

SHA TIN CHURC

Church On Fire

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"For This Cause: The King & His Kingdom

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

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17th February 2008



THE SHATIN CHURCH VISION-

CHURCH ON FIRE

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



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17th February 2008 ALPHA FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Greeting & Welcome Dale Hanson

Opening Praise Friend of God Jon Keelty

Open the eyes of my heart

Let everything that Irresistible Love Here I am to worship

Here I am to worshi

Greeting of Peace

Announcements

Reading Matthew 7:7-12 Mike Moulders

Children age 3-11 go to Children's Church Program.

Introductory Alpha Video

Skit Misha & Friends

Repeat Introductory Alpha Video

Prayers

Offertory Song Draw me close to You

Testimony 1
Bianca Li
Testimony 2
Kenneth & Irene Au

What is Alpha? Vanaja & Wendy

Testimony 3 Dale Hanson

Thanksgiving I surrender to you

Dismissal Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen

Please sign up for ALPHA after the service.

Thank you for coming!
We invite you to worship with us again next Sunday.

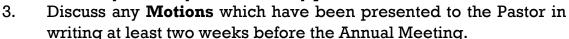
Lunch is available downstairs.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The seventeenth **Annual General Meeting** of Shatin Anglican Church will be held at the Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School Hall, Wo Che Estate on **Sunday 9th March, 2008** immediately after the 10am service.

At the meeting we will:

- 1. Elect a **Church Committee** for the period until the next Annual Meeting in 2009.
- 2. Receive **Reports** concerning the life of the Church. Reports are due in **by Monday 25th February** please.





The Electoral Roll is our church membership of those who are eligible to vote at the Annual Church Meeting (this year will be on Sunday 9th March). It is now open for enrolment until Sunday 25th Feb. Those who are already on the ER need not re-apply; a copy of the 2007 roll is enclosed for your reference.

To join the roll you need to be 18 years old or above, baptized, regularly attending Shatin Church, and not on the roll of any other church in Hong Kong. You must fill in the enrolment form which is available at the back of the hall or from the Church Office.

Registered members may nominate other members for one of the EIGHT elected Committee positions. **Nominations close on 25th February** and should be handed in by then. The 2007 elected Committee members were Brent Hauser, Evelyn Yan, James Low, Matthew Peacock, Paul Fox, Susie Young, Vanaja Jesudian, and the Treasurer, Linda Chan, attends meetings also.

We hope you will be able to come and share in this important aspect of our church's life. We will attempt to be brief. There will not be any morning tea after the service that day.



LEADERS: AGM REPORTS

All Church Leaders, please write and prepare your ministries reports to be sent to the Church Office by 25th February for the Annual Meeting Report.

AGM CHILDCARE

Would anyone like to help taking care of our children during the AGM on 9th March? Please email / contact the Church Office.



ALPHA COURSE – TIME TO REGISTER!!

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE FEB25



We are starting the next Sha Tin Church Alpha Course on **February 24th** on Sundays with lunch at 12 p.m. in the 6th floor hall of the TST School. Please encourage your friends especially non-believers or those who want to grow to



register and you are welcome to attend too! There is a registration table outside the hall today. Please invite your friends!



NO PARKING

Please note that <u>No Parking</u> is allowed in the school grounds! Thank you!

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY & LUNCH - TODAY

Our church family lunch is back again so don't miss it! While you enjoy the lunch please take note of the following protocol:

1. To save the trees the caterer provides us with reusable plate and metal fork therefore after your meal kindly return the used cutlery to the grey container near the staircase. PLEASE DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY OR LEAVE ON THE TABLE



- 2. As we hope everyone can enjoy the varieties of food please only take sufficient portion enough for your consumption and guide the children of the same
- 3. The church decided not to sell lunch ticket for this round instead we welcome your contributions on a voluntary basis to cover the cost of the meal please put your contribution into the **YELLOW BOX** when you collect your cutlery.

NEW ROSTER

It's time to prepare the next roster for March (including Good Friday 21/3 & Easter 23/3. Please kindly let me know your schedule by next Wednesday 20th Feb if you will be away for any Sunday or during the Easter holidays.

If you are not on the roster but would like to join any of our teams, please feel free to contact the church office or the team leader so we can welcome you.

Thank you so much for all your great work and support!

WOMEN'S RETREAT 2008

Dear sisters in Sha Tin church,



Please let me remind you about our coming Sha Tin Church Women's Retreat on the 22nd & 23rd of February at the Do Fung Shan Retreat Centre, Tai Wai. The retreat will begin on the 22nd, Friday, at 6 pm by having a dinner together and will finish by 4:00 pm on Saturday. There will be a hired bus to take us up to Do Fung Shan, Friday at 5:40 pm at Tai Wai Station (Exit A).

Our guest speaker is Mrs. Cindy Aufrance who is a wonderful sister in Christ, missionary for OMS and a board member for ICS. She really is a good speaker and mighty prayer warrior. She also pastors a church in Hong Kong.

The cost is HK\$220 but you will get far more value than that. Please do not miss to register by next Sunday, and enjoy a spirit-filled time at the retreat. Thank you!

Retreat Coordinator, Young Peacock

NO PARKING AT SCHOOL

Following an incident in the car park a couple of weeks ago, the school are now enforcing their strict parking policy (up to then they had been more relaxed about who parked). In fact, our church only has 7 parking permits, all church members without parking permit, please kindly park your car at the Wo Che Centre. We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused!



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.

SUPPORT FOR OUTREACH INITIATIVES

We have received a gift to encourage personal mission initiatives by the whole community of Shatin Church.

We hope that this gift will fund personal acts of compassion and outreach by church members.

We pray that God will place on our hearts the particular people He wants us to share the gospel with; the member can pray about the need of the nonbeliever and reach out to the person using funds from this program.



For example:

- purchasing a bible for a non-believer who is interested to learn more about God
- buy a Christian book and learn about a situation that the non-believer is dealing with and be able to better support and share faith with the person
- take a non-believer friend out to a meal
- be involved with a community organization to make an impact or be a light (eg, PTA, work group, hobby group, or family group)
- bring a meal to a non-believer neighbour that you know needs friendship and God

More details to follow but for the moment we invite everyone to pray!

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.

KINGDOM KIDS

MEMORY VERSE

"Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1

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 Evelyn Yan (9877 7618), the Kingdom Kids Team Leader.

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



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

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 1^{st} 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:

Feb 17 RW's join Worship Service (no group meting)

24 Group Meeting after communion

What do we do in RW's?

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

"OASIS" YOUTH ADULT ZONE (AGE 18-35)

OASIS

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPERS: PREACHERS OF THE GOSPEL: PRAYERFUL BELIEVERS

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

Oasis Meeting Schedule			
Feb. 20	"Godly Success: Values"		
Feb. 27	"Godly Success: Integrity" (Ptr. Dale)		
Mar. 5	Outing		
Mar. 12	"Godly Success: Self-Control"		
Mar. 20-22	Oasis Camp		
(Thu - Sat)			
Mar. 26	"Godly Success: Submission to Authority"		

"We lift You up for all to see your glory. Arise, O Lord, and shine on us until our generation sees Your glory fall."

PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

Schedule

February 17 - Meeting in Room G2, TST school February 24 - Meeting at Maranatha House

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 beginning here on 24th February. 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.

Please continue for all those involved in Leadership at Shatin Church that we may be granted God's wisdom in all decisions.

Pray for St. Andrew's Church – for their vision, mission and goals in 2008 and more space for services, children and youth program.

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Give thanks to God that His Way is the way of abundant life.

Pray that each one of us will embrace all that God has for us, may we rejoice in the good things he gives us and be always willing to share them with others.

Ask God to give us patient faith in times of suffering and use these times to make us better able to encourage and support other people going through such times.

Ask God to bless the up and coming "Alpha" course – may it be a time when all of us involved in the course experience and discover more of the abundant life that Jesus promises to give. Pray too for all the practical and logistical work the team needs to do to ensure that the course runs smoothly.

Pray too for everyone going through times of change:

For those changing jobs;

For those moving away from Hong Kong;

For those coming to Hong Kong;

For those whose personal or family circumstances are changing;

Pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones and we continue to pray for the family of Philip Murphy.

Pray that in all these changes the unchanging love of God will be the rock on which we stand.

PLANNED GIVING

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. 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!

OUR GIVING

WE SUPPORT

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

China / Communist Asia	Hong Kong	International
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(Asian Children)	(Crossroads)	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	13) Carlos Choi
	(Sports Services	(with St. Stephen's
	International)	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.