



# Morning English Service

North Side Chinese Alliance Church

22 February 2026

1 March 2026

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## SERMON

*The Gospel that you heard* | David Starling

*The Real World* | Rev. Eric Lai

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## BIBLE PASSAGE

*Colossians 1:15-23* | Carina Yu

*Ezra 5* | TBC

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## SERVICE LEADER

Daniel Fung

Chris Tu

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## WORSHIP TEAM

Alex (leader) and music Team

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## USHERS

Jed Dou, Greg Zhong

Agnes Tang, Joyce Cheung

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## POWERPOINT

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

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## 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

*English Pastor: Rev. 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. Eric Lai if you'd like to find out more about these groups:

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

## *Colossians 1:15-23 (NIV)*

<sup>15</sup>The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. <sup>16</sup>For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, <sup>20</sup>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.

<sup>21</sup>Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup>But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup>if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

*The Gospel that you heard*

*Colossians 1:15-23*

# What's On at North Side?

1. **Monthly Prayer Calendar** The prayer calendar for March has been posted on the church website for brothers and sisters to download and refer to, and a small number of copies have been printed and placed at the reception. Let us unite in prayer and support the ministry of the church.
2. **BoE News**
  - **Congregational Membership & Voting Rights:** To help you grow more involved in the worship and ministry of a specific congregation, Active Members wishing to transfer their membership from one congregation to another within our church should submit a written request to the Board of Elders via the church office in **March**. This ensures you can participate and vote in your new congregation's Annual General Meeting. Thank you for your attention.
  - **Deacon Resignation:** Shirley Tan, a deacon of the Mandarin Congregation, has submitted her resignation for personal reasons which the Board of Elders has regretfully accepted. Please keep her and this transition in your prayers.
3. **Attention to church key holders** In order to effectively coordinate management of the church venue, can all brothers and sisters who hold church keys (including pastors, elders, deacons, or any new service personnel) please visit the church office to re-register. If you have recently finished your ministry term, please return your key to the office. Thank you for your cooperation!
4. **Pastor's News** Rev. Andrew Choy was invited to preach at Sydney South Alliance Church this morning. Please remember him in your prayers.

Number of on-site attendees /online viewers in last week's Sunday services:

CS1	CS2	Mandarin	MES
119	179/31	50/2	147/3

Anyone wishing to join the WhatsApp group chat for MES general information and announcements, please scan this QR code.



**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).

Financial Report December 2025	YTD (12/2025)	Dec-25	Nov-25	Oct-25	Bank Balance
Offering	502,722	72,658	77,064	84,683	31/12/2025
Expenses	498,468	70,645	65,750	76,689	166,263
Surplus/(Deficit)	4,254	2,013	11,314	7,994	
	Pledge Amount	Total Received 12/2025		Achieved %	
Church Mission Fund	72,000	21,444		30%	
Great Commission Fund	72,000	12,945		18%	

# Prayer Points – 22<sup>nd</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Children Ministries**

- Pray that the 9 AM Kids' Church and the 11 AM Children Sunday School will kick off smoothly, and may God continue to guide us in the new structure so that it will run according to His will. May the children's ministry be a blessing to our local community, and may we be able to reach more families and open the door of the Gospel to them to make more disciples.
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## **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Cross-Cultural Missions**

- Jessie Wei (Wycliffe – Australia): Praise God for Jessie's time at the 2025 ANZ Summit; pray that the connections made with Chinese church leaders lead to lasting ministry partnerships. Give thanks for the fruitful AFES training event in Canberra and pray for wisdom in following up with the students and colleagues met there. Thank God for the recent Christmas break; pray for continued health, physical strength, and clarity as Jessie reviews the past year and plans for 2026.
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## **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Church-Wide Ministries**

- Pray that as we embrace the 2026 theme, "Rooted in Christ, Growing as One," God would guide the church's direction and equip leaders with wisdom and discernment. Pray that the Cantonese, Mandarin, and English congregations would serve in unity, supporting one another and growing as one family to the glory of God.
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## **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Cantonese Ministries**

- Pray for IT & PA Teams: Pray for the tech and live-stream teams during our Cantonese services. Ask for God's peace and a clear head when technical issues arise, so they can respond calmly. May they work in close unity with our speakers and worship teams, and be deeply encouraged knowing that their behind-the-scenes service is a faithful offering to the Lord.
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## **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Mandarin Ministries**

- Ask the Lord to use our outreach programs, like "Blessed Life/Abundant Life" and English Corner, to help more people discover Jesus and build a foundation of faith. Pray that the brothers and sisters involved in these ministries would be filled with God's wisdom and a genuine love for those they serve.
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## **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – English Ministries**

- Pray for EMC as they pray to discern and implement ministry for MES in 2026. Pray that God will give them wisdom and strength to lead our church family closer to God.
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## **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> – Church-Wide Ministries**

- Please pray for God's will regarding church property and unity. As we consider purchasing a nearby church property, ask the Lord to grant wisdom, faith, and unity, guiding our leaders and uniting the congregation to discern and follow His will. Additionally, our church is in the early stages of church planting. Please pray for the committee as we seek God's vision and prepare our congregations to start this new work for Christ. May we humbly follow His leading.
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## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> – National & World Affairs**

- Australia is changing laws to ignore biological facts, causing confusion—such as men entering female-only spaces—and is now considering new rules that could treat children like products to be bought through surrogacy. Pray that people will understand how these current and proposed laws affect their daily lives and families. Pray for wisdom and truth for state leaders and courts. Pray that Christians speak with love, courage, and grace.
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