



 Shatin Anglican Church

# 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

34TH ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING MAY 4, 2025



# COMMITTEE RULES

**These are the guidelines for the formation of the committee of Shatin Anglican Church hereinafter referred to as 'the Church.'**

## 1. General

1.1 The Church is part of the ministry of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, serving the English speaking population of the Shatin area. The Church is under the authority of the Vicar of St. Andrew's in all ecclesiastical and related matters, subject to the overall direction of the Archbishop of Hong Kong and Macau, and to the statutory requirements of the Church of England Trust Ordinance (CAP 1014 of the laws of Hong Kong) and its regulations.

1.2 The Minister in Charge shall be a member of the St. Andrew's Church staff and shall be appointed, suspended or dismissed, in accordance with clause 8c in the Church of England Trust Ordinance, subsidiary legislation, by St. Andrew's Church Council. At such time, the Church Committee shall request that St. Andrew's Council consult with them.

1.3 The Church Committee shall be responsible for the orderly direction of the affairs of the Church and for the proper exercise of the powers delegated to it by the St. Andrew's Church Council.

1.4 Members of the congregation may join the Electoral Roll of St. Andrew's Church subject to the conditions laid down by the regulations to the Ordinance for membership of the Electoral Roll.

1.5 A register of members of the Church will be kept comprising those over 18 years old who attend the Church. Only members who are baptised may vote at the Annual General Meeting.

## 2. Committee

2.1 The Church Committee shall comprise:  
a. The Minister in Charge (Chairman)  
b. Up to eight elected members  
c. Up to two co-opted members

2.2 The Committee shall be elected every year at the Annual General Meeting of the Church.

2.3 The Committee may co-opt not more than two members of the Church, and may appoint subcommittees which report back to the Committee.

2.4 In event of any member of the Committee vacating office for any reason before the Annual General Meeting, the remaining members of the Committee may appoint another member of the Church to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

### 3. Committee Procedure

3.1 The Chairman shall be the Minister in Charge or a member of Committee appointed by the Minister in Charge. In the event that the Chairman is not available, the Committee shall appoint an Acting Chairman from its own members.

3.2 Voting decisions of any Committee shall be reached by a simple majority. The Chairman of a committee shall have a casting vote, but a tied motion shall be defeated if the Chairman does not exercise the right to a casting vote.

3.3 A quorum for Committee meetings shall be five members. For subcommittees the quorum will be 1/3 of the total membership of that subcommittee.

3.4 The Committee shall appoint a Treasurer and a Minutes Secretary.

3.5 The Committee shall meet at least quarterly. At least one week's notice of the time, date and place of the Committee Meeting shall be given to the Committee members.

### 4. Annual General Meeting

4.1 The Chairman shall convene and preside over the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Church to be held not later than 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. In the absence of the Minister in Charge an Acting Chairman shall be appointed by the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church. At the AGM the Acting Chairman shall have the same rights and responsibilities as the Chairman.

4.2 A minimum of one month's notice of the AGM shall be given to all those on the register of members. Proposals of motions to be discussed at the meeting must reach the Minister in Charge in writing, two weeks before the AGM. The quorum for the AGM shall be 20% of the registered members of the Church.

4.3 Reports shall be made at the AGM by the Chairman, by the Treasurer, and by such other persons as the Minister in Charge may designate, in order to inform the congregation of the financial and membership situation, progress made during the year, and plans for the future.

4.4 Any motions shall be passed by a simple majority and the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

4.5 The AGM shall elect up to eight Members to the Committee from the registered members of the Church.

4.6 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by 50% of the registered members of the congregation with the approval of the Minister in Charge, or in his absence, the Vicar of St. Andrew's. Procedures shall follow that of the AGM.

# ELECTORAL ROLL

22 Apr 2025

ABBA Joy Ada	HUANG Lixi	ONUSELOGU Rany
BALANTUCAS Jessabel	HUTTON Andrew D	PANG Daniel
BASINGAN Virginia	HUTTON Emie	PANERIO Anillee
BISWETEN Lourdes	ISLIP Warren	PINERO Ariel
BORSTROK Jaap	JIM Jamie	PINERO Immalyn
BU Xinge	KAN Martin	SCHMECHEL Anja
CAHYANTI Vivian	KEUNG Chin Kit Michael	SHUM Mary Lynn
CASIO Valerie	KIM, Sun-A	SIM Shau-Wai
CATALINO Marissa	KO Ching	SIM Victor Man Fai
CHAN Chui Ting Fiona	KONG Man Yee Rosame	TAYLOR Deborah
CHAN Justin Adrian	KUNG Kenny	TAYLOR Stephen
CHAN Pearl	KWOK Eric	TONG Chun Yin Samuel
CHAN Rhoda	LAI Rachel	TSANG Mei Kuen
CHAU Hui Min Rita	LAM Sunny	TOR Harry
CHEAH Hin Fong Jennifer	LAO Pak Him Nathan	TSIH Maggie
CHEE Joanie	LARDIZABAL Irene	TSIH Peter
CHEE Yuet Oi	LEE Kin Ming	TSOI Alice
CHENG Daniel	LEE Koon Yan Alfred	TSOI Nicola
CHEONG Yat Loon	LEE Michael Y-K	TSOI Peter Kam Yin
CHIEN Franky	LEE Sai Hang	TSOI Robert
CHING Wai Tong Brady	LEE Shih-Huei	TSOI Timothy
CHIU Kevin	LEUNG Kent	TSOI Tracy Gia Yunn
CHOI Yan	LEUNG Maria	TSUI Justin
CHOW Chi Man Joey	LEUNG Shannon	UNO Mari
CHOY Yee Mei Michelle	LEUNG Stanley	VIANA Harold
CHU Calvin Cheong Yin	LI Carmen	VIANA Kendra
CHU Julia	LI Tik Hong Jay	WONG Chui Yan Cindy
DAI Hui	LIM Chui Chui	WONG Josephine
DEDAL Liberty	LIU Gloria	WONG Ka Hung Bryan
DEL FAVERO Misha	LIU Li Juan (Jane)	WONG Kai Fung David
DEMEGILLO Julie Ann	LOW Chi Fong	WONG Ka Yee Alice
DIONALDO Madeline	MAEDA Megumi	WONG Steven
ESPAÑO Evelyn	MELDRUM Sally	WONG Sze Ting Eunice
EZEAMUZIE Mercy	MOK Elizabeth	WU Willy
EZEAMUZIE Ndudi	MUI Florence	YAM Hiu Lan Kian
FAN Ka Wa Sam	MUI Pui Ha Sally	YAN Evelyn
FOX Paul W	NAM Tik Yan Nickole	YAU Christine
GAFOOR Clarissa Jane Fernie	NG Mike	YIP Siu Ying
GRANA Theresa	NG Rebecca	YU Ivy
GRANBERG Sadie	NG Yuen Yung Julia	ZHANG Amanda
HO Albert Kwan Hang	ONUSELOGU Buife Moria	
HO Sum Wang	ONUSELOGU Diogo (Ann)	
HO Timothy	ONUSELOGU Peter	

# **AGENDA**

## **Shatin Church 34th Annual Church Meeting**

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# SMALL GROUPS

- TAI WAI LINKS

**O**ur group saw the departure of Karine, Samson and Rebecca during 2024. Karine immigrated to the US whilst Samson and Rebecca moved to Kowloon International Baptist Church due to Samson's employment. We also added two new members in John and Sally Wong. The group has 14 members with about 5-6 who attend regularly. We continue to meet every Friday evening however it is difficult for those working to have enough energy for the study. Martin continues to co-lead and has taken up more studies in recent months. The group is still a wide mix of demographics with ages ranging from 16-65. Please pray for the group to persist in meeting regularly despite the demands of work and its drain on our energy and time. Please also pray for improved fellowship and sharing given its age gap and diverse demographics.

*Peter Tsih*

- FO TAN LINKS

**O**ur LINKS group in Fo Tan has enjoyed a year of personal growth and fellowship together. As is the normal pattern, the membership has changed as established members have emigrated or left the church, whilst newcomers have been welcomed and become part of our church family. Some have joined from other groups. One recent departure is our dear sister Jane Lau, who passed away in April. She and Ming have been regular members of Shatin Church for about 30 years. Most of us are mature Christians, yet each of us knows that we still have valuable things to learn through our studies of the Bible. We take turns to lead the Bible study and discussion. We would welcome younger members to join us, as many of us 'old hands' have had plenty of life experiences and mistakes that we can share, to help the younger generations avoid repeating the same!



*Paul Fox*

• WU KAI SHA LINKS

**B**y God's grace, our group has grown from 10 members to over 18. We are thankful for our regular Bible study sessions on Sunday and for the willingness of more members to take turns leading these studies. We are also excited to welcome new leaders—Gigi, Justin, and Patrick—who will assist when we divide into smaller groups. We also have monthly dinner fellowship hosted at members' homes. Over the past two terms, we have enjoyed activities such as hiking, buddy sharing, Christmas afternoon tea, outreach to friends with Gospel sharing; and serving refreshments together. These experiences have strengthened our bonds and supported each other's spiritual journeys.



Please pray for our rapidly growing membership and for equipping more members to lead the Bible Studies. We also give thanks to God for Victor and Shau-Wai who have faithfully led our group in the past.

*Timothy Ho and Gigi Cheng*

• CITY ONE LINKS

**T**his year, our Bible group has had a fruitful and engaging journey, meeting every Thursday for meaningful Bible study, fellowship, and spiritual growth. We've been blessed to welcome new members into our community, fostering a warm and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued. Alongside our studies, we've enjoyed sharing refreshments and organizing fun activities like board game nights, which have strengthened our bonds and brought joy to our gatherings. Through these efforts, we've grown not only in faith but also in friendship, creating a supportive space where we can learn, serve, share openly about situations and encourage one another. It has been a year of blessings, laughter, and deepening connections with God and each other.

*Evelyn Yan and Ivy Yu*

• *SUNDAY LINKS GROUP A*

Over the past year, our group has enjoyed a fruitful season filled with meaningful connections. We are grateful for the support we offer one another in prayer and Bible sharing, which helps bridge the age differences within our group. With God's grace, we had the privilege of joining Bless Vision to share God's love with



refugee families in April. In September, we celebrated a significant milestone when our young members, Jan and Nathan, publicly confirmed their faith and were baptized. In December, we gathered for a home church and barbecue, fostering fellowship and joy. We also participated in joint group hikes with the WKS group in January and February 2025, which further strengthened our bonds.

We are proud to announce that Nathan has stepped up to become a Links leader, taking on new responsibilities in another subgroup of Sunday Links. As we move forward, we will farewell Ethan, who will complete his exchange studies in May in Hong Kong. His presence will be missed, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



*Nickole Nam*

• *SUNDAY LINKS GROUP B*

Our Links group has about a dozen members, mostly consisting of young adults. Ashley and Daniel have been leading the group since its creation about a year ago. Since then, the group has stretched and shifted a lot. Although we've had to say goodbye to a few members, we're mostly settled

now. We meet every Sunday to study the Bible together, and we keep each other in our prayers during the week. We hope to keep building each other up and growing in Jesus together. Please keep us in your prayers too, as our group takes shape and puts down roots. Please pray for grace to face all the many things that God has put in our lives, but also the wisdom to put it all in perspective, and love for not only each other but for the Word of God.

*Daniel Pang and Ashley Lau*

- *SUNDAY LINKS GROUP C*

**A**n average of 4 to 5 members out of 10 members attend the Links discussion on Sunday at LKM. Though small in size, the group had authentic & personal sharing edifying all the members. Prayer requests are shared afterwards & members respond to urgent prayer requests.

*Anne Leung*

- *SUNDAY LINKS GROUP D*

**S**unday Links Group D is a young and energetic group that consists of people of mainly younger age (we have some high school students and university students). We meet on most Sundays at 12pm for our Bible study.

Though our age is mostly similar, the spiritual maturity "age" of the members is quite varied - which has given us a great opportunity to learn about each other's faith journey and learn from each other's different and unique perspectives on various topics. Some of our members enjoy talking and discussing deep topics on life, God and the Bible. We also like to casually hang out and have lunch together after our Links Bible study on Sundays.

We are blessed to have Nathan and Harry help Anja to lead the group since the beginning of this year, and we also had the privilege to welcome some new members into our group. Sometimes it can be a challenge to find time





for the Bible study meeting as some members are quite busy with school/ university studies, work or ministry. Please pray for us to keep growing closer together as a Links group and that we would strengthen and encourage one another as we grow closer to God.

*Anja Schmechel*

• *PUTONGHUA LINKS: MANNA*

**B**y God’s Grace, Our Putonghua Group (Manna Links) Turns One!

We praise God for His abundant blessings over the past year as our group celebrates its first anniversary. Our journey began in early 2024 with just four members. In those early months, new people joined almost every week —many of them seekers. Though some have left for various reasons, we thank God for bringing them into our fellowship, even if only for a short time, and we pray that the seeds planted in their hearts will continue to grow. Today, we are blessed with ten regular members, ranging in age from their 20s to 60s. Six to seven people can come for the Bible study and fellowship every week.



In addition, we occasionally welcome visitors—both Christians and newcomers—from within and outside our church. We especially thank God for answered prayers: our group, which was once all-female, now has two male members! (Though it’s not something we boast about, we often joke that we might have the most PhDs—two graduates and two in progress.)



**Looking Back and Moving Forward**

Last year, we set “growing the group” as our main goal. Now that the group has stabilized, our focus for this year is “making disciples.” We aim to deepen our relationships with one another while continuing to grow in personal faith. We are grateful for the moving of the Holy Spirit’s among us each week. Our two-hour gatherings—often lasted longer than planned—are always filled

with tears, laughter, open discussions, and genuine sharing. We emphasize deep Bible study to learn God’s Word. After Bible study, we spend time in prayer for each other. Starting last term, we intentionally began to equip two young members to take on leadership roles. By giving them opportunities to lead Bible studies, we hope to nurture them as future leaders.



### **Fellowship and Special Moments**

We organize social events once or twice each term to foster deeper connections and create space for more relaxed sharing.

- In May 2024, one of our members, a theology professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, invited us to visit her school and gave us a tour of Dao Fong Shan. We learned about God’s design in many of the seminary’s iconic buildings, worshipped in the chapel, meditated at Dao Fong Shan, followed by a feast and time of sharing.
- Last September, as we prepared to start a new term, we gathered at Carmen’s home. Over delicious food, we shared how we’ve grown through the Putonghua group. Pastor Heewoo’s family, Alice, and Robert joined us, and prayed for the group.
- Early this year, we celebrated Chinese Lunar New Year by writing *Hui Chun* calligraphy of Bible verses, honoring the season with traditions and Scripture.



### **Prayer Requests**

We humbly ask for your prayers:

- All members will be rooted in God’s Word, established in love, and overflow with joy.

- Seekers who have visited will return and develop a desire to learn about God.
- For wisdom and guidance as we continue to disciple the two young leaders in our group.
- For God’s leading in our plans to hold a retreat at the Anglican House of Prayer.

**Let’s keep trusting the Lord to grow our PTH group – Manna – not only in number but depth of our faith and discipleship.**

*Amanda Zhang and Carmen Li*

• *FAMILY LINKS*

**T**he Lord draws people to himself and post-Covid a number of young families joined Shatin Church. Initially one of two families with young children would sit at the back of the hall and we could barely hear them during the service. When five or six families began attending regularly, we decided to establish a Links Group to support these parents and their children. We asked the parents what they would like to get from the group. Their replies were: Bible study; Fellowship; Christian support and how to parent children in the Christian faith.

The Families Links Group started in November 2024 and we meet twice a month straight after the Sunday service. We simplify things by ordering in lunch for all the family and babysitters. Daniel and Esther Hutton and Alice Wong regularly look after the young children so that the parents can attend the Bible Study without distraction. We meet in the Activity Room of LKM School and the children play in the adjacent undercover area.

Since it was a completely new group with members who didn’t know each other and who may not have joined a Bible Study before we started with 5 Bible Studies on ‘What the Bible says about Parenting’: God’s View of Children - Mark 10:13-16; A Firm Family Foundation -Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12; Demonstrating God’s Love - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8 ESV; Passing on Beliefs and Values - Deuteronomy 6: 1-9; The Seasons of Parenting -



Ecclesiastes Ch 3 v 1 – 8. These gave us opportunities to get to know each other better. We now follow the Sermon Bible studies along with other Links Groups.

As well as meeting for the Bible Studies we have been on a family hike to Ma On Shan Country Park, had 2 Barbecues and are due to have an Easter Egg Hunt and Badminton on Easter Saturday. 6 – 7 families regularly attend although 10 families have signed up. We thank the Lord for establishing this group and pray that the young families will grow up together, be established in the faith and serve together in Shatin Church. It has been a great blessing to see this group become so close in only 4 months. We're thankful that Kwan Ho Li and Chris Lai, along with Amy Ko and Stephanie Li will be leading and coordinating the group in the future.



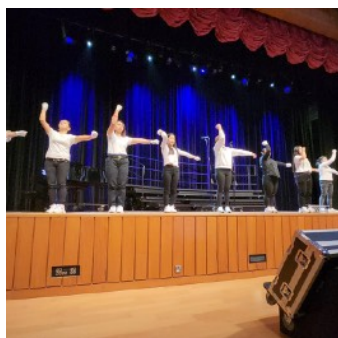
*Shau-Wai and Victor Sim*



# PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

**P**raise God for Lyca, Honeymae, Bernadeth, Yvonne who had joined the church and the fellowship. We are thankful that ICS Domestic Workers Day invited the PF ladies to perform a lyrical interpretative dance and they enjoyed the games and received freebies. We were able to organize the Pistang Pinoy and Christmas party as our evangelistic event with 40 people including the ladies in Christian Action - Migrant Domestic Workers. Please continue to pray for spiritual growth and continued service in the Lord in different ministries.

*Ariel Piñero*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## KINGDOM KIDS

**K**ingdom Kids welcomes children aged 0–11 through four dedicated groups:

Sparklers our Nursery/Crèche is for babies and Toddlers aged 0–2. This group restarted in November 2024 due to the growing number of young families. Our littlest ones and their parents can now sit in a room with the service live streamed.

Rainbows 3–5: Preschoolers discover Bible stories through play, crafts, and songs. The Rainbows class uses the 'Click' curriculum by The Good Book Company.

Splash 6–7: Kids dive into God's Word with interactive lessons and activities.



Explorers 8–11: Pre-teens explore their faith through bible reading, discussion, service, and creative projects and many fun games. Both Splash and Explorers use the Mustard Seeds Sunday School curriculum and this year they have studied bible stories from the series Journey to the Promised Land, Joshua, Judges and Ruth.



With almost 60 children registered across these

groups, we have celebrated a year of growth, laughter, learning, and unforgettable moments!

Every second week we also have a Family Focus talk during the service. Afterwards we usually have an action song and children from Kingdom Kids are asked to participate and one or two children volunteer to lead the song actions on stage.



## **Volunteers: Our Ministry Heroes**

None of this would be possible without our incredible team of over 20 volunteers! This may seem like a lot, but given each week there are at least 7 volunteers serving across the 4 classes, we welcome assistant teachers. Our Sunday school teacher's dedication in preparing and teaching lessons, their love and service to God and our kids is what makes Kingdom Kids happen. All volunteers are required to undergo safeguarding training to serve with our children's ministry. We are deeply grateful for their servant hearts! Do consider joining us if you can and see how God is at work in this ministry!

## **2024 Highlights**

Christmas Play & Performance: Our children and youth did a great job singing, dancing and performing in a retelling of Jesus' birth reminding us all of the true joy of Christmas. Many volunteers helped to make this event happen and Rhoda our youth director and the youth did a wonderful job!



Summer Games Day: A splash-tastic outdoor event with water games, Bible-themed relays, water balloons and bubbles! Kids and youth volunteers loved getting wet at this end of school year party!

For Day Away 2024 on 19<sup>th</sup> October, we invited the wonderful team from YWAM Tuen Mun to conduct the day's program for the children.

Easter Activities: Through resurrection crafts, egg hunts, and storytelling, children learned the hope of Jesus' victory over death.

## **Why Children's Ministry Matters**

Teaching children to love and follow Jesus is one of the greatest privileges we have. As Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

By nurturing their faith early, we plant seeds that will grow for a lifetime. Kingdom Kids also partners with families, creating a church community where every child feels valued and known.

## **Looking Ahead**

Please continue to pray for our Kingdom Kids and their spiritual growth under the guidance of their parents and Sunday school teachers. We pray for faithful and committed teachers who first seek to know and love God before serving our kids. Thank you to every parent, volunteer, and supporter who makes this ministry possible. Together, we are raising the next generation to shine for Christ!

*'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'*

*Matthew 19:14 (NIV)*



Florence Mui





**T**ea n Tots, our church’s toddler playgroup and parent outreach ministry, continues to serve as a vibrant bridge between our congregation and the broader community. Over the past half year, we hosted two terms, each culminating in a joyful end-of-term outing. These gatherings provide a welcoming space for families with young children to connect, share experiences, and build relationships whilst the staff team and volunteers share Christ’s love. We thank Pearl Chan, Rita Chau, Daniel Hutton, Dora Dai, Gigi Cheng, Katie Friedrich, Alicia, Shau Wai and Ariel for assisting at different points over the last two terms.



Each term features weekly sessions where parents and caregivers enjoy fellowship over refreshments while toddlers engage in play-based activities. These moments of connection are intentional to foster trust and openness, creating opportunities to gently share our faith.

We charge a minimal cost of \$60 per session, payable for the term, to cover the costs of running the program. On average, between 10-12 families sign up per term.

Tea n Tots embodies our commitment to evangelism through service. By meeting practical and emotional needs, we plant seeds of faith, echoing Jesus’ call to “let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16, NIV). Some families who joined as newcomers have expressed gratitude for the support they have received, with several attending Sunday services or other church events to explore Christianity. This ministry not only nurtures young families but also reflects our mission to live out the Gospel tangibly. As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to serving our community with love, inviting all to discover the hope found in Christ and His church.

*Florence Mui*



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## SOLID ROCK

**S**olid Rock is our youth ministry, and our mission is to **make disciples** of youth students by redeeming them through the power of the gospel, **maturing them spiritually** through the church community, and sending them out on **mission** to their schools and to the nations.

In 2024, for Solid Rock Saturday, we finished our year with the theme “New Creations in Christ” finishing our study on Malachi and the first part of 2 Corinthians. In the summer we went through a video series “Help My Unbelief” learning how to deal with doubts. Later in the year we moved to this year’s theme for Solid Rock “Christ Followers.” We Finished 2 Corinthians studying how to be spiritual leaders and are currently studying Joshua learning what it means to obey God.



On Sundays, Solid Rock has in-depth Bible studies led by our student and adult leaders. In these groups we read passages and have in depth discussion based on the passage read. In spring of 2024, we studied the book of Mark. In the summer, we had a series studying different prayers in the Bible. We started our normal Bible studies after summer in 1 Kings. We have

just finished a video series called “The Prodigal” following the story of the prodigal son and discovering if following Jesus is worth it.

One of Solid Rock’s values is Service (1 Peter 4:9-11). The youth were able to serve in different capacities at church. For Christmas, the youth



participated in the Christmas play by acting, performing a musical number and running backstage. For the Good Friday Service, the youth participated in helping create shadow puppet skits depicting the different parts of the passion story. There were also youth that participated in acting during the service. In addition to all this, several youth help out in various parts of church service: Chair Setup Team, Ushering, Kingdom Kids, Music Team, Reading and the PA Team.



Two other Solid Rock values are Discipleship 2 (Timothy 2:2) and Family (Ephesians 4:1-6). This year we had our first Lock-in (sleepover) at the church center. The purpose of this event was to build relationships and have fun. We had food, a time of worship and reflection, organized games, and a late-night snack with a movie.

Solid Rock is God's ministry, and I am blessed to see how God has used the ministry to change and shape the youth. I am thankful for the leaders that God has brought me to help lead the youth in their spiritual journey. Our student leaders this year are Benjamin, Esther, and, Naomi. They help and assist the ministry by leading small groups and help me in making decisions for Solid Rock. God has also blessed me with amazing adult leaders who help in mentoring the youth on both Saturday and Sunday. I am very grateful for these leaders: Daniel, Justin, Nicola, Harry, and Pearl. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to use this ministry to further His kingdom.

*Rhoda Chan*



# OTHER MINISTRIES

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



The Spring session included talks on mentoring, life-long learning and an exposition into minor prophets. The annual Ladies Appreciation Dinner was well received with over 25 attendees. For Summer, there was sharing on how to lead our family spiritually and how to love our wives biblically. Both sessions were well attended with open sharing within the group. By Autumn we went through a 4 part study on Sabbath; gaining greater appreciation on rest as a practice and concept aimed at deepening our faith.

Throughout the year, there were fellowship activities that took us hiking, kayaking and boating. Our group is at 30 members although regular participants dropped slightly due to some Links groups meeting on Sundays which conflicted with some of the sharing sessions. Please pray for us to remain faithful in Christ and honor our Father in all that we do at home and at work.



*Peter Tsih*

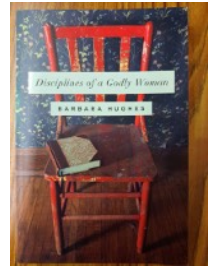


## WOMEN'S BRUNCH

**W**e are thankful to the Lord that the Women of Shatin Church are keen to meet together for fellowship quarterly as well as supporting their own Links Groups in between. Normally between 22-30 ladies attend. We have become a cohesive and supportive group, enjoying times of fellowship, learning from God's Word, thinking practically about how to apply these truths to our daily lives and praying for opportunities to share the Gospel with our friends. Each meeting starts with a time of singing and worship led by Nicola Tsoi, then the Bible Study or teaching followed by a wonderful time of sharing and prayer in small groups. We then have a "bring and share" lunch which is always healthy and delicious. A few ladies leave afterwards but many will stay for a time of fellowship, fun, crafting or a workshop for another hour or two. It is always an enjoyable day where we enjoy warm fellowship and good teaching. Praise God.

### June 2024

For a change we used St Andrew's church for our meeting on a Saturday morning. We are reading the book "Disciplines of a Godly Women" by Barbara Hughes and discussed the first 4 chapters in small groups. Lunch was enjoyed at a local French restaurant and then a few of us visited the Museum of Art.



### September 2024

We met at our Church Centre and discussed the Disciplines of the Mind; Contentment; Propriety; and Perseverance. We held a crafting session in the afternoon.

### December 2024

We try to make the December meeting more of an evangelistic event which is more suited to our non-church friends. We held a Well-Being and Pamper Day which proved very



popular with 30 ladies attending. We started with a Stretch Class led by Shau-Wai. From our contacts we were able to invite beauticians to give: head and neck massages; manicures and a make-up demonstration. Sarah Sofield shared about her cancer journey and how the Lord had been working in her life. All the ladies received a Goody Bag with Sarah's testimony, Mark's Gospel, small gifts and chocolates.



March 2025

We continued to study the Disciplines book and discussed the Disciplines of the Church; Singleness; Marriage and Nurturing. 7 ladies attended the Flower Arranging Workshop in the afternoon.

With Shau-Wai stepping down from the staff team, Amanda Zhang will be coordinating future Women's Brunches with the help of a small planning group incl. Cindy Lee, Mary Shum and Nicola Tsoi. Planned future meetings for 2025: 14th June; 13th September; 29th November.

*Shau-Wai Sim*



## THREAD UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

In response to the growing number of university students attending our church in recent months, we are excited to introduce Thread University Fellowship (TUF), a new ministry dedicated to engaging and supporting students in their faith journey but also opening a path to the students who do not know Christ to come and explore what Christianity is all about.



The first official core team meeting of TUF was held on 14th March 2025. The team, comprising four student leaders—Nathan, Jan, Calister, and Harry—gathered to discuss and plan the direction of the fellowship. We were also privileged to have Pastor Heewoo joining the meeting, providing valuable guidance and support for the fellowship.



During the core team meeting, several student leaders proposed that TUF should prioritize discussions on apologetics-based topics, addressing challenging yet foundational questions often encountered by those exploring Christianity. Key themes suggested for exploration includes topics like ‘Does science conflict with Christianity?’ and ‘Evidence of the resurrection’. These topics were seen as relevant

for university students who are discovering the Christian faith; therefore, this Uni group aims to provide thoughtful and evidence-based talk and discussion sessions so that it can open the doors for the Gospel the be shared with some of these students and foster meaningful dialogue during the discussion sessions.

Additionally, recognizing the presence of overseas university students who joined our church last summer, we will organize extra TUF sessions during the summer period. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued prayers and support for this ministry, your prayers are deeply appreciated.



*Harry Tor*



## CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED AND ALPHA COURSES

/// The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ" (2 Cor 4:4-6).

The above passage shows the impossibility of converting anyone to Christianity by our own efforts. Only God can create faith and open the eyes of the blind by shining the light of Christ into people's hearts.

Our job is to preach Christ!

As a church, one major way we fulfill this mission is through two proven programs: Christianity Explored (CE) and Alpha Courses. In 2024-25, we conducted two Christianity Explored courses and one Alpha Course.

Amanda Zhang and I led the first CE course from mid-January to March 2024. It was a vibrant group with many non-Christians and young Christians attending, representing mainland China, Taiwan, France, and Hong Kong. Although the non-Christian participants have not yet turned to Christ, they eagerly came with questions each week and heard the gospel clearly explained. Many attended the Easter services and subsequent special events.

Following that course, we ran the Alpha course from April to June, with Amanda Zhang and Peter Tsih joining me as leaders. Two firefighters from Hong Kong seeking Jesus participated, along with a mainland PhD student and two young Christians from our church. The leaders were impressed by the commitment of the participants each week.

Most recently, another Christianity Explored course was held from February to March 2025. I led this course with the assistance of our new Ministry Apprentice, Harry Tor. Six Christians, both young and old, joined the course. Many found it to be a valuable space to ask questions and explore their faith more deeply.

Rico Tice, the presenter of Christianity Explored, says that if the gospel is not the best news we have ever heard, we can be sure that we have not yet understood it. It is our privilege as a church to proclaim this best news to so many, both informally and formally, through courses like this. May the Lord continue to open the eyes of the blind through us!

*Heewoo Han*



## BLESS VISION OUTREACH

**F**rom Matthew 25: 34-40 Jesus talks about our attitude to strangers and foreigners. <sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Bless Vision is a fairly new Christian NGO who support low-income families in Hong Kong including Refugees and Asylum Seekers. These are a very neglected and invisible group with very little government support. The work is mainly through the English language and there are opportunities for the whole of Shatin Church to participate.



Between 6-10 Shatin Church members join the Bless Vision monthly visitation to English speaking refugee families normally in the Sham Shui Po, Yau Ma Tai and To Kwa Wan areas. We take a parcel of food and supplies to them and chat with them for a half an hour or more. It can be quite emotionally and physically draining as families live in very confined spaces and may have had sad experiences. We pray that our visits would be a blessing and balm to their troubled lives. We thank the Lord for members of Shatin Church who have a heart to serve and minister to the poor and vulnerable in our society.



In addition to the monthly visits, we have hosted a Day Trip to Noah's Ark Theme Park last year and a Christmas Party in December 2024 at the Bless Vision Centre in Kwun Tong. 31 people attended with 14 volunteers from Shatin Church. We watched a Nativity Story, sang Carols, played games, ate delicious food brought in from a local restaurant and then moved to the local park for entertainment from Mila the Clown again. Shatin Church members had donated gifts for the families, and we were able to make up 30 Christmas gift boxes. These were received with great joy. We all had a wonderful time and we were privileged to have been able to bless them in this way.



*Shau-Wai Sim*



## SECONDARY SCHOOL OUTREACH - ENGLISH LUNCH CLUB DISCUSSIONS

In this current academic year (2024-25), there are three Anglican secondary schools involved: Lam Kau Mow (LKM) in City One, Bishop Mok Sau Tseng (MTS) in Tai Po and Tsang Shiu Tim (TST) in Wo Che. The aim of the Lunch Clubs is to for our church mentors to help students improve their spoken English through authentic cultural exchange with mentors of different nationalities and ages. In discussing various



topics set by the students, our church mentors also share their life experiences and their faith journeys.

Attendance by students has been maintained at 8 students at MST, 30 students in 3 groups at LKM and 40 students (30 students after F6 students leaving in mid-Dec 2024) in 3 groups at TST.

Feedback from liaison teaching staff has been positive and supportive. Sometimes the groups will be split into smaller size when more mentors are available. The age of students ranges from 12 to 17 years old. As in the previous years, the topics are set by the students to be more relevant and meaningful to the students. Topics range from “Do we have complete control over our choices or pre-determined factors like biology or environment?”, “Are teenage years the best

time of your life?” to “Is immortal life worth it?”. Students

and mentors freely share their different perspectives, resulting in deeper understanding, appreciation and bonding of all parties. Church mentors invite the students to attend Sunday morning workshop, especially at Shatin Church. Some students have been



attending on a regular basis, serving on the PA Team, the Music Team and joining Links Discussion groups on Sunday. Some F6 students have showed interest in coming to Shatin Church after their public exams (DSE) in April, 2025. Most have not formally committed to the Lord. Yet, it is encouraging that they are very open to the mentors sharing about God.

Our long-established regular volunteer mentors this year have been at LKM: Pastor Heewoo, Peter Tsih, Paul Fox, (with Shau Wai and Ariel joining from time to time). At MST are Elisabeth Mok and Andy Hutton. At TST are: Jaap Borstrok, Andy Hutton, William Yeung, Nathan Lao, Carmen Li and Jane Wong (with Paul Fox, Victor and Shau Wai Sim, Florence Ho, Justin Tsui, Mardelle Ho, Dennis Hui, Hakan Granberg and Judy Granberg visiting from time to time).



The TST Outreach has been well supported by the teaching staff there – at LKM: Karin Lam; at TST: Rosame Kong, Cherlotte Lam, Collin Cheung and retired staff member Anne Leung.

We thank God for the opportunity to talk with the young people, and to share our life experiences of HIM working in our lives. Please contact any of the undersigned if you wish to join us.

*Andy Hutton, Elisabeth Mok, Rosame Kong and Anne Leung*



## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

### **C**loud-based system:

I adopted a cloud-based system to facilitate data logging, information sharing, and inventory registration. Now, the whole team (Sum-wang Ho and Sam Fan) can edit the indoor environment quality Excel data record sheet simultaneously, and relevant stakeholders were invited to access the information on the shared drive. Moreover, all the portable electrical equipment used at S.K.H. Lam Kau Mou is now registered, and the inventory registration for the church centre is still in progress. Below is a photo of our team's computer:



### **New air-conditioning system at the school hall**

After the new split-type air conditioners and ventilation fans had been installed in November 2024, the following improvements were made:

- a) Heating was provided on cold days.
- b) Automatic temperature control is used to attain stability in the indoor environment.
- c) Better noise control.
- d) Sufficient fresh air supply to the school hall.

Below is the photo of the control panels of the new air conditioners.



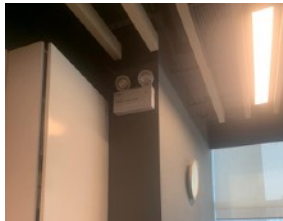
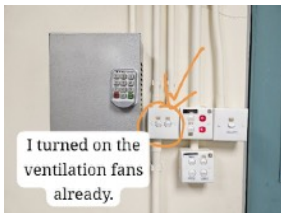
## Technical support for refreshment teams

I designed and constructed the system for the refreshment teams. A pre-work briefing is conducted at 09:30 am on Sundays to ensure that the members are aware of the safety and the technical requirements:



## Other works

The other safety and health management work (e.g. egress, ventilation, building services at the church centre) was conducted effectively as usual.



For a better understanding of the principles of my facility management, please visit my website to read the pertinent technical articles and papers:

<https://samkwfan.wixsite.com/samkwfan>

*Sam Fan*



## MUSIC MINISTRY

**P**raise God for the new volunteers Sally, Joy, Adrian, Nathan, Bright and Lyca. We are so blessed for all the team members who are helping tirelessly week by week. If you could continue to pray for more volunteers, especially a new music leader who would step up and be willing to be trained for future leading. Thank God for the Solid Rock youth band who help in leading the music once a month, people are encouraged to worship. Lastly, Rhoda, Ben, Daniel and Ariel had the opportunity to lead praise songs and share the gospel to the whole LKM School student body during their Gospel Week. If you could pray that through the songs and the gospel message, God will speak to their hearts to put their trust and faith in Him.



*Ariel Piñero*



## PA MINISTRY

**G**OD can speak to us in every means and ways by HIS power alone but Public Address (PA) Team strive to ensure clear and effective audio delivery from Worship Team, Speaker and Pastor during worship services, events, and other church activities. It is so important that you will always notice it if anything goes wrong :P

The current system is in good condition and functions well. There are not many changes except some new setup connecting to LKM's sound system. Besides, we have purchased a new wireless set including two additional handheld mics. With the stable performance and compatibility to the current wireless system, it gives us the feasibility to host special event with better sound quality and less feedback when many wireless mics are required.

I am always thankful for Evelyn Yan and Moria Onuselogu as they are the long term and experienced members who serve faithfully for years. In addition, it is exciting that two new members: John Wong and Samuel Tong have joined our team. Though regular Sunday service doesn't require many manpower for PA duty, we always pray for more members. Don't hesitate to reach us if you lack of technical or musical skill. Training will be provided and you may be surprised to find out that it is not a difficult task. Please consider joining us and be a part of building up the body of Christ in Shatin Church. We extend our gratitude to the church leadership, worship team, and fellow volunteers for their support. The PA Team remains committed to serving with excellence, ensuring that every word and note is heard clearly for God's glory.

*Michael Keung*



## USHERING & WELCOME

**T**he team has 22 members and has not seen any turnover since over the past few years. The change to worshipping at the lower floor went smoothly and we continue to see new joiners every month. A welcome pack containing a booklet of Mark's gospel, tissue and church info card was introduced in Feb 2025. Please pray for each member to have the courage and servant-mindedness to reach out to new joiners and be an instrument of God's love and kindness.



*Peter Tsh*



## DAY AWAY

**T**he 2024 Shatin Church Day Away took place on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at the HKFYG Jockey Club in Sai Kung. Seven members from Resurrection Church in Sai Kung attended, contributing to a total of 84 participants. It was a jam-packed day filled with learning and fellowship. The adult session was led by Pastor Adam McCulloch from Kowloon Evangelical Community Church. He reminded the church that every Christian is to be serving in a role in mission – either by going or supporting those who have gone. Through the two sessions, Pastor McCulloch unpacked the biblical vision for mission and inspired us to participate in God's mission, drawing from Matthew 28:16-20. His impactful teaching had immediate results; one participant felt compelled to invite and take his father to a local church, hoping he would come to know the Lord. In the afternoon, Sandra Shanly, a staff member from Campus Crusade for Christ, led a session titled "How to Always Be Ready to



Share the Good News.” She reminded us that all evangelism begins with prayer for the lost and equipped us with effective tools for sharing the Gospel.

For our children aged three to eleven, Anja Schmechel and a team from YWAM Tuen Mun led a program focused on teaching them to love and share the love of Christ with others.



However, the day was not solely about learning; it was also an opportunity for fellowship and building connections as a church family. During free time, participants enjoyed basketball and badminton in the gym, board games, cake decorating, indoor archery, and swimming.

It is through times like this, we realize our church’s vision: “Growing in Jesus, Sharing Our Lives, and Reaching the World”.



*Heewoo Han*



# MISSION PARTNERSHIP

**T**hank God for the financial provision for supporting our 15 mission partners for another 2-year cycle. The church members were able to meet our mission partners during the Mission Sunday and Simba Musvamhiri (CEO of African Enterprise - Australia) was the guest preacher. We give glory and honor to God during our mission trip to Dalat City, Vietnam for a marriage conference attended by 58 couples for 2 days. Shatin Church organized the conference with the help of Pauline, Ella, Carmen Li, Eric, Ariel and Immalyn. It was a tiring trip but fulfilling spiritually. We are thankful for the financial support as well to materialise the needs of the trip. Lastly, we are able to donate some amount to Build A Music School (BAMS) who trained less fortunate kids to be musicians in Myanmar. We are happy to meet and hear them playing during our communion.



*Ariel Piñero*



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## 2024 Financial Summary

	2024	2023	Change	%	2024 Budget
	HKD	HKD	HKD		HKD
Givings - Loose Offering	151,690	63,645	88,045	138%	60,000
Givings - Planned and Special Giving	4,229,767	3,977,880	251,887	6%	4,173,000
<b>Total Tithes and Offering</b>	<b>4,381,457</b>	<b>4,041,525</b>	<b>339,932</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>4,233,000</b>
Bank Interest Received	100,551	-	100,551		100,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,482,008</b>	<b>4,041,525</b>	<b>440,483</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>4,333,000</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,335,020</b>	<b>3,975,895</b>	<b>359,125</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4,216,950</b>
<b>Total Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>146,988</b>	<b>65,630</b>	<b>81,358</b>	<b>124%</b>	<b>116,050</b>

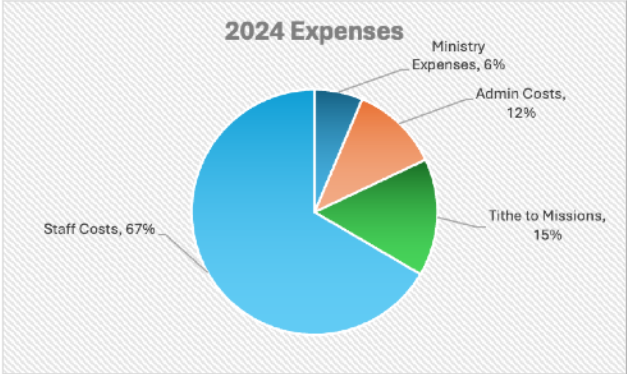
Shatin Church ended 2024 with a surplus of around HKD 147k representing a 124% increase from the HKD 66k in 2023 (and 26% better than the budgeted surplus of HKD 116k).

Total tithes and offerings of HKD 4.4 million in 2024 is 8% higher than the HKD 4.0 million received in 2023. In addition to this, we have also received HKD 0.1 million of interest income from placement of HKD 2.4 million fixed deposit with the bank. So total income including bank interest of around HKD 4.5 million represents a 11% increase in income compared to year 2023.

Total annual expenses for 2024 increased slightly by 9% to HKD 4.3 million compared to HKD 4.0 million in year 2023. This is mainly due to higher hall rental (under Admin Costs), higher tithing to missions and additional provision on the clergy children tuition (under Staff Cost) as seen below.

	2024	2023	Change	%
	HKD	HKD	HKD	
Ministry Expenses	275,185	277,651	(2,466)	-1%
Admin Costs	502,542	497,897	4,645	1%
Tithe to Missions	672,195	606,150	66,045	11%
Staff Costs	2,885,098	2,594,197	290,901	11%
	<b>4,335,020</b>	<b>3,975,895</b>	<b>359,125</b>	

The following chart shows how the 2024 expenses were allocated. Like previous years, the largest portion of expenses being the staff cost of around 67%, followed by 15% on tithe to missions, 12% on Administrative Costs and 6% on Ministry Expenses.



**Looking ahead to 2025**

	2025 Budget	2024	Change	%
	HKD	HKD	HKD	
Total Income	4,616,000	4,482,008	133,992	3%
Ministry Expenses	348,000	275,185	72,815	26%
Admin Costs	560,400	502,542	57,858	12%
Tithe to Missions	692,400	672,195	20,205	3%
Staff Costs	2,941,000	2,885,098	55,902	2%
Total Expenses	4,541,800	4,335,020	206,780	5%
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	74,200	146,988	(72,788)	-50%

This year, the church committee has budgeted HKD 4.6 million for income (3% increase from 2024 actual) and HKD 4.5 million for expenses (5% increase from 2024 actual) with a small surplus of HKD 74K forecasted in 2025.

The increased budgeted expenses for 2025 are mainly due to:

- Higher Ministry Expenses including sponsorship of a scholar and higher outreach expenses.
- Higher Admin Costs for renting the hall and activities rooms on Sunday.
- Higher Staff Costs for additional ministry apprentice; and lastly
- Higher tithing to missions.

We trust God's continuous provisions through the generous giving from church members. If Shatin Church is your home church and you have a predictable income, you can partner with us to serve God through tithings and offerings via direct debit. This greatly helps us to plan for future expenses and manage cash flow. Candy Ho (our church administrator) can help you set up this simple form, and a detailed description of how to give can be found on [www.shatinchurch.org.hk/giving](http://www.shatinchurch.org.hk/giving).

On behalf of the Church Committee, we praise God for your kind generosity and investment into God's work through Shatin Church this year.

*Tracy Tsoi*  
*Treasurer*



# PASTOR'S REPORT

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit” (John 3:8).

Recently I asked Lily in the confirmation class why she joined Shatin Church. She straightforwardly replied, “When I first came to Hong Kong, I was a bit lost. So I started to listen to some sermons of a local church pastor online. God spoke through him, and my faith was renewed!”

I asked the obvious follow up question. “Oh, why didn’t you join that church?” She answered, very honestly, “The church was too far. Shatin Church was just right here!”

In my unbiased opinion as the Pastor of the church, Shatin Anglican is a great church. We have wonderful staff here. Rhoda, Ariel, Shau-Wai, Candy, Florence, and now Harry work humbly and diligently with great care.

Unlike many other churches, the Church Committee is filled with servants of God who prioritize God and his kingdom, rather than their egocentric visions.

The members of our church, you all, are welcoming, unassuming, and faithful.

The Lord has been at work in and through us this past year. Many have come to know the Lord for the first time; young Christians are growing in maturity; broken marriages are being healed; mature Christians continue to serve the Lord with great joy.

Yet, through Lily and others, we are reminded that it is not because of us that people are coming to know and grow in Christ. God is at work. Our Chief Shepherd, our Lord Jesus Christ, is seeking out the lost, speaking to people in their situations, and bringing them to faith and to maturity.

In my fourteenth year in Shatin, I still have not figured out the secret to church growth. Yet, the wind of the Spirit (John 3:8) seems to be blowing towards the church. I am grateful that the church is 'Growing in Jesus, Sharing our lives, and Reaching the world.'

Yours in Christ,  
*Rev. Heewoo Han*  
*Minister-In-Charge / Chairman*  
*Shatin Anglican Church*

