



# SHA TIN CHURCH

*Priests &  
Ministers:  
All the  
people of  
God*

## *Church On Fire*

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***The Fruitful Useful  
Joyful Life In Jesus***

**Sunday before Advent**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008**

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**



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# 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008

## HOLY COMMUNION

Greeting & Welcome

Susie Young

Opening Praise

Friend of God  
You are worthy  
Arms of love  
How deep the father's love

Jon Keetly

**Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

*May Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,  
pardon us and set us free from all our sins,  
strengthen us to do his will,  
and keep us in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Song

I surrender to You

**Greeting of Peace**

**Reading**

Mark 4:35-5:20

Janet Hauser

Declaration of Faith

I Believe

The Apostles' Creed

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

More love

(Communion assistants come forward: Paul F., Lisa D.F., Ester P., Armilyn L., Susie Y.)

**Offertory Prayer**

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

**Disciples' Prayer**

Holy Communion

Lord, You have my heart  
Lead me on, Holy spirit



**Post Communion Prayer**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Intercessions**

Brent Hauser

**Sermon**

**Growing through crisis**

Dale Hanson

Thanksgiving

**Dismissal**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Reprise

## **MEN'S MONDAY GROUP**

Men's Monday at Monte Vista Estate, 9 Sha On Street, Ma On Shan.

Contact Brent Hauser at 9633-1665 or [brent.hauser@gmail.com](mailto:brent.hauser@gmail.com)

Come and join Men on Monday at 7:55 pm. We are starting the next Authentic Men Series and this is the perfect time to join us.

In this series we will endeavor to:

- Develop a personal mission for your life that fits "the real you"
- Discover your unique design and what brings you alive
- Learn best practices of successful men
- Learn how to focus your life and get results
- Beat boredom and other opponents of authentic manhood
- Find your road to significance
- Break out of the fog
- Find teammates to "get you there"
- Learn how to begin with the end in mind
- Deal with unfinished business
- Avoid shortcuts (that are really "dead ends")
- Regain a sense of forward momentum
- Find heroes who won't disappoint
- Explore what it means to take the "high ground of life"
- Learn how to leave a legacy you'll be proud of
- Discover the eternal rewards waiting for you



Join us and together we will rediscover the sense of adventure and excitement that God intends for our lives.

## **CHINESE SPEAKING LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

Chinese speaking ladies Bible Study at Ma On Shan on Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am with optional lunch afterwards. If you are interested or if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact Susanna at 67774095. God bless!

## **CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE**

We give thanks to God for the generous giving that we have seen this year; in the first six months of this year we gave more than sufficient to cover our budgeted needs and also raised about HK\$100000 to support the mission in Dancalan.

However, over the summer months our giving to general fund declined noticeably raising the possibility that we will end the year with a significant deficit.

We commend this situation to your prayerful response. We pray that our giving in the final three months of 2008 will be sufficient to meet the needs that, under God, we have budgeted for.

Pastor Dale and the church committee



**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.

## **CONSIDERING BAPTISM?**

We will be holding our next baptisms on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December. Please get in touch with Dale if you are considering baptism; baptism is the mark of Christian belonging and something that all followers of Jesus Christ are called to receive. If you have been thinking of taking this step take the chance to talk with Dale about it!



## **SERVICE FOR THE REST OF 2008**

Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mark 4 v35 to chapter 5 v21 "Growing through crisis"

Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> Advent Sunday – "all age" followed by church lunch

"Who am I?"

Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>

Advent 2

The prophet's vision: 1 "Praying for revival" Isaiah 64 verses 1 – 9

Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>

Advent 3

The prophet's vision: 2 "Something to shout about" Isaiah 40 verses 1 – 11

Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>

Advent 4 "Children's Nativity"

Wednesday December 24<sup>th</sup> "Carols by Candlelight" Maranatha House at 7.30pm

Thursday December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Service at 10am

Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup> Morning Worship with Baptisms

## **AFETERNOON SERVICE ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009**

Due to School Parents' Day, our service on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 will change to 3:00pm.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE MEETING**

There will be no meeting in December.

Our next gathering for Prayer and Praise will be on Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at TST school.

This is an opportunity at the start of 2009 to commit ourselves and our life as a church to God.

We may not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Prayers for the Sunday next before Advent.

God the Father,  
help us to hear the call of Christ the King  
and to follow in his service,  
whose kingdom has no end;  
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.

We pray for a right perspective on our life and the many circumstances that we face. We ask God to help us trust Him when we are overtaken by the unexpected and unpredictable “storms” of life.

We pray too for all those whose lives are bound by forces seemingly beyond our control, whether of spiritual darkness or habits and addictions that we feel powerless in the face of. Help us not only to rejoice that “Jesus is Lord” but also to grow in the freedom that is God’s gift and goal for our lives.

***“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free”*** [Galatians 5 v1]

We continue to pray for our world, our city and those we know and love who are closest too us. Pray for those in our church who have been affected by the economic turmoil, praying that we will all know God’s good hand to guide and provide and ask Him to give us sensitivity as we relate to one another and pray for each other:  
[Rom 12:15] ***“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”***

Here are some prayers you may wish to use in your personal devotion – they are based on the Celtic tradition of asking God to “circle” our lives with His love and peace:

May we commit ourselves to following you in the small details of our lives; in this particular fellowship and at this particular time.

Circle us, Lord, keep light within; keep darkness out....

Circle us Lord.

Circle our nation with the values of the gospel.

Give to our national institutions – Government, the law, the schools and hospitals, commerce and businesses – give them the values of justice, fair representation, concern for the weak and equal opportunities for each person.

And may the sheer generosity of your presence fill our national life with hope and encouragement.

Circle us Lord, keep hope within; keep despair out....

Circle us Lord.

Circle our family and friends with the love of the gospel.

Keep them in peace and security. Guard those who are vulnerable; strengthen those who are struggling; encourage those who are on the brink of something new.

May the deep peace of the Prince of Peace keep them all.

Circle them, Lord. Keep love within; keep danger out....



### **NO PARKING**

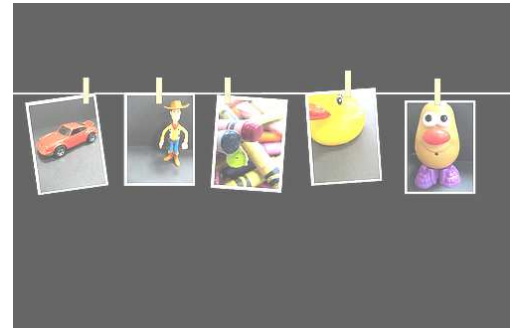
Please note that No Parking is allowed in the school grounds!

Thank you!

# KINGDOM KIDS

Dear Parents

We are beginning a new year in our children's programme in September with the topic "Virtues and Values". The programme on Sundays start at 10:00am with Worship in the hall before we go downstairs to G02 to learn more about Virtues and Values. The children meet in one large group on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and in Small Groups on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We need to know the ages of your children for small group allocation and your contact details (for obvious reasons).



We would really appreciate you joining us in praying for God's covering on things as we start our programme. We would like the children (and everyone) to enjoy what it means to be truly surrendered to God in every part of themselves and to live the life that God has prepared for them.

If you have any queries, please contact any of the Kingdom Kids leaders, our names are on the back of the bulletin.

Looking forward to being with the kids again  
In His Majesty's Service  
The Kingdom Kids Team

# 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<sup>st</sup> 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.

*What do we do in RW's?*

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

- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> Small group (Susie Young)
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Join Worship Service
- Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> RW Sunday
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Usher, small group (Pearl Chan)

# OASIS

## YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Oasis meets every Wednesday's night. Please contact Thelema 9710 3116 or Armilyn 6233 2017 if you would like to come and join us!

# 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

Please visit~ <http://solidrock.hk>



# PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

## PF MEETING

- 23 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Pastor Dale)
- 30 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas planning & decoration & prayer)
- 7 Dec. - No meeting (free Sunday)
- 14 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Amy Udy)
- 21 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (With Janet Hauser)
- 28 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas party & outreach)

# OUR GIVING

## WE SUPPORT

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

<i>China / Communist Asia</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>International</i>
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) Street Kids Chai Wan	12) Dancalan Christian Fellowship
	8) Youth With A Mission (Sports Services International)	13) Carlos Choi (with St. Stephen's Society in Cebu)
		14) Christian Solidarity Worldwide
		15) Carol Schrecker (Romanian Gypsies)

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

# UNCLASSIFIED

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## DTS WITH SPORTS OUTREACH

DTS, a discipleship training school, is a basic training course of YWAM, Youth With a Mission. It is a five-month program which includes both a lecture phase and an outreach. During DTS, you can deepen your relationship with God and be equipped to better tell about Him to others.

In January 2009 DTS here in Hong Kong, students can choose to focus on sports: in addition to normal DTS teaching they will learn the basics of sports ministry and during outreach can put it into practice in different sports.

The participants need to be at least 18 years old or have a high school diploma.

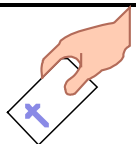
For more information please see [www.ywamhongkong.org/dts](http://www.ywamhongkong.org/dts) or e-mail Sports Services International at [ssi@ssi.corp.com.hk](mailto:ssi@ssi.corp.com.hk) or call 2524 6057.

## INTER CHURCH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

"Hello there! How are ya'll? =) Interested in getting a work out? Or maybe getting some much needed exercise? Or maybe just feel like playing basketball? Then please join us on Saturday 29th November, 2008 for the 3rd ICBT (Inter Church Basketball Tournament). It will be located in Yew Chung International School; for those that don't know how to get there I will be waiting @ Kowloon MTR station near the 7-11 shop. We play 5v5 full court, I'll be mixing the teams, ages 15++ are welcome, 10am-6pm you can leave whenever. This will be a time we can get together, pray, share, and have fun.

For more updates and information please leave a voice message, Call or Text 6346-9105 OR email [em\\_en@hotmail.com](mailto:em_en@hotmail.com) . My name is Emmanuel."

## 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, KENNETH AU ON [kenaushing@yahoo.com](mailto:kenaushing@yahoo.com) OR CALL 9257 1675. CHEQUES SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO "SHATIN ANGLICAN CHURCH". PLANNED GIVING IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANK YOU!

## Key points for our sermon today

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes.

When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs to meet him.

This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him any more, not even with a chain.

For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him.

Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him.

He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? Swear to God that you won't torture me!"

For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you evil spirit!"

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The "storms" we face:

\_\_\_\_\_ storms

\_\_\_\_\_ storms

\_\_\_\_\_ storms

*"the boat isn't going to \_\_\_\_\_, the storm isn't going to last \_\_\_\_\_*

*and I am \_\_\_\_\_"*