

# SHATIN CHURCH

## *Church On Fire*

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

**Christmas 1**

***27<sup>th</sup> December 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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**27<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**Morning Worship with Baptism**

**Welcome, notices and explanation of Service** Pat Hanson

**Opening Praise** Paul Fox  
Light of the world  
Celebrate the Child  
Glorify your name  
Isn't He beautiful

**Baptism Declaration** Dale Hanson

**Intercessions** Clarissa Gafoor  
Concluding with the **Lord's Prayer**

**Baptism Decision** Dale Hanson

**Song** Isn't He beautiful

**Bible reading** Joshua 24:14-18 Carmen Li

**Sermon** **Choose this day whom you will serve** Dale Hanson

**Baptism Declaration of Faith**

**Collection of tithes and offerings as we sing**  
I will offer up my life

**Processional song for baptisms**  
All by Grace

**Baptism Commission**

*At this point we continue downstairs in the covered area with the baptisms – please allow the candidates and their families to leave first*

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.

## MINISTRY CENTRE – PRAYING AND GIVING

Over these next few weeks I am inviting all of us involved in the life of Shatin Church to pray and to give.

**1 To pray.** I am asking everyone to give Shatin Church half an hour of prayer on Friday January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will not be holding a meeting for prayer and praise as we usually do on the first Friday of the month – instead I am asking everyone at some time during the day wherever we are, to take half an hour to pray specifically for the needs of this church. This could be for one 30 minute period, two of 15 minutes, 3 of 10 minutes or 6 of five minutes! The aim is for us to pray and know that the rest of Shatin Church is praying with us throughout the day; it is hard to get people together in one place to pray, so at the start of the New calendar Year I ask you to make time to commit one another and the year ahead to God’s providential care. Different people will pray at different times and I hope we will be aware that together we are surrounding our church’s life in prayer.

Pray specifically for “breakthroughs” in three areas:

- ✓ The search for a new pastor – that the right person will apply soon and the appointment process will be wise and clearly guided.
- ✓ The search for the premises for our ministry centre – that we will locate the most suitable premises.
- ✓ The provision of sufficient finances to make the ministry centre a reality.

As you intercede you may wish to reflect on encouraging scriptures, and if the Lord lays a particular “burden” on your heart as you pray I would like you to share it with me. Some scriptures that you might use are: Psalm 1; Psalm 127; Ephesians 3 v14-21; 2 Corinthians 8; Luke 11 v1-13; John 15.

**2 To Give.** I am asking all of us to consider before God our giving. To buy a ministry centre we will need something like HK2 million in “one off” gifts to add to our existing funds. Please pray for God to guide you in your giving. Also we will need to increase our weekly “regular” giving by around 12% to support this. This is both to repay a mortgage for the purchase of a centre and to cover the interim increased costs of ministry since the closure of Maranatha House. If you have not joined our planned giving scheme now is a good time to do so.

In order to proceed with the long hoped for ministry centre the committee and I are looking to God to encourage us through the committed prayer and giving of all of us at Shatin Church. By Chinese New Year we look to received significant gifts and giving toward this project. We trust that God will guide us as we pray and as we give.

With every good wish, Pastor Dale

[Here follows additional information on the hopes for the ministry centre – these are at present approximations and will depend on the specifics of the premises.

More information will follow but this is to give us information to help us bring this before the Lord.]

We seek space that can be divided into several areas. The sizes allowed for are based on similar premises for the Resurrection Church, located at Pak Sha Wan that we showed pictures of during the service on Advent Sunday.

The largest space would be the main meeting room (say overall 1000 Sq. ft.,) for music practice, and meetings that can accommodate about 80 seated (of which say 800 sq.ft.), and a further 200 sq.ft. space at the rear for standing/circulation. The furniture should be stackable chairs, so that a clear space can also be provided.

Two smaller rooms. Each would serve as

(a) the Pastor's office, and small meeting room (say 200 sq.ft)

(b) a Library/ resource area. This could also serve as the Church Secretary's office (say 150 sq ft).

A further room/area of 80 sq.ft. would be needed for a pantry where tea/coffee, food preparation and washing up facilities are provided.

Finally, cupboards would be needed for the ministry leaders such as small group meetings, Alpha, Youth Solid Rock, Children's Church, Philippine Fellowship, etc., and each group would have their own cupboard space.

LIKELY MONTHLY COSTS AND INITIAL PURCHASE COSTS (FOR EXAMPLE ONLY BASED ON A UNIT WE INVESTIGATED)

*Monthly Estimated cost comparison*

<b>Current Office</b> (561 sq ft or 410 net space)		<b>New Ministry Centre</b> (1537 sq ft net space - 70% util.)	
Rent:	\$6,700	Mortgage Say: +	\$38,673
Management Fee:	\$480	Mgt Fee (\$1.04 psf)*:	\$4,156
Average Power Bill:	\$800	Average Power Bill*:	\$800
Rates:	\$0	Rates (\$1.04 psf):	\$2,275
Fire Insurance	\$0	Fire Insurance (tbc)	\$500
	\$7,980		\$ 46,404

\* (Mgt Fee includes airconditioning)

+ Based on a \$8M property with 2.4M deposit and a loan of the remaining 70% (being \$5.6M) at 3% over 15 years as suggested by one bank

**Monthly increase required \$46,404 - \$7,980 = \$38,424.**

**5.2 Existing Costs that can be reduced if a Ministry Centre exists**

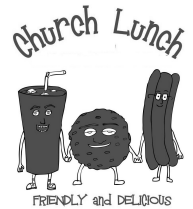
Up to now we spend money on rental of premises for our normal church functions, as well as for upkeep of Maranatha House. In addition, the use of Maranatha House relied on transport costs for buses to and fro, for each time we make use of it. These are summarised in the table below:

<b>Expenses Type</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b> \$
Facilities rental paid to TST School except Sunday mornings	3,200
Facilities Rental paid to other landlords	3,200
Maranatha House Capital Costs – monthly average	2,000
Maranatha House monthly costs for operating	6,600
Transport to/from Maranatha House	6,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,500</b>

***The monthly increase needed of \$38,424 can thus be reduced by 21,500 to 16,974.***

## CHURCH LUNCH TODAY

We will have a church lunch after the baptism today, please prepare to stay and enjoy the lunch with us.



## JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2010

January 17th there is no service at Shatin Anglican Church due to school fuction.

We encourage everyone that Sunday to worship with our "mother" or "sister" churches of St. Andrew and Resurrection Church.

St. Andrew's is at 138 Nathan Road and has services in English at 9am, 11am and 6pm also a Putonghua service at 2pm.

Details can be found at <http://www.standrews.org.hk/>

Resurrection Church has a service in Sai Kung at 10 am in English

Details can be found at

[http://www.resurrection.org.hk/Resurrection\\_Church\\_Hong\\_Kong/Welcome.html](http://www.resurrection.org.hk/Resurrection_Church_Hong_Kong/Welcome.html)

## 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.

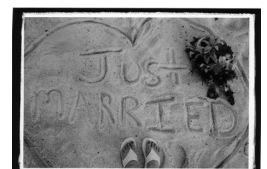


## PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

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.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Shannon Leung and Nik married recently!



## NEXT ROSTER

For all volunteer, please kindly pick up the new roster at the back of the hall.

## SERMON ON-LINE

We are pleased to say that sermons have now been uploaded to our web site. <http://www.shatinchurch.org.hk/sermons/>



## NEXT SUNDAY THEME

Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup> Morning Worship  
"Taking hold of God's promises"  
Deuteronomy 1 verses 1 to 8

## FROM YOUNG PEACOCK

### GOODBYE

Dear brothers and sisters in Shatin church

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! I am so sad to let you know that I will be leaving Shatin church because I am taking up a position in a Korean church in Kowloon Tong. I have worked there once in the past with the children and with the English speaking congregation. This time I am expecting to stay there for a while and will be involved with youth ministry.

Through God's word, I know that there is time for everything (Eccle. 3). I've been in Shatin church for almost 13 years, and I really enjoyed the time being with you, wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing our lives together in God's presence. Shatin church was the place where I glimpsed God's kingdom and His power. So I just want to say a big thank you to all for your friendship, love and care.

I will be in Shatin church until Christmas, and then moving on to the Korean church. However, please give me a ring anytime for coffee or a chat. I'd love to see you again!

May God's presence satisfy your desires and grant unity, harmony, and strength within Shatin church.

With love in Christ, Young

## 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](mailto:patricia.hanson@virgin.net)



## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

### LADIES' BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The \*ladies Bible study\* meets every Monday at 8:00 pm in the clubhouse at Monte Vista in Ma On Shan. Please contact Janet Hauser for further details [janhauser@gmail.com](mailto:janhauser@gmail.com)

We will be on a break from Dec 14 – Jan 10. First meeting in the new year will be Jan 11, 2010



### NO PARKING

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

Thank you!

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### MEN'S MONDAY

Time 7:55 to 9:30 Place: Monte Vista Estate Clubhouse, THX Theater, 9 Sha On Street, Ma On Shan. Contact Brent Hauser at 9633 1665 or [brent.hauser@gmail.com](mailto:brent.hauser@gmail.com)

### Monday Night Session Schedule

Dec 28 Christmas Break ~ No Meeting

Jan 4 2010 NIGHT OUT: TBD

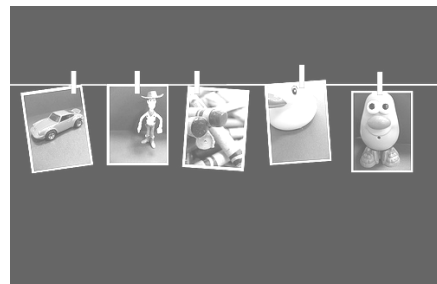
## KINGDOM KIDS

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 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

## SOLID ROCK

### FOR YOUTH (AGE 11 - 18 OR STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL) MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Solid Rock will now be meeting at 5pm at Lam Kau Mow School, 10 Tak Po Street, City One, right near City One train station. We will still have basketball, bumpout and lots of fun, so

will be great to see everyone there! Please see the <http://solidrock.hk> for a detailed map. Peace!

Jan 2 Back to meet at Lam Kau Mow School

**MOVE**



## PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

Dec 27	Meeting (G02, TST School)
Jan 3	No Meeting (Free Sunday)
Jan 10	Meeting (G02, TST School)
Jan 17	Meeting (G02, TST School)
Jan 24	Meeting (G02, TST School)
Jan 31	Meeting (G02, TST School)

## OASIS

### YOUNG ADULTS MEETING ~ "THURSDAY AT CHURCH"



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

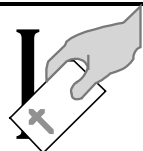
## OUR GIVING

**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.

## 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!



# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CARLOS

'Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.' "Sir," the servant said, "what you ordered has been done, but there is still room." "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. Luke 14:21-23



**MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Dear All

Thanks for all your love and support and prayers !!! Our Christmas Outreaches and Banquets went really well. Had over 1000 people in the couple of banquets that we held. The poor and hungry fed and loved, the sick healed and the lost saved. Lots of great stories of the paralyzed walking people with strokes being able to move their arms and get up. Will put pictures and more detailed stories up soon. Just letting you in a bit on what we saw our awesome Savior do this Christmas so that you can rejoice with us as you celebrate this season with your families and loved ones. Bless you all to look forward to the new year ahead to see new things that the Lord has prepared and to expect greater things!!!

Agape  
Carlos, Bambi & Baby

ps. please remember us in your prayers as our baby is due jan 16th so in a couple of weeks, please pray for a no complication smooth birth :)

## PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.

Merciful Lord,  
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:  
that, being enlightened by the teaching  
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,  
we may so walk in the light of your truth  
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.



Take time to reflect at this time on the glory and wonder of who Jesus is.

Take time to read slowly and reflectively some of the scriptures about him; here are some to begin with:

[Col 1:15] He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

[Col 1:16] For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.

[Col 1:17] He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

[Col 1:18] And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

[Col 1:19] For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,

[Col 1:20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

*[John 1:1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*[John 1:2] He was with God in the beginning.*

*[John 1:3] Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

*[John 1:4] In him was life, and that life was the light of men.*

*[John 1:5] The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

*[John 1:6] There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John.*

*[John 1:7] He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.*

*[John 1:8] He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.*

*[John 1:9] The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.*

*[John 1:10] He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.*

*[John 1:11] He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*

*[John 1:12] Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--*

*[John 1:13] children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

*[John 1:14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

[Isa 9:6] For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

[Isa 9:7] Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.