



SHA TIN CHURCH

*Priests &
Ministers:
All the
people of
God*

Church On Fire

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***"For This Cause:
The King & His Kingdom***

Advent 3 & Christmas

23rd December 2007

We welcome everyone to our service, especially those who are newcomers today. Please make yourself known to us and sign the **Welcome Folder** which is downstairs on the **Welcome Table**. We run a **Children's program** every Sunday – details inside. A **Crèche** (Rm 4) is available. Please ask an usher if you want to know where these are located. Also you are invited to share **Refreshments** with us downstairs after the service.



-----**THE SHATIN CHURCH VISION**-----

CHURCH ON FIRE

- **passionate worshippers**
- **committed disciples**
- **an international church making a difference for the Kingdom of God**



Church Secretary:

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

23rd December: Carols & Readings – Children’s Nativity

24th December: Carols by Candlelight at Maranatha House



Buses from Chik Wan Street at 6:30pm (6:45&7:00)
Return buses will be driven you back to Tai Wai & Shatin
at 9:15 & 9:45pm

25th December: Please come to join our Christmas Service
at 10am to celebration the birth of our Saviour!



SUNDAY 13TH JANUARY 2008 – AFTERNOON SERVICE 3PM

Dear Church Leaders,

Please note that **Sunday 13th January 2008** is the Tsang Shiu Tim School “Parent’s Day” so our Church Service will be held **at 3pm** on that day. **Please note this in your diary** and inform your respective teams! Thank you!

BULLETIN & SERMON (MP3) AT OUR WEBSITE

Please note that you can easily find our weekly bulletin & sermon from our website: www.shatinchurch.org.hk, please check it out before the service & if you want the information or you missed the sermon on Sunday. **Starting from January 2008**, we will only print 50 hard copies of the bulletin for those who can’t access internet, and print the service order for the date so as to save the environment.

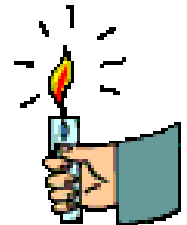
SET UP – PACK UP DURING CHRISTMAS SEASONS

Dear Music & PA Team, & Hall Set Up Crews,

Please note that we can keep our set up at the hall from Sunday 23rd – 30th December. We can keep them for our Christmas Service & music practice on Thursday. Thank you so much for all your hard working for the whole year☺!

JOIN THE ALPHA TEAM?

We are planning to run our next Sha Tin Church Alpha Course from mid-February till May. You don’t need prior Alpha experience, though it would be an asset! If you are available and would like to join the Alpha team, please contact Ps. Dale dale@shatinchurch.org.hk or Vanaja vanaja.jesudian@gmail.com. Thanks!



RECORDINGS OF SERMONS

We are pleased to announce that our sermons are now available as downloads from the Church website [<http://www.shatinchurch.org.hk/sermons/>].

They are retrievable as an MP3 audio file, by clicking on the hotlink, by iTunes or by Podcast by clicking on "Subscribe". Since this is very convenient for most people, we have decided not to continue with the sale of Tape Cassettes from the sound mixing desk at the end of the service. However, if you are not able to download the files, or you prefer to listen to Tape Cassettes, we can still provide these if you specially request them at the desk. As before, if you collect from the desk, they will cost \$10 each, or if we post it to you, we charge \$15. Please let us know if this new arrangement causes any difficulties for you or your friends, and we will find a way of getting the recordings to each of you.



STAFF ON LEAVE

Joyce will take her annual leave on 24th, 27th, 28th & 31st Dec, so the Church Office will be closed during the Christmas and New Year seasons from 22nd Dec – 1st Jan.

Because Joyce is on leave, there will only be one bulletin for 23/12, Christmas Day 25/12 & 30/12.

KINGDOM KIDS

Programme Times

Kingdom Kids have started this year's topic: Living a Life of Worship.

The programme times are:

Every Sunday: 10:00am in the hall followed by:-

1st Sunday of each month : G02 for Small Groups

2nd Sunday of each month: G02 for Large Group

3rd Sunday of each month: G02 for Small Groups

4th Sunday of each month: G02 for Large Group

If you have any queries or need more information on the Children's ministry, please contact the Church Office or any of the leaders named on the back page of the bulletin.

Blessings, From the Kingdom Kids Team"



TO PARENTS

We want to let you know that we really enjoy spending time with your kids and that we consider it a privilege to be able to work with them. Their innocence and innovative ideas are a joy and an encouragement to us and we learn a lot ourselves while trying to teach them about Jesus.

We have been thinking and praying about ways of helping the children to grow and learn more about church life and living a life of worship, and it would help us very much if you could be part of the kids' Sunday community in Shatin Church. If you remember, when you completed your child's Registration form, we said that we might need to roster you to help us on some Sundays. We are now making that call for your help. Your child's small group leader will be contacting you to talk to you about the roster and to explain what your role will be. Your involvement will be a great blessing, not only to the children and us, but to the church and all the lives of the people that your children touch.

We should be grateful if you could keep us all in your prayers.

Thank you,

From the Kingdom Kids team

with special wishes for Christmas and the New Year



NOTE: Please do not bring any food, snacks, or drinks (except water) into the Church Hall or any classroom or onto the school sport playground. According to the school rules, Food & Drinks are only allowed in the Covered Area downstairs.

REVELATION WARRIORS

Revelation Warriors is the Sunday Youth Program for 11-14 year old youths at Shatin Church. It is geared toward preparing youths for full participation in the Church community in worship & service. If you are 11 – 14 years old, come and join the RW's Sunday group meetings. Every 1st Sunday of the month we meet the whole morning starting at 10 a.m. The second Sunday, we serve as ushers followed by a group meeting. The third Sunday we join the service, and the fourth Sunday, we have a group meeting.

Coming schedules:

- Dec 23:** KK Christmas Program
- Dec 30:** Join Church Service (no RW meeting)
- Jan 6:** RW Sunday, meet at 10am in Rm 6
- Jan 13:** Ushers at Service, small group meeting at 10:30 am in Rm 6
- Jan 20:** To Be Confirmed
- Jan 27:** Small Group Meeting at 10:30 am in Rm 6

What do we do in RW's?

Praise & Worship...Ice breakers...Games...Refreshments...Bible Study...Testimonies...Sharing...Prayer

SOLID ROCK

SOLID ROCK MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Solid Rock at Maranatha House. The details are:

- Hired Buses:** Leave Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai near the KCR at 4:00 and 5:00 pm
Youth Band, please take the 4 pm bus for practice
- Return:** We will return to Shatin at around 9:00 pm
- Bring:** Money for McDonalds (or whatever) with your friends afterwards (**This is up to your parents.**)
- Age Limit:** Everyone age 11 to 18 (or still in high school) is welcome



“OASIS” YOUTH ADULT ZONE (AGE 18-35)

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPERS: PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL: PRAYERFUL BELIEVERS

Oasis meets every Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. in SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School (hall stage).

Oasis Meeting Schedule

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| Passionate Worshippers (Heb. 13:15-16) | |
| Preachers of the Gospel (Matt. 28:19-20) | |
| Prayerful Believers (1 Thessalonians 5:17) | |
| Life under God's Grace | |
| Dec 26 | Oasis Christmas Party at Maranatha House <i>Bus from Chik Wan Street at 6pm & return to Shatin at 9:30pm</i> |

PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

Schedule

Dear lovely sisters!

Here is our schedule with some upcoming events for the PF meetings. In spite of your busy schedules, please let's try to get together for fellowship with our Lord and together:

- December 23 - Christmas Outreach at Maranatha.
Please bring along friends. There will be plenty of food, drinks, fun games and carol singing.
- December 25 - BBQ at the Hutton's
- December 30 - Meeting in Room G02, TST school

OUR GIVING

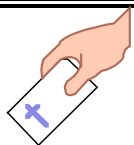
WE SUPPORT - 2007

Please pray for the people and organisations we support with Our Giving:

| <i>China / Communist Asia</i> | <i>Hong Kong</i> | <i>International</i> |
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| 1) Generation Ministries (Asian Children) | 4) Clarissa Gafoor (Crossroads) | 9) All Nations Believers Church (Tanzania) |
| 2) WEC International (Chinalink) | 5) Christian Action (Domestic Helpers Program) | 10) African Enterprise |
| 3) Mekong Evangelical Mission (Laos & Thailand) | 6) Christian Action (Chung King Mansions Service Centre) | 11) Lifeway Bible Church Inc |
| | 7) Philip Murphy (Chai Wan Street Kids) | 12) Carol Schrecker (Project Exodus - Romanian Gypsies) |
| | 8) Youth With A Mission (Sports Services International) | 13) Carlos Choi (with St. Stephen's Society in Cebu) |
| | | 14) Christian Solidarity Worldwide |
| | | 15) STC International Giving Fund |

We give away **15%** of all offerings to ministries outside of Shatin Church.

PLANNED GIVING



IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SHATIN CHURCH, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN IN "PLANNED GIVING" (WHERE YOU RECEIVE A NUMBER FOR ANONYMITY AND CAN GIVE BY BANK TRANSFER OR MONTHLY ENVELOPE). THOSE WHO REGISTER FOR PLANNED GIVING RECEIVE TAX RECEIPTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR. IF YOU WISH TO GIVE TO THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH PLANNED GIVING SCHEME, THE FORMS ARE ON THE WELCOME TABLE DOWNSTAIRS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH TREASURER, LINDA TSE ON lindac@nwtbb.com OR CALL 9372 5600. CHEQUES SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO "SHATIN ANGLICAN CHURCH". PLANNED GIVING IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANK YOU!

FROM LIFEWAY BIBLE CHURCH LA TRINIDAD

Dear Shatin Church,

Greetings and blessings to you in Christ!

SHALOM! Merry Christmas and may the coming year 2008 brings your more reward of souls brought in to the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, with spiritual and material blessings as you accomplish His purpose and destiny and for His glory and honor!

In behalf of my family (Peter Mayyam family) and the family of Pastors and Churches of LIFEWAY BIBLE CHURCH INC. here in the Philippines of which the Lord has made me overseer, please allow me once again to express our corporate MUCH APPRECIATION AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOUR CONTINUOUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND PRAYERS TO US AND THE MINISTRY THE LORD HAS CALLED US TO DO.

Many things has transpired since my last report to you in August, and am just glad to report that the Lord is continuing to open doors for us and giving us favor to minister and be a blessing to His Pastors and Church Workers especially here in Northern Philippines, and all because you partnered with us in prayers and financial support. I am much humbled yet honored that the Lord has favored to support us through your church financially this year and so whatever things we have accomplished this year for HIS GLORY and HONOR, I owe it to you and the Lord.

Our Lifeway Bible Training which is 4 days every month is still going with 14 Trainees from 12 local churches. This past 3 and half months we have conducted 3 pastors and church leaders seminars - one conference in Isabela for Ifugao and Isabela Pastors and church leaders which was 2 days and was largely attended, and one day Pastors and Wife "Times of Refreshing Seminar" in Baguio City with 180 in attendance and another one in La Union with 208 attendance. I believe the Lord spoke a word to my heart to gather the pastors and church leaders together and I shared it to the congregation and the pastors and they were all on it. We have put all our money and I even borrowed large amount for these seminars and it seem I am going into the new year with much debts (first time) but I believe it was worth it all. Many pastors and church leaders are still sending me messages on my phone how the seminars have helped encouraged them. Some are very touching messages such as from 6 pastors who have similar messages like, "I was ready to resign my pastorate and decided to just go on farming because there was not enough for my family to eat, but after attending your seminar, I am encouraged to press on serving the Lord". A Pastor and his wife came to my city to treat me and my wife with a dinner as their way of saying thank you much for the seminar you offered, our marriage was about to end but you offered a seminar in time and we are healed". These are a few of the encouraging messages I have received as a result of the seminar we had. All these, again I say, because you have helped us financially and as you continue to do so, I believe that TOGETHER WE CAN HELP MORE AND ENCOURAGE MORE PASTORS and train and equip more future pastors who will bring in the lost in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

I am attaching some pictures of the seminars we just had this past 3 months.

Merry Christmas and may God richly bless you.

Your Partner in the Work of the Lord
in Northern Philippines,
Pastor Peter Mayyam

Please continue to pray for this immediate needs:

1. A new Desk top Computer OR
2. A Laptop



CHURCH PRAYER REQUESTS

“Dear Lord,

We pray that You would enlarge the Territory and “Borders” of Shatin Church.

In Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for EVERYONE.”

1 Tim 2:1



Pray for the Alpha course planned for Shatin Church in the New Year. Ask God to show you who you could invite to join the course. Ask God to show you any way that you can be involved in the course.