

SHA TIN CHURCH

Church On Fire

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All the people of God*

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

Trinity 18

11th October 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 room for parents with young children (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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11th October 2009

Holy Communion

Greeting & Welcome

Brent Hauser

Opening Praise

Gathering together to praise you
Great is your faithfulness
Blessed be the Lord, oh my soul
Lord, we proclaim you now

Paul Fox

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

As we all bow down

Greeting of Peace

Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1 – 10

Declaration of Faith

I Believe

The Apostles' Creed

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Thank you for the cross

(Communion assistants come forward: Lisa DF, Brent H, Pat H, Christine I & Janet H)

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving Prayer

Disciples' Prayer

Holy Communion

Holy Spirit, rise in me
There is a longing



Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Intercessions

Young Peacock

Sermon

Home and away

Dale Hanson

– **Living to please Jesus in the here and now**

We see how an eternal perspective transforms the way we live on earth in the present.

Thanksgiving

Great is your faithfulness

Dismissal

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

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Reprise

MINISTRY CENTRE – UPDATE FOR URGENT PRAYER AND ACTION

For many weeks in our bulletin we included a notice informing everyone that:

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 asks 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.

It goes on to offer us the opportunity to pray together after the service at meetings coordinated by David and Patti Hunter.

We have entered a more urgent phase in our search for a new ministry centre. The Trustees of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong have reviewed our use of Maranatha House and for a variety of reasons have determined that we should no longer use it as a place for ministry. We are looking for alternative accommodation as soon as possible. Ideally this will be the ministry centre we have been searching for but we may need to use rented premise for an interim period.

The committee and I will provide everyone with more details very soon, but I hope this information will enable us all to pray with clarity and urgency! We trust this is God's way of encouraging us that a ministry centre is not just a good thing to do but is the right thing at this particular moment.

In order to purchase a ministry centre we will need a significant initial sum of capital and an increase in our regular weekly giving if, as is likely, we need a mortgage to complete the purchase. We will provide more details very soon, but initial calculations indicate that after allowing for the savings in rent, transport and maintenance for Maranatha House and our office in Tai Wai we will need an overall increase in giving of 10 – 12 % to finance this new arrangement. The good news is that our expenditure on the purchase of premises will provide us with an asset rather than being spent in an unrecoverable way on rent, transport, etc. At this early stage I ask everyone to prayerfully review their situation to determine how you will be able to support this.

The church camp offers us a wonderful chance to talk and pray about this.

I will consult with our committee as to when we will provide people the opportunity to give and/or pledge financial support for this project once we have clarified the possibilities and given more details.

The committee and I will be providing as much information as possible over the next few weeks as we seek to press ahead. Above all, pray for God's hand to be seen at work among us through this project in the next few weeks and months.

Pastor Dale

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 – OCTOBER 2009

We give thanks that from January to September we received HK\$1.4 million in gifts and offering from Shatin church members. However we need to take note that this falls approximately HK\$100,000 short of our expenditure for this period.

We commit this to the prayers and response of everyone alongside the awareness of the increase in giving that we need to provide for our planned future ministry centre.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CHURCH TO MINIMISE FLU TRANSMISSION



The flu pandemic is being well managed by Hong Kong and with more information, the recent concerns have eased a little.

We have hand gel dispensers at the entrance to the hall, and we encourage you to use them.

Masks are also available.

Of course if you are feeling unwell, or have flu symptoms, please consider the welfare of those who will sit around you at church.

CHILDRENS' HEALTH NOTICE We would ask parents to be extra careful. If your

child displays any flu symptoms - we would ask you NOT to send them to Kingdom Kids or any other groups that week.

ALPHA COURSE

Let's thank the Lord for giving us the opportunity to have another Alpha Course in church. Please pray for the non-believers who are attending, that the Lord will bring them to Himself and that the believers on the course will reach a greater maturity. Please pray also for the Alpha Team for provision and protection. The course starts today at 12 p.m. with lunch downstairs in the covered area. The rest of the session will take place in the 6th floor conference room. Registrations close next Sunday, so you still have some time to invite your friends or register:-)



Alpha Course - a few more workers needed!

We need a few more committed people to join the amazing Alpha Team:). If you are available on Sundays from now until December 20th (except the camp weekend when the Alpha is cancelled), please step out in faith and the Lord will use you! Please contact Ps. Dale or Vanaja (91206593) for more details.



PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are delighted that so many families with young children are part of our worshipping community. During the service we make classroom 4 available for parents and young children under the age of two to use; the service is relayed through loudspeaker and there is at least one person available to help you with the care of your child. We hope this allows a parent to hear what is going on and have some help in caring for their child during the service. This is not as such a “crèche”, as we ask one parent to remain with your child, but we hope it will help us all to benefit as much as possible from our experience of worship at Shatin Anglican Church.

WELCOME TEAM

We are looking to recruit some more people to serve on the rota to welcome people to church on a Sunday morning.

Can you greet people with a warm smile and a word of welcome and direct newcomers to our meeting place?

Please consider being part of this highly valued and important ministry of Shatin. For more details please contact the church office stchurch@shatinchurch.org.hk

VIDEO MINISTRY

Did you remember the sand pictures, sermon by Ps Dale using Legos, the surfer-shark-wave game, the truth or lie game, the outdoor activities, the Sunday service and the Dance by Kingdom Kids in the last camp in 2008? The long awaited camp DVD of last year is now available for sale at \$20 per set. Each set contains 2 regular DVD-R PAL discs in paper cover only.

Those who are interested may contact Edwin Cho in person in the refreshment area after church service or by phone (Video Ministry) as listed in the church bulletin.

SERMON THEMES

Sunday Oct 11th: Holy Communion

Preacher: Dale

Theme – “Home and Away – Living to please Jesus in the here and now”

We see how an eternal perspective transforms the way we live on earth in the present.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Sunday Oct 18th: Morning Worship

Preacher: Laurence Chin

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Sunday Oct 25th: CHURCH CAMP WEEKEND

Preacher: Dale Hanson

Theme – “Growing through Changes”

RESPONSE TO FLOODS IN THE PHILIPPINES

We have the opportunity to send much needed supplies to the Philippines – canned foods, bars of soap, shampoos, cleaning stuff (cif, toilet cleaner, alcohol hand gel), coffee, tissues wet wipes, clothes, blankets, towels, etc.

To help with this please contact Evelyn Lawas on 6908 1337

TYPHOON & STORM – If the Typhoon Signal 8 or the Black Storm Warning is hoisted, all service or meetings at Shatin Church are cancelled. Please check your radio before setting out for Church in bad weather.



CHURCH CAMP ~ 24TH - 25TH OCTOBER (DAY CAMP)

Dear sisters and brothers in Sha Tin Church

Greetings! Our all-ages Sha Tin Church Family Camp (Saturday October 24, and Sunday 25th) is just around the corner. Our speaker this year is Revd. Peter Hurricks, Pastor of our "sister" church, Resurrection Church in Sai Kung. Peter is an experienced Anglican minister and he and his wife, Madelaine, served in mission in South America.



He is going to be speaking on the theme of "Growing through Changes" looking at the ways we can grow deeper in faith, hope, unity and love through the time of transition we are facing. Our Pastor Dale plans that some of our sessions with Peter will lead us into times of corporate prayer for the new Pastor and the new ministry centre for Shatin Church. This is a vitally important time in the life of Shatin Church. Plan so come and be part of it.

Children's ministry will be led by David & Emman and their team. And there will be a fashion show directed by Janakan, which will invite us to join in expressing who we are within God's family. The camp details are:

Venue: Breakthrough Youth Village in Sha Tin

Theme: Growing through Changes

Day/Time: October 24 (Saturday 9:30 am to 9:00 pm, lunch and dinner included)
October 25 (Sunday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, lunch included)

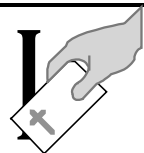
Cost: HK\$200 (subsidies available), or
HK\$60 (including lunch) just for Sunday

(Application forms will be available from the end of September)

Please mark the date of our church family camp on your calendar and let's begin preparing our hearts with prayer for the coming Sha Tin Church Family Camp.

Thank you so much! Church camp coordinator team

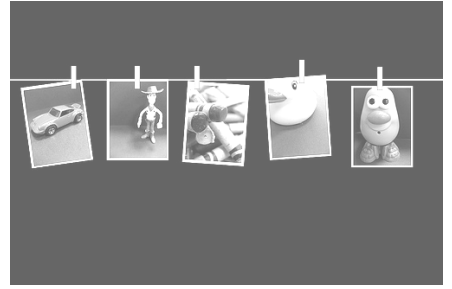
PLANNED GIVING



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!

KINGDOM KIDS

The programme on Sundays start at 10:00am with Worship in the hall before we go downstairs to G02. 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).



Do please pray with us for God's covering on all involved in the children's ministry. 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

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:

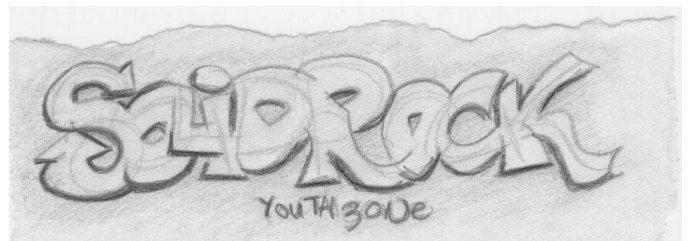
Hired Buses: Leave Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai near the KCR at 4:00 and 5:00 pm
Youth Band, please take the 4 pm bus for practice

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 is Shatin Anglican Church's Young Adults' ministry. All are welcome, we'd love to have your input to make Oasis the best to serve you and help you grow. Call Karl on 9834 8593 or Patrick on 6735 3131 for more information.

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.

- Oct. 11 Meeting at Maranatha
- Oct. 18 Meeting at Maranatha
- Oct. 25 No Meeting (Church camp)
- Oct. 26 Meeting at Maranatha – Cooking and Resting (Monday, Chung Yeung Festival)

DAYTIME WOMEN'S GROUP

MEETS ON THURSDAY MORNING

A Daytime Women's Group meets on Thursday mornings. If you might be interested in joining us, please email Pat Hanson for further details. patricia.hanson@virgin.net

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP

ladies group

The ***ladies Bible study*** meets every Monday at 8:00 pm in the clubhouse at Monte Vista Estate in Ma On Shan. (Exit B at Wu Kai Sha station.)

We will be studying Philippians and Colossians-***Experiencing the Joy of Knowing Christ***:

- insights into how you can find purpose for living and motivation for ministry
- ideas to find a new level of passion in your relationship with Christ

Peer into the heart of Paul who overcame tremendous challenges and changed the world.

Hope to see you there. Call Janet at 9325 7220 or email janhauser@gmail.com for more information.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MEN'S MONDAY

Time 7:55 to 9:30 Place: Monte Vista Estate Clubhouse, 9 Sha On Street, Ma On Shan.
Contact Brent Hauser at 9633-1665 or brent.hauser@gmail.com

All men are welcome. It is not too late to join us as we investigate "Authentic Manhood".
October 12 Session: The Second Step to Authentic Manhood: "Unpacking

Miss a session or want to know more?

Visit our website at: <http://www.shatinchurch.org.hk/small-groups/mens/>

Check out the video informing you about this series or catch up on a session you may have missed.

OUR GIVING

WE SUPPORT - Please pray for the people and organisations we support with Our Giving:
(from October 2009 onwards)

- 1) **Generation Ministries (Asian Children)**
- 2) **Clarissa Gafoor (Crossroads)**
- 3) **Christian Action (Domestic Helpers Program)**
- 4) **Christian Action (Chung King Mansions Service Centre)**
- 5) **Youth With A Mission (Sports Services International)**
- 6) **Karl & Amy Udy (Campus Crusade for Christ)**
- 7) **Shatin International Giving Fund**
- 8) **African Enterprise**
- 9) **Lifeway Bible Church Inc**
- 10) **Dancalan Christian Fellowship**
- 11) **Carlos Choi (with St. Stephen's Society in Cebu)**
- 12) **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**
- 13) **Carol Schrecker (Romanian Gypsies)**
- 14) **Misha Del Favero (Dancalan, Philippines)**
- 15) **Entheos – Craig Gibbon**

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

PRAYER FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Continue to pray for the areas of South East Asia that are recovering from the effect of storms, earthquakes and tsunamis. Pray for all the efforts that are going into relief and recovery in these areas.

Give thanks to God for all that we enjoy in Hong Kong and help us to give with glad and generous hearts to those in need:

[1 Tim 6:17] Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

[1 Tim 6:18] Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

[1 Tim 6:19] In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Continue to pray for all the transitions that we are going through as a church – the search for the right person to develop the mission and ministry here and our need for a ministry centre. Pray for the Philippines Fellowship and Solid Rock as we investigate new venues for their meetings. Pray for the leaders of the groups, thanking God for them and asking Him to give them joy, energy and enthusiasm in what they do.

Pray too for our generous response to the financial needs we will face in order to obtain the centre.

Pray for our “Alpha” course recently underway. Thank God for the leaders, especially Vanaja in her coordinating role. Give thanks for all the sharing and learning that is taking place and ask God to bless the small group conversations.

NOTES FOR OUR SERMON TODAY

[2 Cor 5:1] Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

[2 Cor 5:2] Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,

[2 Cor 5:3] because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.

[2 Cor 5:4] For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

[2 Cor 5:5] Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

[2 Cor 5:6] Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.

[2 Cor 5:7] We live by faith, not by sight.

[2 Cor 5:8] We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

[2 Cor 5:9] So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

[2 Cor 5:10] For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

[2 Cor 5:11] Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.

1 We _____

2 We _____

3 We are _____

4 We aim to _____ Him