



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 2

7th December 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**



BULLETIN & SERMON (MP3) AVAILABLE AT

www.shatinchurch.org.hk

7th December 2008
ADVENT 2
Morning Worship

Greeting & Welcome

Young Peacock

Opening Praise

Your Love Is Amazing
I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever
Open The Eyes Of My Heart
Arms Of Love

James Low

Words of Knowledge & Encouragement

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

The Stand

Declaration of Faith

The Apostles Creed

Greeting of Peace

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Your Grace Is Enough



Silent Offertory Prayer

Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

Carmen Li

Announcements

Announcements and introductory video of the Ark

Intercessions

Clarissa Gafoor

Sermon

“Praying for revival”

Dale Hanson

Thanksgiving Song

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Reprise

REGISTRATION CLOSED TODAY FOR CITYWIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLING 2008

We are going to support the Christmas outreach event on 21st December at Ma Wan Park. The registration will be closed **TODAY**, so please sign up at the welcome table to reserve a seat on the coach.

The coaches will depart Shatin Church after the morning service at 12:30pm on 21st Dec. Please bring a picnic lunch with you. Everyone will be given some free time to roam around in the animal Garden and the BB/YMCA outdoor areas around the Noah's Ark site before the Citywide Christmas caroling start. We will leave Ma Wan Park at 5:30 and return back to Shatin. Why not celebrate this Christmas at the new Noah's Ark site with us?

2008
Citywide Christmas Caroling
21 Dec, Sunday, at all 12 venues:
3pm: Opening and Special programs
4pm-5pm: Harbourwide Caroling
5pm-10pm: Special programs continue at Cultural Centre and Avenue of the Stars
22-23 Dec at Cultural Centre and Avenue of Stars
5pm-10pm: Non-stop Special programs
Everyone is welcome to join!
Please wear Red Top and Red Caps to this event!

Enquiry: 2337 4171 (HRCCCU) / 2850 4548 (Citywide Renewal)
Web-site: www.hkcccu.org.hk / www.cityrenewal.com.hk

Co-organizers: CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF HONG KONG IN UNITY Citywide 全港更新 Renewal THE HONG KONG CHURCHES CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNION

Venues shown: Tsing Yi Ferry Terminus, Tsuen Wan Promenade, West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade, Cultural Centre Piazza, Avenue of Stars, Tsing Ma Tsui East Promenade, Ma Wan Park, Harbourwide Cruises, Central Piers, Wan Chai Temporary Promenade, Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade, Quarry Bay Park.

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.

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.

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!

LUNCH WITH THE McCanns

Brad and Mable McCann will be with us at Shatin Church on December 14th before leaving Hong Kong on December 22nd.

We thank God for their service here and pray for His blessing as they move on. They hope to meet up with friends at Shatin church for lunch that day.”

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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





**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.**

We remember that this world will not carry on in its present ways forever – it will come to a conclusion with the visible return of the Lord Jesus.

We ask God to keep us faithful to the calling he has set before us to live holy lives as we eagerly await our Lord's return.

We remember too the terrible events in India this last week and pray for the victims and the perpetrators of such acts of terror.

Here is a special prayer for Advent we can use in our personal devotions:

In joyful expectation of his coming
we pray to Jesus, saying,
Maranatha.*

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
We pray for *(the topics that are our special concerns)*
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing for your rule.
Maranatha.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for *(the topics that are our special concerns)*
Before you rulers will stand in silence.
Maranatha.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your people with a message of victory and peace.
We pray for *(the topics that are our special concerns)*
Give us the victory over death, temptation and evil.
Maranatha.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as Saviour and Comforter.
We pray for *(the topics that are our special concerns)*
Break into our failure and distress
and set us free to serve you for ever.
Maranatha.

Come, Lord Jesus.

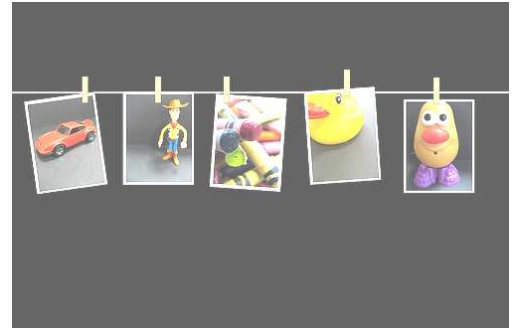
Come to us from heaven with power and great glory,
to lift us up to meet you,
with all your saints and angels,
and to live with you for ever.
Maranatha.

Come, Lord Jesus.

* *This Aramaic word means 'Our Lord, come.'*

KINGDOM KIDS

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

Dec. 7th RW Sunday
Dec. 14th Usher, small group (Pearl Chan)



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

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 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!

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!

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>



PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

PF MEETING

- 7 Dec. - No meeting (Free Sunday)
- 14 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Amy Udy)
- 21 Dec. - Christmas Lunch (With the Keeltys)
- 28 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas party & outreach)

OUR GIVING

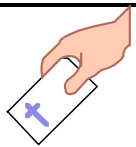
WE SUPPORT

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.

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 kenausling@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.

LOOKING FOR A NEW EMPLOYER!

Do you need someone to help you in housework or taking care of children? I am really good at these! My name is Cecilia Saplaco and I am from Philipians. I have been working in Hong Kong as a domestic helper for 6 years. My employment contract will finish in early Feb, 2009 and I would like to look for a new employer. Please contact me at 9512 2790 for details.

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.

Notes for sermon on Isaiah 64 “Praying for revival”

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved?

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and made us waste away because of our sins.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be angry beyond measure, O LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look upon us, we pray, for we are all your people.

1 Isaiah’s prayer for revival is a _____ prayer

Where does his hope come from?

2 Isaiah’s prayer for revival is a _____ prayer

He prays “we” and “us” not “they and “them”

3 Isaiah’s prayer for revival is a _____ prayer

He recognizes his sin and his lack of understanding

4 Isaiah’s prayer for revival is a _____ prayer

What does it mean to “wait” for the Lord?