



Morning English Service

North Side Chinese Alliance Church

08 September 2024

15 September 2024

SERMON

From Vapour To Eternity | Sandy Kwan

The mission of God's people: Who are we and what are we here for | Yakim

BIBLE PASSAGE

James 4:13-15 | Emily D

Genesis 1:26-28; Hebrews 2:6-9 | Nathan Y

SERVICE LEADER

Eric

Eric

WORSHIP TEAM

Alex (leader) and music team

Isaac (leader) and music team

USHERS

Joyce, Agnes

Asher, Jayden Chan

POWERPOINT

Daniel

Daniel

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lord's Supper

Welcome to North Side!

We're delighted you could join us! MES (Morning English Service) is an English service that meets every Sunday to worship and praise God, and to hear from His Word. We welcome people of all ages and backgrounds to join in our worship.

Are you new to MES? Or would you like to leave a comment/response for today's service or let us know how we could be praying for you? We'd love to hear from you! Please help us by filling in our response form using the QR code →

Acting English Pastor: Ps Eric Lai | 0420 373 043 | Church Tel: 9868 7003

Note: The recording of MES will be available online on that Sunday afternoon.



English Ministry Groups

We encourage you to continue spending time with God in word and prayer, such as using our daily Bible reading chart and weekly prayer points. We also encourage you to continue engaging with others via the small groups activities (NSY, Growth Groups etc.).

As well as our English service, our English ministry also has different groups that meet to deepen our faith in Jesus, or for those seeking to find out more. Please contact Rev Andrew/Ps Eric if you'd like to find out more about these groups:


NSY (North Side Youth)	High school students (all years 7-12)	7-9pm, Friday nights during school term
Growth Groups	Tertiary aged young people, Young workers and adults	Different meeting times for each group
Ladies' Group	Women of all ages	TBA throughout the year
Men's Ministry	Men of all ages	TBA throughout the year

James 4:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.” ¹⁴ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead, you ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.”

What's On at North Side?

1. Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School will participate in special mission Sunday activities today (08/09) and will gather for pick-up in lower ground (LG). Parents, please pay attention.
2. NSY	This term we will be looking at wisdom from the book of Proverbs. For those in high school, we hope to see you at Church on Friday 7-9pm.
3. Church AGM (15/09)	This year's AGM will be held in Hall 1 at 2pm on Sunday 15/09. Members are requested to reserve time to attend. The meeting agenda has been uploaded to the church website and printed at the church office for members to access. Members who are eligible to vote must use the password sent to their mobile phones by the church to participate in voting on that day. The password was issued yesterday (07/09). If you have not received it, please contact Jolene at the church office.
4. NSY Parents	The NSY youth ministry parents' meeting will be held in the Boardroom on Sunday 22/09 after Children's Sunday School. All parents of children in grades 5-6 are welcome to attend. This meeting is mainly for encouraging parents to participate in the ministry.
5. Faith Promise	The C&MA Mission Fund and NSCAC Mission Fund will be explained for the coming year (Oct 2024 to Sep 2025). Donation target: \$72000 for NSCAC Mission Fund, \$72000 for Great Commission Fund. Please fill in the faith promise form or log in to the church website to fill in the online form.
6. Recruiting for Traffic Team	Our Sunday service traffic team is recruiting members for 9am and 11am services in 2025. Training will be arranged by the traffic team. If any brothers or sisters would like to serve in this position, please contact deacon John Leung or any deacon in your congregation.
7. Upcoming Special Events/Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/09 Church AGM • 29/09 Sharing Sunday (MES)

Number of on-site attendees /online viewers in last week's Sunday services:				Anyone wishing to join the WhatsApp group chat for MES general information and announcements, please scan this QR code.	
CS1	CS2	Mandarin	MES		
98	182/33	57/16	155/5		

Online Offering | Account: North Side Chinese Alliance Church | BSB: 062 113 | Account number: 1003 9146

Write "MES GF" in the description if you are from MES and wish to offer to the General Fund. Similarly, please use "CMF" (Church Mission Fund), "TG" (Thanksgiving), "BF" (Building Fund) and "GCF" (Great Commission Fund), "NSY" (North Side Youth) for offering to other funds.

Financial Report Jul 2024	YTD (07/2024)	Jul-24	Bank Balance	
Offering	86,747	86,747	31/07/2024	
Expenses	(86,254)	(86,254)	60,089	
Surplus/(Deficit)	493	493		
	Pledge Amount	Total Received 07/2024	Achieved %	Development Fund (Loan)
Church Mission Fund	60,000	50,675	84%	(6,000)
Great Commission Fund	60,000	50,352	84%	

Prayer Points – 8th-15th September 2024

Sunday 8th – Whole Church

- Give thanks that God has spoken to us through His Word, and that He is continuing to grow His community here at NSCAC, as people are changed by His Word and His Spirit.
 - Continue to pray for the Deacons/Elders candidates, may God appoint the right leaders for our church.
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Monday 9th – English Ministry (EM)

- Give thanks for the various areas of the English Ministry, and for the leaders of each ministry. Continue to pray for Ps. Eric as he steps up to the role of Acting English Pastor in September. Pray that God will continue to raise up additional leaders for all areas of the English Ministry.
 - Pray for Yiu Man Chan as he is recovering from his tumour removal operation. Pray that the doctors can pinpoint the cause and provide the suitable treatment to improve his vision.
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Tuesday 10th – Cantonese Ministry

- Pray for Rev Kwan as he transitions to part-time from July. Pray for Rev Andrew C and Rev Hiram in their roles in the Cantonese Ministry. Pray also for the Pastoral Search Committee as they seek God's plans for 2025 and beyond.
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Wednesday 11th – Mandarin Ministry

- Pray for the Mandarin Morning Service children's ministry. Pray that God will continue to bring more young families and kids to the Mandarin Morning Service.
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Thursday 12th – Church Family

- We have several members of our church family dealing with various physical and mental health challenges. Please pray for God's healing and comfort for them.
 - Continue to pray for the various couples preparing for marriage over the next year.
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Friday 13th – Missionary Family/Persecuted Church

- Give thanks for the ministry that Edward and Sandy are involved in. Pray that God will continue to watch over them as they reach out to the Muslim community all around the world. Also pray for Daniel and Esther as they are making their final preparation for overseas mission.
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Saturday 14th – God's World

- With the rise in ethnic and religious division/unrest, pray that this will not lead to violence and deep division within Australian society. Pray that God's people can be at the forefront as peacemakers, and that we can practically show God's love to all those who are marginalised in society.
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Sunday 15th – Whole Church

- Give thanks for all God has been doing in and through NSCAC over the past 36 years. Pray for the planning of our Missions Convention (09/2024), Christmas events (12/2024) and Church Camp (04/2025).
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For my final reflection section, I want to do the following three things: 1) Give thanks for the past 8 years; 2) Encourage us to continue to grow; 3) Share my prayer for NSCAC (and myself).

Thank you, everyone, for the privilege it has been to serve in NSCAC over the past 8 years. I have grown in many ways in my time here. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve with the pastoral team and the various leaders of NSCAC. It has been a privilege to serve you all, across the various congregations. I have been blessed to see God working in the lives of many people in NSCAC, as He has changed people through His Word and His Spirit.

Thanks for the many words of encouragement and appreciation – Emily and I have been deeply touched. Thank you for welcoming us into this community. I know that God is at work here in NSCAC. I am confident that He will keep His promise to continue to work in all circumstances to make you all more like Jesus (Romans 8:28-29).

As I conclude my time at NSCAC, can I encourage each of us to do the following three things:

Keep growing in our love for God. In Mark 12:29-30, Jesus says that the “most important” commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Keep growing in our love for one another. In John 13:34-35, Jesus says that everyone will know that we are His disciples if we love one another.

Keep growing in our love for God’s world. God’s plan is for His people to be a positive influence on His world. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus uses the analogy of “salt” and “light”. Our light needs to shine so that people will glorify our Father in heaven.

I would like to conclude by pointing us to Paul’s prayer for the church in Philippi. This has been my prayer for the whole of NSCAC over the past 8 years. It will continue to be my prayer for each one of us as we continue on this journey of following Jesus until He returns.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.”
(Philippians 1:9-11).

Blessings. ☺