



**KUM YAN**

METHODIST CHURCH  
english service


**22 Dec**

**2024**

***Christmas Combined Service***  
***9am***

Speaker  
***Ps Ian Toh***

Sermon  
***When Enemies Become Family***  
***Luke 10:25-37 NIV***



AND HE WILL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR,  
MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER,  
PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

# from the pastor's heart

PS REBECCA KWOK

## For To Us A Child Is Born • Isaiah 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 Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

In 2022, during Kum Yan's Combined Christmas Service, 61 participants—including pastors, leaders, brothers, sisters and 15 children—gathered virtually to present a choir performance. This arrangement was made in response to the ongoing pandemic. The choir sang selections from Handel's renowned oratorio, including the powerful piece "For to Us a Child is Born", expressing our gratitude and praise to Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who came down from heaven and became flesh for us. Thank God, it was a beautiful time of worship and service.

Isaiah 9:6 prophesied the birth of the Messiah, which was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. He is the Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. These names are not only remarkable, but they also reveal His identity, describing His divine nature and essence. No matter the challenges we face in life, He is always the one we can depend on.

For those who do not yet know Jesus, it is simple: repent, acknowledge one's sins, believe in Jesus, and accept Him as personal Saviour. In doing so, sins are forgiven, a new life begins, and eternal relationship with God is established. This is the gospel we, who know Christ, should joyfully share with others.

For those who already believe in Jesus, Christmas offers us a wonderful opportunity each year to reflect deeply on the significance of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection in our lives. It is a time to consider how we should respond to God's incredible gift of salvation, renew our commitment, and realign our focus and purpose.

This year's Advent themes—Awakening, Repentance, Joy, and Hope—provide us with different perspectives to welcome, prepare for, and celebrate the birth of Christ.

Today is Joy Sunday. The word "joy" appears 204 times in the Bible, and when combined with similar words like gladness, happiness, or rejoicing, it occurs over 700 times. A believer in God is called to be a person of joy, and the Christian life should be synonymous with joy. This is God's desire for His people.

The apostle Paul, while in prison, encouraged the believers: "*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*" (Phil 4:4 NIV). Here, the word "rejoice" refers not to an emotional state but to a choice, a conscious decision to rejoice in the Lord regardless of our circumstances, whether in prosperity or adversity. May the Lord grant us the grace to do so!

## family news

### WELCOME TO CHURCH

We are so glad you have come to join us to worship God and be encouraged by His Word today. We would love to connect with you! If you would like to be prayed for, or to find out more about our God, Church, Services and Cell Groups, please approach any of our Hospitality Team, Pastor or Leaders.

### A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL

In celebration of the joyous occasion of Jesus' birth, there will be sweet treats for everyone right after service today, at the Carpark (L1) until 12:30PM. We look forward to connecting with old friends, and to reach out to make some new ones too!

### CHRISTMAS BAPTISM ON 21 DECEMBER 2024

Praise God for the baptism of our brother **Shawn Luo**, sisters **Emily Foong**, **Lum Siew Ping**, **Elyn Soh** and children **Ethan Cheung**, **Emmanuel Ling**, **Gracelyn Ng**, **Cluny Tan**, **Naysa Tan** and **Amelie Toh**, who made public declaration of their faith and commitment to the Lord!

### STAFF MOVEMENT

Ps Ian will be on leave from 23-28 Dec 2024.

## KUM YAN COMBINED WATCHNIGHT SERVICE TUE 31 DEC • 10.00PM-12.10AM • SANCTUARY

Come join us at 9.15pm for porridge supper before our annual countdown service!

Parents with primary schoolers who are coming for the Watchnight Service are encouraged to have their children sit through the service with them. Parents with pre-schoolers may participate in the worship service via Zoom.

### PRAY FOR KY ENGLISH MISSION TEAMS

Let us continue to pray for our brothers and sisters who are out and going out on KY Mission Trips, as well as with teams comprising members from English Congregation to Batam and other locations.

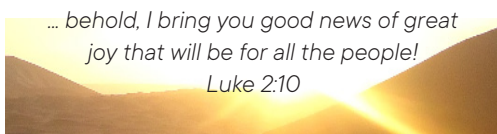
**20 Dec to 22 Dec, Kuala Lumpur:** Andrew, Kum Chue, Jeanne, Catherine, Frances, Mun Fong, John Chan, Tabby, Beng Fai, Judy, Connie, Hillary and Clarence.

**23 / 26 Dec to 30 Dec, Hong Kong:** Eeleen, Ps Ian, Shannon, Kristen, Ellia, Thea, Owen, Amanda, Andrew, Aletheia, Candice, Brian, Ethan, Edith, Joel, Nicole

May God bless and work through each tripper, regardless of age or language; and may God continue to work in and through KY to be a blessing to the nations! We look forward to hearing their good report soon!

### KY MISSIONS NEWSLETTER (DEC)

Catch the latest updates on the Missions scene, and find out how to partner with Kum Yan's missionaries and mission workers thru' prayer. Click the link for more info <https://kumyan.org.sg/MissionsEN>



## kum yan prayer meetings

Do join us in our weekly prayer meetings. You may contact the church office or respective persons below for more information.

### • PRAY! SINGAPORE (MORNING PRAYER)

- Every Sun, 6.30am-7.30am, Zoom  
Contact Cell Leaders/ Joanna for more info.

## kum yan prayer agenda

### For the World

- Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide. Pray for believers and their families who are killed, attacked, detained, or threatened for their faith. May the Lord strengthen and uphold them in their trials, keeping them safe from harm and providing for all their spiritual and material needs.
- Pray for all nations to honour the holy name of God. Seek peace for Jerusalem and salvation for the people of Israel, that they may accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Pray for world peace, asking God to reign over the conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, and tensions across the Taiwan Strait. Pray also stability and resolution in the post-election situation in the United States. May the Lord bring calm amidst turmoil, leading the world to surrender to God, exalt Christ, and uphold biblical truth.

### For Singapore

- Give thanks for Singapore's peace, security, and prosperity. Pray for God's protection and guidance amid global political and economic challenges so that the nation may overcome crises and bear witness to His grace.
- Pray for Singapore's leaders, that their faith will be strengthened and their governance guided by God's ways, keeping them aligned with His truth.

### For Kum Yan Church

- Pray for KY brothers and sisters to better understand the significance of Advent. May we recalibrate our focus, meditate on the true meaning of salvation, and practice patience and godliness. May we fix our eyes on Jesus Christ, pursue spiritual renewal, and eagerly await His glorious return. May we also strive to spread the message of great joy—Christ's birth and salvation—to the nations, as well as to our pre-believing relatives, friends, and neighbours.
- Ask God to bless and guide all December activities, outreach ministries, and short-term missions so that more people may come to know Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour.

# youth connection & junior youth connection

## HELLO & WELCOME

We're so glad you have joined us today for our Christmas Combined Service!

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and enjoy doing life together! We sincerely invite you to join us for our Worship Services and Cell Group Meetings. If you'd like to find out more, reach out to any of our Church Staff or Leaders, or email [youthconnection@kumyan.org.sg](mailto:youthconnection@kumyan.org.sg).

If you would like to, do also follow us on

- Instagram - [@ythcnxn](#) and [@kumyan\\_jyc](#)
- Telegram Channel - [bit.ly/yctele2024](https://bit.ly/yctele2024)

## PRAY FOR YC MISSION TEAMS

It is a great privilege for YC to build on our ministry partnerships with friends in Bandung and Hong Kong!

The second of three mission teams from YC this year returns from Bandung today, while the team in Hong Kong will return in the wee hours of Christmas day! It is so important that the rest of us continue our support as senders through fervent prayer and intercession from here. Let us pray for those still out there and also for the seeds sown in and by those who have returned, to grow and bear good fruit that will last!

### Bandung Wave B • 14 to 22 Dec

*Return flight: 22 Dec • 715PM • 3K204, T4*

Shannen Leong, Jonathan Chan, Kirri-Anne Kee, Dominique Ng, Hannah Teoh, Isaac Chow, Joshua Ang, Micah Liow, Tabby Wong and Tan Min Xuan

### Hong Kong • 16 to 25 Dec

*Return flight: 25 Dec • 1255AM • TR977, T1*

Cheng Jing Xin, Gracia Khoo, Andrea Chua, Armstrong Ng, Berakah Ho, Celeste Tan, Chavelle Kok, Dominick Ng, Douglas Ng, Esther Hui, Ethel Huang, Ezra Liow, Faith Wong, Janelle Tan, Jocelyn Choy, Joshua Lee, Josiah Foo, Shanelle Lam and Vera Chong.

# KING & KINGDOM

WHERE DOES YOUR ALLEGIANCE LIE?



## 25 DEC 10:30PM – 28 DEC 5PM KUM YAN METHODIST CHURCH

We are at T-minus four days to our much anticipated YO Camp 2024: King & Kingdom (Matt 25:34)! We look forward to all that God has in store for our 50 campers, which includes 3 new friends!

All are invited to cover the YO team and all the Campers in prayer: ask God to move mightily in our midst! If you would like to receive regular Camp Updates and prayer pointers, do let any of the YO Leaders know - you will be added to a whatsapp prayer group chat.

## YC SCHEDULE AHEAD

Tuesday 31 Dec 2024 • 10pm, Sanctuary  
**Kum Yan Watchnight Service & Countdown**  
*PS: Porridge Supper starts at 915pm. Come early!*

Wednesday 1 Jan 2025 • 1215am, Sanctuary  
**First Hour of Worship**

Saturdays 4 & 18 Jan 2025 • 3pm, Hangout Rm  
**Power Hour Prayer Meeting**

Friday 10 Jan 2025 • 8pm, The Living Room  
**KY Combined Prayer Meeting**

Monday 13 Jan to Thursday 16 Jan • Sunway, KL  
**LoveSingapore Pastors' Prayer Summit**  
*PS: YC Staff Team + other KY Pastors will be attending*

Friday 24 Jan • 8pm, The Living Room  
**YC Worship Gathering**

Wednesday 29 Jan to Friday 31 Jan  
**Chinese New Year Public Holidays Office Closure**

## CONTACT US

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## PASTORS & STAFF

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**ATTACHMENT**  
Rev Dr Wilfred Ho

**RETIRED PASTOR**  
Rev Herman Kan

**MISSIONS PASTOR**  
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Pastor Ian Wong ext 112

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Queenie Seah (Youth) ext 122  
Tan Li Cheng (Missions) ext 103

## OUR VISION

*To be a caring community, a lighthouse and home in the city; bringing hope and purpose through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ to all peoples of all ages.*

## ENGLISH CONGREGATION

### CELL GROUPS

10:25	New Creation
ABCD	Orchard
Commonwealth	River Valley
East Coast	Stamford
Full House	Sunset Way
Haven	Victoria
Hazel	West Coast
Hougang	WIP
Koinonia	

Please contact Joanna at [joanna@kumyan.org.sg](mailto:joanna@kumyan.org.sg) if you would like to join a cell group.

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Pastoral: Rev Stefanie Oh, Ps Simon Say, Ps Ian Wong

Rebecca Chung	Phua Huey Ming
Joanna Foo	Andy Tan
Lam Siong Yeng	Grace Tan
Jimson Low	Nicole Wee
Gerald Ng	Jason Wong

## GIVING ONLINE

Detailed instructions and important information on giving online can be found on our website: <https://kumyan.org.sg/give/>

### I-BANKING

ACCOUNT: Kum Yan Methodist Church  
A/C TYPE: DBS Bank Current / Autosave Account  
A/C NO: 033-002463-0

### PAYNOW (UEN: S87CC0539B)

Please provide the following information for all online gifts (in-transaction / email [eehoong@kumyan.org.sg](mailto:eehoong@kumyan.org.sg))



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