



SHA TIN CHURCH

*Priests &
Ministers:
All the
people of
God*

Church On Fire

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

Lent 4

22nd March 2009

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
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22nd March 2009
Holy Communion

Greeting & Welcome

Brent Hauser

Opening Praise

I will offer up my life
For all you've done
All creation cries to you
This is my desire

Jon Keelty

Confession and 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.*

Words of Knowledge and Encouragement

Song

I'm giving you my heart

Declaration of Faith

I Believe

The Apostles' Creed

Greeting of Peace

Reading

2 Corinthians 8

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Your Name

(Communion assistants come forward: Brent H, Young P, Lisa DF, Lori W & Susie Y)

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving Prayer

Disciples' Prayer

Holy Communion

Irresistible
Amazed

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Intercessions

Wendy Blackmur

Sermon

The Way to Give and Receive (Part1)

Thanksgiving song

Dismissal

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

Reprise

CHURCH PREMISES

On 18 February 2009, Pastor Dale and the Shatin Anglican Church Committee resolved that a search should be commenced for premises to accommodate a new Church office and the various ministries in our Church. The Committee ask that you hold this matter in your prayers as we thank God for His past and future providence and seek His Will for our Church. As before with our search for a new pastor, we want to pray for this new venture and we ask you, the congregation, to join with us in praying as a Church. The Committee is organising weekly Sunday prayer sessions and has invited David and Patti Hunter to lead these prayer sessions. Please join us in submitting our venture in prayer to the Lordship of Christ.



Commencing Sunday 15th March 2009 (today)
Time: start 10 minutes after the end of the Service
Venue: Room G02

DISCIPLESHIP EXPLORED COURSE - COMING UP



"Discipleship Explored"

Watch out for details of this course soon to arrive. An eight week journey through the book of Philippians for those who want to make the most of their Christian lives.

Participants explore for themselves the meaning of Paul's words: "For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

SERMON SERIES: "MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE"

March 22nd : "The Way to Give and receive" (Part 1) (2 Corinthians 8)

March 29th : All age service" with visit of ICS Choir

"The Way to Give and receive (Part 2) (2 Kings 4:1-7 & Luke 6:35-38)

April 5th : Palm Sunday – "The way of the Cross" (Mark 14:26-50)

April 12th : Easter Day – "The way of faith" (1 Corinthians 15:1-11)

YOUTH SUNDAY DVD

The Youth Sunday DVD with the powerful testimony by Ps Stephen Lungu will be on sale in a couple of weeks. If you are interested, please sign up at the hall entrance after the Sunday service. Please note that the price of each DVD is \$40, and ALL PROCEEDS will go to the church's fund

DANCALAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The 2008 Fundraiser DVD is now available for sale after long anticipation. At HK\$50 per copy, the DVD contains nearly all that you missed if you didn't attend the 2008 Fundraiser and all that you need to stir those memories if you were there! To buy or to order, please see the person with the Order List (at the back of the hall).

NO PARKING AT TSANG SHIU TIM SCHOOL

Tsang Shiu Tim School has informed us that there will be no parking available on Sundays at the school premises – apart from one space allocated for pastor Dale and one other space allocated to one person on the basis of disability.

“upon the advice and instructions of the Fire Services Department, no vehicles are allowed to park along the area immediately below our classrooms because any vehicles parked there are going to cause obstruction to fire engines passing through this area which is an emergency vehicular access in the event of a fire. Even worse, should there be a fire breaking out on the upper floors of the school building, such vehicles will obstruct fire fighters from carrying out fire fighting and rescue operation at a high level using equipment such as aerial ladders and hydraulic platforms.”

PLEASE RESPECT THIS INSTRUCTION FROM THE SCHOOL.



We rely on the good will of the school in so many ways; it would show a distinct lack of grace and respect on our part and cause us great embarrassment if church members continue to park on the school premises – please do not do so!

Car parking is available in the Wo Che Shopping centre car park or equally conveniently in the car park adjoining the Shatin Playground on the other side of Yuen Wo Road directly across from the school building.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

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 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.

In His Majesty's Service
The Kingdom Kids Team

FAMILY SERVICE – 29TH MARCH

Please allow your children to stay back for about 20 minutes after the service on 22nd March as they need to rehearse their presentation for Family Service (29th March). Please also leave the hall as we don't want you to see what we're doing so we can surprise you on Sunday! Thanks!!

KINGDOM KIDS PRAYER WALK

The Kingdom Kids are going on a Prayer Walk during the service on 5 April 2009. We need parents to sign a Consent Form to allow the Leaders to take the kids out of the school premises to walk around the surrounding areas (basketball courts on Yuen Wo Raod, Wo Che Estate and Lek Yuen Estate). The forms will be available in next week's bulletin. We welcome parents to join us. Please be praying with us even if you don't come with us

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

SOLID ROCK

SOLID ROCK FOR YOUTH MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Solid Rock at Maranatha House. The details are:

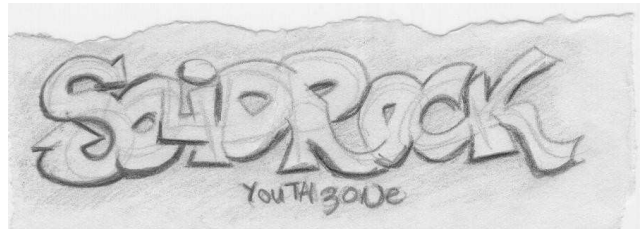
Hired Buses: Leave Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai near the KCR at 4:00 and 5:00 pm
Youth Band, please take the 4 pm bus for practice

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 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Please contact Karl Udy at 9834-8593 or Patrick Chan at 6735-3131 for further information!

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.

PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

We are studying the book "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren. The book is based on God's word helping us to discover the answers to life's most important question; What on earth am I here for? The book will help us to know (through the Spirit) God's purpose for our life, and how all the pieces of our life fit together in God's big picture.

So, please come along to our meeting every Sunday at Maranatha and study together about God's purpose toward our lives. If you have the book with you then please bring it with you too.

22 Mar.	Meeting at Maranatha
29 Mar.	Meeting at Maranatha
4 Apr.	Outing (Ching Ming Festival)
5 Apr.	No meeting (Free Sunday)

PRAYERS FOR THE FOUR SUNDAY OF LENT



Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray for the staff and pupils of SKH Tsang Shiu Tim Secondary School where we meet Sunday by Sunday. Pray particularly for the Principal Mr Wang Yu Tai Jaxon in his many responsibilities.

Give thanks to God for the way we are able to meet in the school hall and the way the school supports our ministry in many ways.

Pray for the whole school as they continue to deal with the tragic deaths of two students earlier in the year.

Pray for Alicia Nuarin as she returned to the Philippines this week. Alicia has been a part of Shatin Church for many years – pray the Lord will guide her and open a door for her to return to Hong Kong.

This Sunday is traditionally known as “Mothering Sunday”. We give thanks to God for all the gifts of family life and pray for all who are separated by distance or circumstances from loved ones in their family.

God of love,
 passionate and strong,
 tender and careful:
 watch over us and hold us
 all the days of our life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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) WEC International (Chinalink)	4) Clarissa Gafoor (Crossroads)	9) All Nations Believers Church (Tanzania)
2) Generation Ministries (Asian Children)	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

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.

FLAT FOR RENT

3 bedroom & 2 bath high level unit at Vista Paradiso (next to Heng On KCR station at Ma On Shan) available for rent around April 1. It's 807 sq feet with view of the water. It will be newly renovated and ready to move in. It has a great clubhouse. There are free shuttle buses that go to the Ma On Shan Shopping Mall, University KCR Station, Diamond Hill Plaza, and Central. Please review information about Vista Paradiso and floor plan of the unit in this website: http://www.midland.com.hk/agency/chi/residential/developer_project/E11484/

We love to offer this rental unit at a discount to the friends and family at Shatin Church. God blessed us with the property and we want it to be a blessing for others. Please contact me at 67774095 or email me at susannahui138@hotmail.com for any questions.

"BLESSED FOOD" PROJECT

Brief Information on "Blessed Food" Project: Short-Term Food Assistance Scheme launched by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH) has been providing welfare service to meet the needs of the community in Hong Kong since the 19th century. Following the teachings of Christ: "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink" (Matthew 25:35), the HKSKH operated the Canteen Service 「童膳會」 to provide nutritious meals to needy children in the 60s. Shared the same mission in mind, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council (the Council), submitted a bid to the Social Welfare Department for launching the Short Term Food Assistance Scheme and is successfully awarded the contract to operate the service in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long districts including Tin Shui Wai. Yuen Long is a district ranked the highest in the number of unemployment, low-income families and single parent families in Hong Kong. Under the financial tsunami, it is foreseeable that the demand for food assistance in these districts will be extremely high.

In response to the great service demand, the Church received a letter from the Archbishop Paul Kwong, Chairman of the Council, Mr. Robert Mok, Chairman of Executive Committee and Mr. Joseph Man, Acting Director, for appealing donation from brothers and sisters in Christ to support this meaningful project. During the period of lent, we may share His great love with the underprivileged in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long Districts through our prayers, moreover, we may also join the act of love by 'giving' in various forms as preferred. Donation in cash or dry food is welcome. If you are interested to support the "Blessed Food" Project, please refer to the "Bag of Blessings" distributed to you and forward your donation together with the reply slip enclosed to the Council on or before 9th April 2009. For further enquiry, you are welcome to contact Ms Jennifer Yuen, the Public Relations and Communications Manager on 2533 1223. Your support can make a difference to the underprivileged.

Please note: We will have the "blessed food" donation bags available on Sunday 22nd March. Because we do not have storage space available, we ask you to make donations of cash rather than dry food.

DISCOVERY BIBLE VACATION SCHOOL (DBVS)

Good day to all of you! As you know I have been praying for the Discovery Bible Vacation School (DBVS) for some time now. I really feel the Lord is saying 'YES' to it. So please be informed that I will go on the 31st of March.

The DBVS will start on the 6th of April to the 11th. Please start praying for me and for those who want to join.

It is exciting to know that the children and youth in the village are excited and looking forward to it. The topic will be "LIVING IN THE LIGHT". Ephesians 5:1-2.. Pray that those who will join DBVS will learn more about Jesus not only as the image in their home, but as their own personal Saviour.

Thank you for your continuous prayer and support!

In His Grace,
Evelyn Espano Lawas"

DO YOU HAVE A HEART TO CARE FOR THE ELDERLY?

There is an opportunity to share God's love with people living in an elderly care home in Kowloon City.

For more details of this ministry please contact Cindy Stevenson on 6093 0671

SEEKING AN EMPLOYER

Alicia Nuarin a longstanding member of Shatin Anglican Church is seeking employment as a domestic helper.

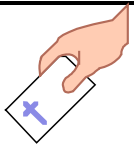
She has returned to the Philippines this week. She can be contacted via Pastor Dale in the church office or directly at:

gnuarin@yahoo.com

Telephone:

639295783515 or 639085625257

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!

2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 8

8:1 And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches.

2 Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own,

4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

6 So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part.

7 But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us --see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

8 I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

10 And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so.

11 Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means.

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

15 as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

16 I thank God, who put into the heart of Titus the same concern I have for you.

17 For Titus not only welcomed our appeal, but he is coming to you with much enthusiasm and on his own initiative.

18 And we are sending along with him the brother who is praised by all the churches for his service to the gospel.

19 What is more, he was chosen by the churches to accompany us as we carry the offering, which we administer in order to honor the Lord himself and to show our eagerness to help.

20 We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift.

21 For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.

22 In addition, we are sending with them our brother who has often proved to us in many ways that he is zealous, and now even more so because of his great confidence in you.

23 As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker among you; as for our brothers, they are representatives of the churches and an honor to Christ.

24 Therefore show these men the proof of your love and the reason for our pride in you, so that the churches can see it.