Cambodia Mission Camp

December 10  
- January 6

Display Of Nativity Scene

December  
16 - 18

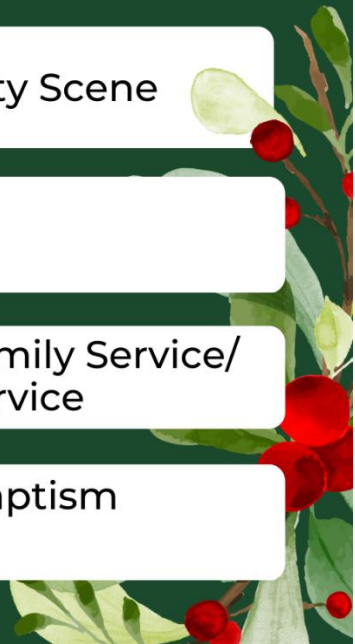
New Day Camp

December  
24

Christmas Eve Family Service/  
Christmas Eve Service

December  
25

Christmas Day Baptism  
Service



*Advent 2022*

*The Good News  
We Cannot but Tell!*



Devotional Booklet

Week One - Love



St. Hilda's Church





## Foreword

*“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.” 1 Peter 1:13*

Dear St Hilda’s Family,

As 2022 draws to an end, the new year in the church calendar begins with the season of Advent. This is God’s provision for us.

In many ways, this year has been even worse compared to the past two years. Who would have thought? Most of us couldn’t wait to see the light at the end of the Covid tunnel. Many – including myself – thought that once the Covid measures are lifted, we would soon be back to normal, even dismissing the talk about “new normal”. And though 2022 allowed us to freely congregate, even to travel again, our excitement seems short-lived.

The war in the Ukraine has affected us greatly, even though it is so far away. Inflation has sky-rocketed, many economies are in recession. In addition, and closer to home, there are rising tensions between China and Taiwan, ever increasing military provocation by North Korea, and political instability in Malaysia. Our little red dot still seems to be unaffected, but the questions is ‘How long?’

At St Hilda’s, we had many of our friends passing on to glory, and others falling ill, even with serious illnesses like Ps Allison. Covid seems to have taken a higher toll on our general health and strength than we thought.

# 圣希达中文部周刊



呼应：改进自己 爱神 爱人 传福音  
藉着：主的话和主的灵 异象：大诫命和大使命

## 华语堂早祷崇拜

2022年11月27日(主日)10.30AM

宣召	公祷书第1页第2段	凌耀辉弟兄
认罪	公祷书第1页第3-5段	凌耀辉弟兄
解罪	公祷书第2页第6段	郑鸿恩牧师
祝文	<b>降临第一主日祝文</b>	凌耀辉弟兄
敬赞		刘莱金姐妹
代祷		郭晋凌弟兄
读经	<b>约翰福音 4:19-24</b>	邓 华姐妹
证道	<b>了解敬拜(一)</b>	郑鸿恩牧师
信经	使徒信经	凌耀辉弟兄
奉献	总谢文	刘莱金姐妹
祝福		郑鸿恩牧师
见证		罗桂蓉姐妹
报告	家事报告	郑鸿恩牧师
散会		刘莱金姐妹

### 下周值勤表 12月4日 华福圣餐崇拜

讲员	郑鸿恩牧师
题目	了解敬拜(二)
经文	雅2:20-24 (福音书-牧师) 约15:13-15
主礼	牧师/永铃 传道/耀辉
主领 副领	秀燕/佩玲
代祷	(圣餐)
读经	致晖
招待	美莲/骏晨 光全/淡莹

本堂使用圣经版本  
《和合本修订版》

## 降临第一主日祝文

全能的上帝，当曰圣子耶稣基督屈身降世，住在我们中间。  
现在求主施恩，使我们今生能脱去暗昧的行为，穿上光明的盔甲；  
这样到了末日，圣子大有威严，又有荣耀，再降临审判活人死人的  
时候，我们倚靠圣子就得以复活，享永生。圣子与圣父，圣灵，  
一同永生，一同掌权，世世无尽。阿们。

# 福建堂早祷崇拜

## 2022年11月26日（六） 2PM

宣召	公祷书第1页第2段	何爱桃姐妹
认罪	公祷书第1页第3-5段	何爱桃姐妹
解罪	公祷书第2页第6段	郑鸿恩牧师
敬赞		郑家汉传道
广福 读经	<b>诗篇133:1-3</b>	何爱霞姐妹 傅亚瑞弟兄
证道	<b>和睦同居</b>	林俊源牧师
奉献	奉献礼文	何爱桃姐妹
祝福		郑鸿恩牧师
见证		吴燕丽姐妹
报告	家事报告	郑鸿恩牧师
散会	粤曲诗班	何爱桃姐妹
小小组		郑鸿恩牧师

本周副领	爱桃
本周招待	秀卿/ 燕丽/ 爱霞

**请注意！**

下周六  
**12月3日**  
没有福建崇拜  
（因当天有  
丹戎禺社区  
圣诞晚宴）

**12月4日**  
（星期天）  
华福圣餐崇拜

丹戎禺交通车  
早上10点出发  
下午12.30从  
教会回来

本周服事  
值勤

主礼/襄理  
耀辉

副领  
一

招待  
秀卿/桂蓉  
金山/莲珠

## 家事报告

1. 淑兰传道年假期间：21-29/11，有事请找牧师或秀燕传道。

### 2. 教区降临节期灵修节目

日期：11月27日（主日）-12月24日（六）7AM

这段期间教会WhatsApp群组将会暂停发送“每日亲近神”。借此鼓励会友每天早上7点或任何时候观看，一起来灵修。

### 3. 华福年终线上感恩会

日期：12月2日（五）8PM

主办：华语堂加东小组

敬请大家预留时间，和我们共同渡过这个意义非凡的节日！

### 4. 丹戎禺社区圣诞晚宴

日期：12月3日（六）6PM

Ai Siew邀请20位红衣在3/12做Table Host 桌主和Befriender 陪谈员。这是做朋友做见证的机会。在庆祝圣诞的时候是允许分享见证。目前17位报名，鼓励大家踊跃报名。至少20位。

**\*请注意：3/12周六 没有福建堂崇拜，移至4/12 华福圣餐崇拜。**

### 5. 中文部委员与组长领袖会议

日期：12月11日（主日）3PM MCC, 4. 15PM 组长领袖会议

请委员领袖们预留时间出席。

### 6. 圣诞节欢庆布道会预告

➤ 福建堂日期：12月24日（六）2PM

➤ 华语堂日期：12月25日（主日）10. 30AM

请大家为布道会及预备邀请的亲友们代祷。





# 圣希达教会简介

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教堂电话: 6344 3463

圣公会新加坡教区主教: 章剑文主教

牧正: Revd Martin Jungnickel

中文部 (华语堂/福建堂) 教牧:

郑鸿恩牧师, 杜淑兰传道

教堂网址: <https://sthildas.org.sg>

中文部YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2LfYUy4>



## 例常活动

主日	4PM门训课程A班—淑兰传道
周一	8PM门训课程B班—晋凌弟兄
周二	7.30PM甘榜安南小组— 永铃弟兄, 美莲姐妹
周三	8.30PM基督恩典分享班— 木钦弟兄, 彩娟姐妹, 永铃弟兄 10.30AM教会小组— 秀卿姐妹, 爱霞姐妹 8PM后港小组— 莱金姐妹, 碧兰姐妹
周四	8PM友诺士小组— 松和弟兄, 崇雯姐妹
周五	8PM中文部线上祷告会 8PM加东小组— 耀辉弟兄, 炎成弟兄 8PM青成年小组— 翊希弟兄, 庭绿姐妹
周六	10.30AM线上儿童主日学— 秀燕姐妹, 咏宣姐妹



## 福建堂交通车

### 每周六

1.30PM 从丹戎禺社区指定地点出发

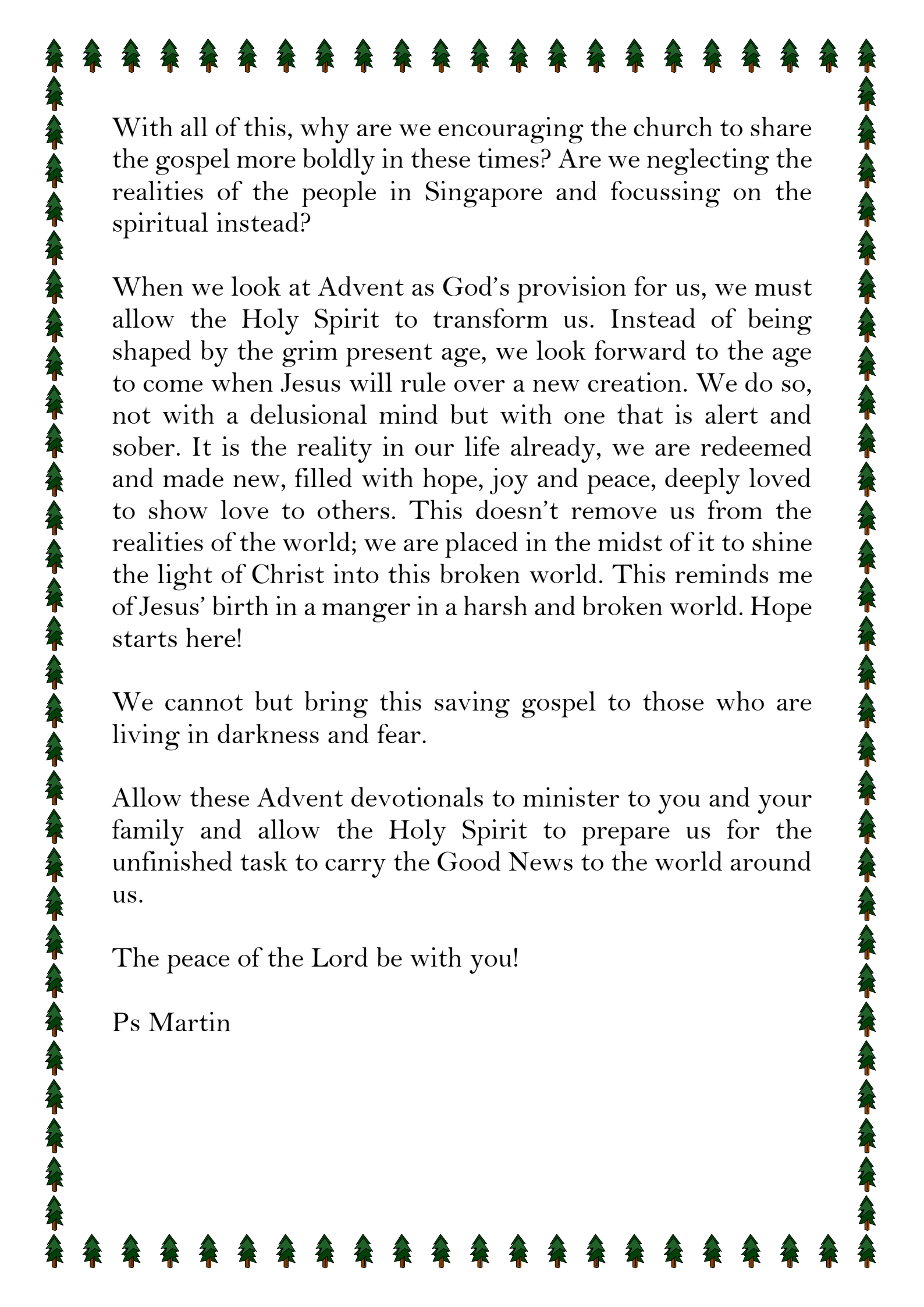
Blk 1 Kampong Kayu Rd

Blk 12 Kampong Arang Rd

4PM 从教会返回

圣希达堂奉献





With all of this, why are we encouraging the church to share the gospel more boldly in these times? Are we neglecting the realities of the people in Singapore and focussing on the spiritual instead?

When we look at Advent as God's provision for us, we must allow the Holy Spirit to transform us. Instead of being shaped by the grim present age, we look forward to the age to come when Jesus will rule over a new creation. We do so, not with a delusional mind but with one that is alert and sober. It is the reality in our life already, we are redeemed and made new, filled with hope, joy and peace, deeply loved to show love to others. This doesn't remove us from the realities of the world; we are placed in the midst of it to shine the light of Christ into this broken world. This reminds me of Jesus' birth in a manger in a harsh and broken world. Hope starts here!

We cannot but bring this saving gospel to those who are living in darkness and fear.

Allow these Advent devotionals to minister to you and your family and allow the Holy Spirit to prepare us for the unfinished task to carry the Good News to the world around us.

The peace of the Lord be with you!

Ps Martin



## Introduction

Humanity's only hope is Jesus! Advent (Latin: Adventus meaning "Coming or Arrival") is the season where Christians reflect on the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago on the first Christmas day; and look forward to the second coming of Jesus at the end of the age.

During the Advent season, the gospel message of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is traditionally presented in the form of an Advent wreath and the lighting of five candles symbolising the centrality of Jesus Christ together with the central gospel themes of love, joy, peace, and hope.

The Advent gospel themes encapsulate the love of God to restore a sinful, broken and hurting world back to the good and perfect creation that our Creator God originally intended (Genesis 1 and 2). The first coming of Jesus ushered in the kingdom of God that gives real joy and peace. The vision of this kingdom brings hope to a hopeless world marked by sin, greed, cruelty, wars, diseases, natural disasters and ecological havoc.

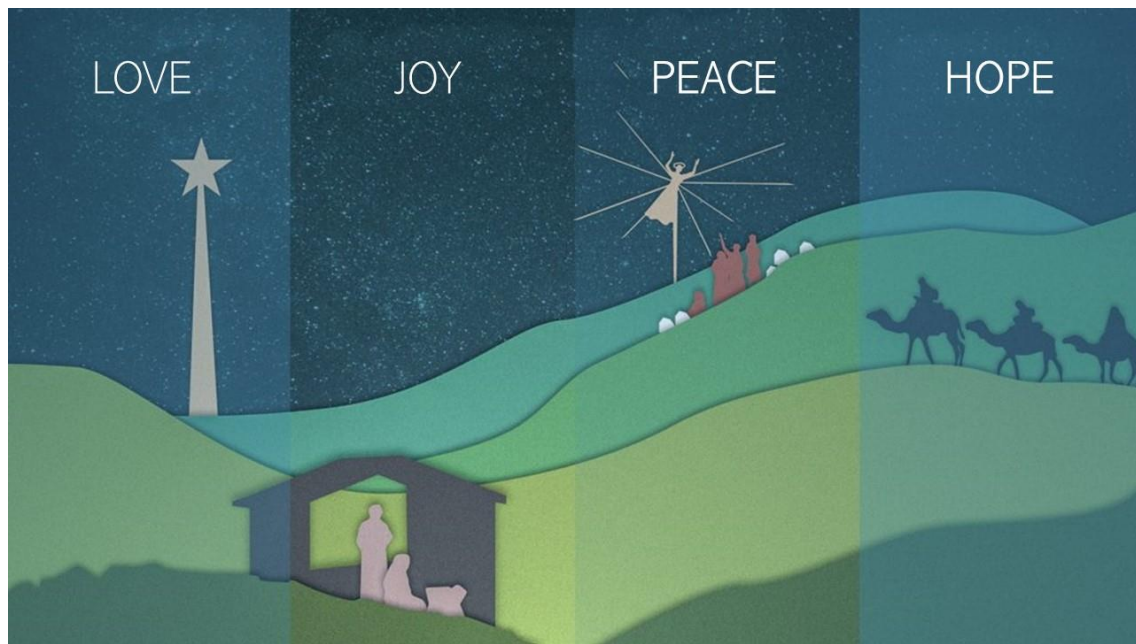
Thus, during the Advent season, Christians look forward to the second coming of Jesus at the end of the age, where there will be a new heaven and a new earth, restoring creation to the perfect world and eternity with God. The new creation reflects the bliss of eternal dwelling with our heavenly Father.

*"Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain', for the old order of things has passed away."* Revelation 21:3.

***This is the good news of the gospel that we cannot but tell!***



The Advent gospel themes provide a simple and neat way to share the gospel. So! as one popular Christmas carol exhorts – Go! Tell it on the mountains! Over the hills and everywhere! Uh..., in our Singaporean context that would be Go! Tell it in the HDB heartlands, CBD, Orchard Road, food court, kopi-tiam and everywhere!







## Advent Devotion | Week 1

### *Love came down at Christmas!*

#### **Luke 2:1-7** NIV

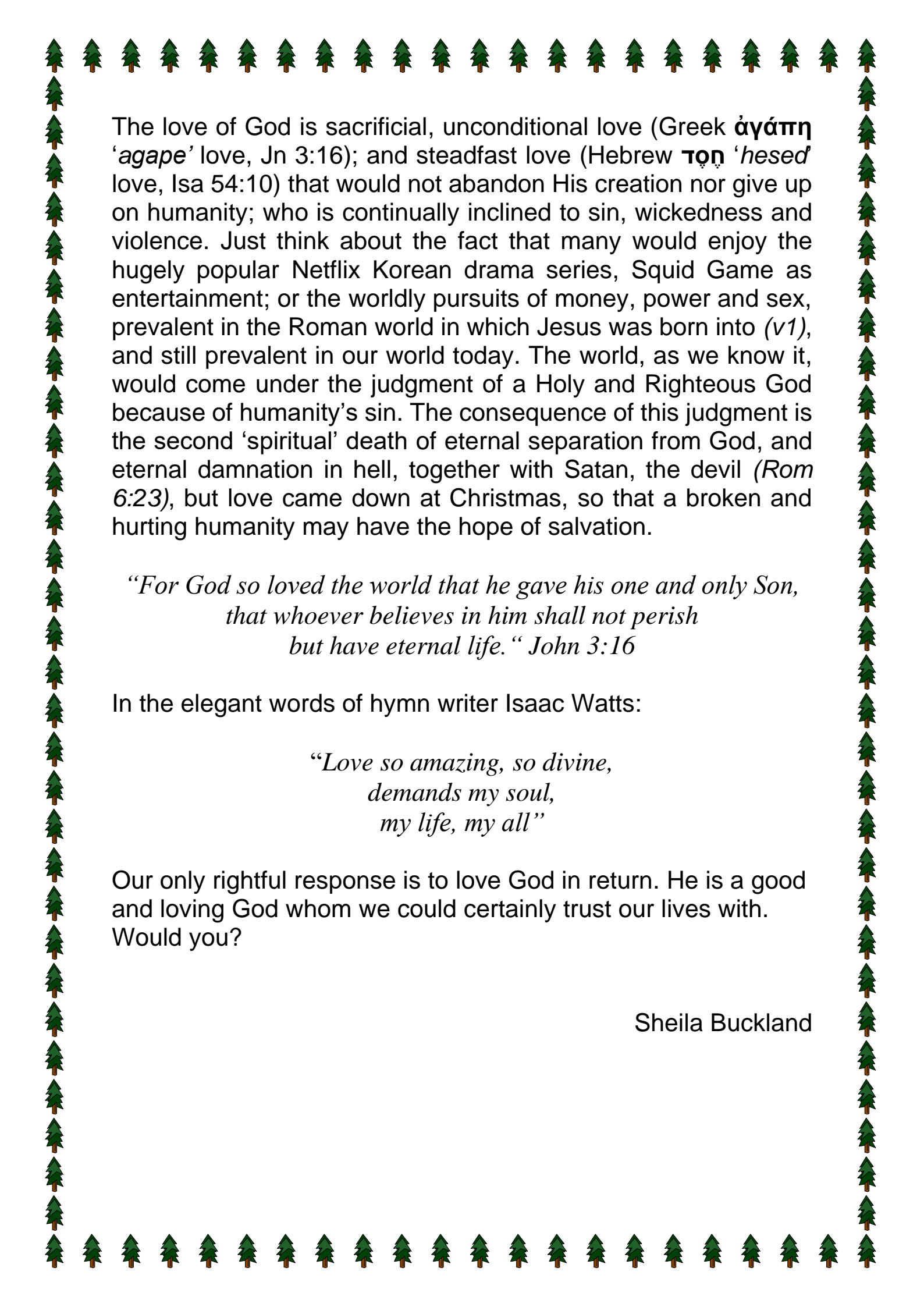
*<sup>1</sup>In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup>(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)*

*<sup>3</sup>And everyone went to their own town to register.*

*<sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup>and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.*

**The love** of Father God, creator of the heavens and the earth (Gen 1:1), was amazingly manifested in the birth of Jesus. God entered into our world, as a human baby, born in humble settings (v 6-7), to offer Himself as the Saviour of the world (Phil 2:5-8).

This was unmistakably God's plan and intention all along. The birth of Jesus happened exactly as it was revealed through the Old Testament prophets that the Messiah would be descended from the line of David and would be born in Bethlehem (v4; Mic 5:2); by a miraculous virgin birth (Lk 1:26-37; Isa 7:14), for Mary was already expecting a child by the Holy Spirit even though she was only pledged to be married to Joseph (v5) that is, they had not consummated their marriage. It was a divine, miraculous birth, announced by the angels to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds tending their sheep in the field.



The love of God is sacrificial, unconditional love (Greek ἀγάπη ‘agape’ love, Jn 3:16); and steadfast love (Hebrew תּוֹנָה ‘hesed’ love, Isa 54:10) that would not abandon His creation nor give up on humanity; who is continually inclined to sin, wickedness and violence. Just think about the fact that many would enjoy the hugely popular Netflix Korean drama series, Squid Game as entertainment; or the worldly pursuits of money, power and sex, prevalent in the Roman world in which Jesus was born into (v1), and still prevalent in our world today. The world, as we know it, would come under the judgment of a Holy and Righteous God because of humanity’s sin. The consequence of this judgment is the second ‘spiritual’ death of eternal separation from God, and eternal damnation in hell, together with Satan, the devil (Rom 6:23), but love came down at Christmas, so that a broken and hurting humanity may have the hope of salvation.

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish  
but have eternal life.” John 3:16*

In the elegant words of hymn writer Isaac Watts:

*“Love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul,  
my life, my all”*

Our only rightful response is to love God in return. He is a good and loving God whom we could certainly trust our lives with. Would you?

Sheila Buckland



## Reflection

1. Would you respond to God's amazing love for you by choosing to love Him more each day? If yes, what changes in your life would you need to make?
2. How could you show God's love to someone this Christmas? Perhaps a phone call, a visit, acts of kindness, practical help, hospitality...?
3. Is there someone whom you could start praying for and tell of God's love?

## Prayer

*Dear God, our Heavenly Father,  
Thank you for Your unconditional, sacrificial and steadfast love  
that would not give up on us. Inspire our hearts to love you  
more each day and to share Your love with other people.  
In Jesus' Name, amen!*

## Christmas Song

### Love was when God became a man

Love was when God became a man  
locked in time and space  
without rank or place  
Love was God born of Jewish kin  
Just a carpenter with some fishermen

#### Chorus I

Love was when Jesus walked in history  
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free

Love was God nailed to bleed and die  
To reach, and love one such as I  
Love was when God became a man  
down where I could see  
Love that reached to me  
Love was God dying for my sin  
And so trapped was I, my whole world caved in

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### Chorus II

Love was when Jesus rose to walk with me  
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free  
Love was God; only He would try  
To reach, and love one such as I

## The Season of **Advent**

**Advent** is the ecclesiastical (church) season before Christmas when Christians prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. It is a spiritual journey that Christians take through passages of Scripture that point to the birth of the Messiah; to a reaffirmation that he has come, he is with us in Spirit and will come again in glory. It mirrors the journey of faith that Christians take as we look forward to our own destination, which is to be in his presence forever!

We observe Advent as a time of reflection and anticipation that Jesus has already arrived and look forward to that great Second Advent of the Lord!

Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. It lasts for four Sundays, ending on Christmas eve.

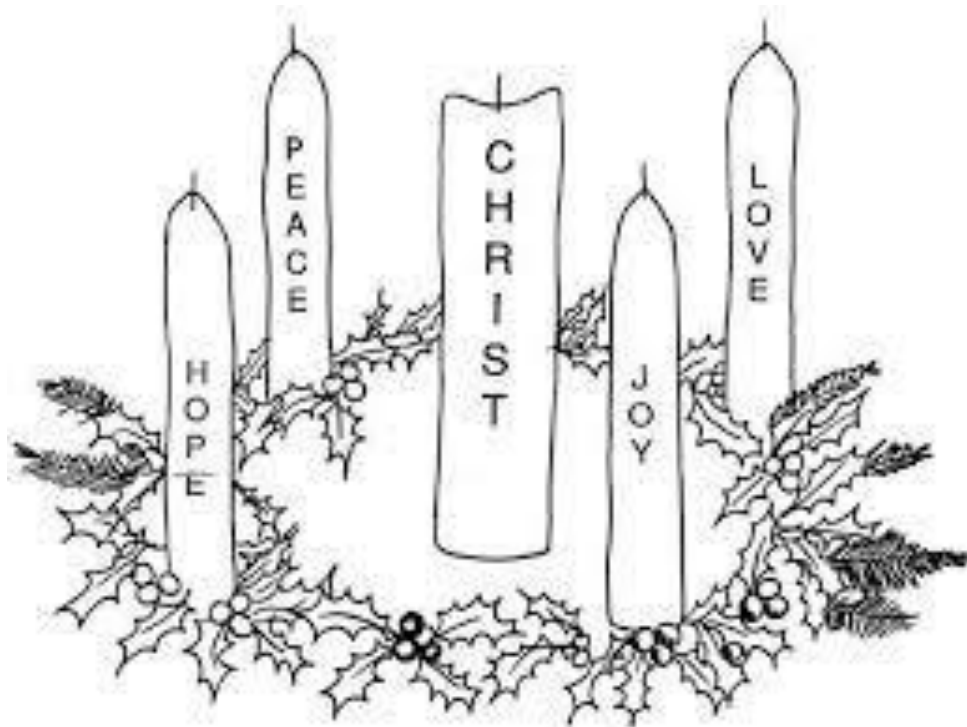
The liturgical colour of Advent is purple. It is the colour of penitence and royalty. As the Church waits for Christ's return, we reflect on our sinful state, and the world's, with repentant hearts.

We are thankful to Jesus for taking away the sins of the world when he died on the cross. We are now looking forward with joyful hearts to the return of Jesus, the King of Kings.

## The Advent Wreath

Churches traditionally use an Advent wreath as part of their worship. It's symbolism is useful in retelling the Christmas story. The circle of greenery reminds us that God is eternal, the Alpha and Omega without beginning or end, and also of the hope we have in God, of newness, renewal and eternal life.

The candles symbolize the light of God entering the world through the birth of Jesus. It reminds us that we are called to be a light to the world as we reflect the light of God's love and grace to others. The center candle is called the Christ Candle. It is traditionally lit on Christmas Eve. Four other candles symbolise the central gospel themes of Love, Joy, Peace and Hope that the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, bring to the world.







## How we could observe Advent

### Wreath Preparation

Decorating the wreath often brings much joy. The décor can be very elaborate or quite simple. There is no one correct way. There are ample online resources for DIY wreaths, including simple crafts you can do together with your young children.

### Candle Lighting

For the four Sundays in the season of Advent, one candle will be lit at the beginning of our Sunday service, with the fifth candle being lit on Christmas Day. You can do the same at home with your family.

### Week One

1. Light the 1st candle
2. Do the advent devotions, preferably as a family
4. Have a time of prayer
5. Close with singing a Christmas carol

Week Two - light the 1st and 2nd candle and follow steps 2-5

Week Three - light the 1st, 2nd and 3rd candle and follow steps 2-5

Week Four - light all four candles on the wreath and follow steps 2-5

Christmas Eve or Day- light all candles, including the white Christ Candle and bless each other with a prayer.

There is no specific amount of time to let the candle burn, but do not leave it unattended.