



SHA TIN CHURCH

*Priests &
Ministers:
All the
people of
God*

Church On Fire

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

Advent 1

30th 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. 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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30th November 2008
ADVENT 1
Morning Worship

Greeting and welcome		Dale Hanson
Confession		Dale Hanson
Opening Praise	My Saviour redeemer How great is our God Consuming fire The stand Everything you are	Jon Keelty
Greeting of Peace		
Psalm 23 illustrated interpretive reading		Dale Hanson
Talk for the children		Stephen Stanis
Flag Dance		the Philippines Fellowship
Collection of tithes and offerings	Your grace is enough	
Drama		solid rock
Psalm 8		Susie Young
Talk for the adults	“Who am I? I am cared for by God.”	Stephen Stanis
Declaration of Faith		
Intercessions		Dale Hanson
Reprise	Your grace is enough	
Blessing		
Dismissal		

CHURCH LUNCH TODAY

We will have our church lunch buffet for fellowship and fun today. Please join us after the service at the covered playground. Everyone is welcome! The donation box will be placed where the plates are collected. Suggested donation: adult: \$20 and children age 5-11: \$10, and more will be welcomed.

CONGRATULATIONS JOYCE AND WELCOME EVA!

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of a first child for Joyce our church secretary.

Joyce sent us this message:

“Joyce and Toby would like to thank God with joy to announce that our lovely boy is born at Union hospital this morning at 6.26am at 2.77kg.”

Also pray for Eva Ma as she works in the office while Joyce is away until early March. Pray for Eva and I as we deal with administrative matters and please forgive our mistakes as we try to handle things in Joyce’s absence!

FINANCE UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2008 – please pray and be guided in giving.

If our current pattern of giving continues to the end of the year we will face a shortfall of approximately HK\$160,000 which represents about 7.5% of our total budget for 2008 of HK\$2,154,000.

We give thanks for all that has been given to Shatin Church this year. We ask you to pray for God’s provision for what is still needed and that He will guide all of us how we should give to Shatin Church and beyond.

Giving beyond.....

We are aware of an urgent need of one of our mission partners, Carol Schrecker, to restore the water supply to her district in Romania. The total cost is in the region of HK\$6000 and we are looking to supply this to an exceedingly needy community. You can get more details from Susie Young and information about the ministry in our bulletin that is available on our web site at

<http://www.shatinchurch.org.hk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/081102.pdf>

And Giving beyond money.....

Please give above all else *your prayer* for the life and mission of the church. I want to highlight the prayer meeting on January 2nd – we can stand together in prayer as we enter 2009 under the hand of God. Also consider how you can give of your time and energy – we need people to serve in many ways, set up crew, welcoming, music, PowerPoint projection, Alpha leading and catering.....and many other areas.

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 28th 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!



PRAYERS FOR ADVENT SUNDAY

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We pray for God's work of renewing our lives in holiness, the likeness of Jesus. We are aware in the season of Advent that Jesus will return as visible Lord of all and we will give account of our lives. Ask God to help us to encourage one another in our faithful discipleship and stewardship of our lives and gifts:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

[Hebrews 10:23 - 25]

Give thanks for all that God did in peoples' lives through the recent "Cleansing Stream" retreat. Evelyn shared something of this with us last week. Pray for us all that God may continue His good work of grace and transformation in us.

We give thanks for the ministry of Stephen Stanis and the partnership we share with St. Andrew's Kowloon. Pray for the Stanis family as they plan their return to Australia early in 2009 and pray for St. Andrew's consideration of the best way to recruit and develop the ministry team.

Pray for Shatin Church that we will see all our needs met by God's gracious provision; pray that God will direct each one of us in our joyful and generous giving.

We continue to pray for our world with the many complex issues we face. Ask God to give our leaders deep insight and wisdom into the problems of this time.



NO PARKING
Please note that No Parking is allowed in the school grounds!
Thank you!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday November 30th Advent

“all age” followed by church lunch “Who am I? I am cared for by God.”

Sunday December 7th Advent 2

The prophet’s vision: 1 “Praying for revival” Isaiah 64 verses 1 – 9

Sunday December 14th Advent 3

The prophet’s vision: 2 “Something to shout about” Isaiah 40 verses 1 – 11

Sunday December 21st Advent 4

“Children’s Nativity” and City Wide Christmas Caroling after service

Wednesday December 24th

“Carols by Candlelight” Maranatha House at 7.30pm

Thursday December 25th

Christmas Day Service at 10am

Sunday December 28th

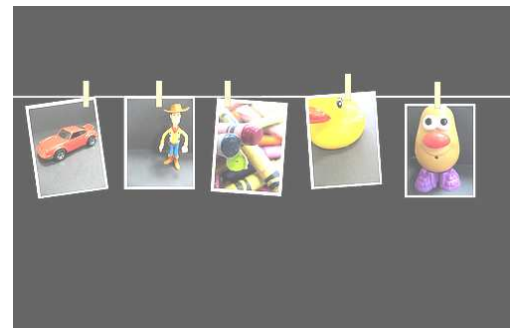
Morning Worship with Baptisms



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 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.

What do we do in RW's?

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

- Nov. 30th Join Worship Service
Dec. 7th RW Sunday
Dec. 14th Usher, small group (Pearl Chan)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S MONDAY GROUP

Time 7:55 to 9:30pm, Place: Monte Vista Estate, 9 Sha On Street, Ma On Shan.

Contact Brent Hauser at 9633-1665 or brent.hauser@gmail.com

It is not too late to join us! Come and discover (or rediscover) the sense of purpose and adventure that God intends for your life.

- Dec 1: Every Man's Adventure with Eternity
Dec 8: Refocusing my life for Adventure
Dec 15: Being Advised of Adventure Busters (Part I)
Christmas Break
Jan 5: Being Advised of Adventure Busters (Part II)
Jan 12: One of History's Best Great Adventurers
Jan 19: Your Unique Design (Venue to be Announced)
Jan 26: Men's night out (Stay Tuned!)



CHINESE LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP

MEET ON FRIDAY

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!

SOLID ROCK

SOLID ROCK FOR YOUTH 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>



OASIS

YOUNG ADULTS MEETING

Oasis meets at 8 p.m. every Wednesday night in SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School (hall stage). Please contact the Church office at 2694 9928 for further information!

PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

PF MEETING

- 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 the Keeltys)
- 28 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas party & outreach)

The poster is titled "2008 Citywide Christmas Caroling" and features a central illustration of a white dove with its wings spread, flying towards the right. The background is a light blue sky with white snowflake patterns. The event is scheduled for Sunday, 21 Dec, at all 12 venues, and for 22-23 Dec at the Cultural Centre and Avenue of Stars. The poster lists 12 venues with small photographs: Tsing Yi Ferry Terminus, Tsuen Wan Promenade, West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade, Cultural Centre Piazza, Avenue of Stars, Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade, Ma Wan Park, Harbourwide Cruises, Central Piers, Wan Chai Temporary Promenade, Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade, and Quarry Bay Park. The event times are: 3pm: Opening and Special programs; 4pm-5pm: Harbourwide Caroling; 5pm-10pm: Special programs continue at Cultural Center and Avenue of the Stars. For 22-23 Dec, the times are 5pm-10pm: Non-stop Special programs. The poster includes the text "Everyone is welcome to join!" and "Please wear Red Top and Red Caps to this event!". At the bottom, it provides contact information: Enquiry: 2337 4171 (HKCCCU) / 2850 4548 (Citywide Renewal); Web-site: www.hkcccu.org.hk / www.cityrenewal.com.hk; Co-organizers: CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF HONG KONG IN UNITY, Citywide 全城更新, and 西港華人基督教會 THE HONG KONG CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNION.

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We are planning to support the Christmas outreach event on December 21st at Ma Wan Park in the afternoon and early evening. Watch out for more details of a bus leaving after the morning service that day – bring a picnic lunch and join in!

OUR GIVING

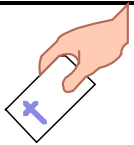
WE SUPPORT

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.

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 OR CALL 9257 1675. CHEQUES SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO "SHATIN ANGLICAN CHURCH". PLANNED GIVING IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANK YOU!

UNCLASSIFIED

Unclassified – these items have been placed by members of Shatin Church but their inclusion does not mean they are endorsed by Shatin Church in any way.

URGENT REQUEST FOR A TEACHER FROM CROSSROAD!

Are you a teacher, or do you know a teacher, who might be interested in a holiday with a difference this Christmas break?

We are in very urgent need of at least one teacher who can fill a gap in our on-site school from now until January 21st (or longer if you wish!). A person with high school experience is preferable, however we would be open to hearing from any teacher who is available to come during this time period. As it is such short notice, we would not expect that teacher to have found financial support in advance of coming. We are also trying to fill the need for a longer term teacher.

If you aren't a teacher, please still take a moment to think through your friends and family who may fit the bill for the above positions. If you would like further information on what is involved, contact us for details. E-mail: enquiries@crossroads.org.hk

Crossroads

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 or e-mail Sports Services International at ssi@ssi.corp.com.hk or call 2524 6057.