



St Andrew's Council met this past Tuesday and reviewed a number of aspects of the life of the church. Even though it is summer, and very hot, still much is happening and church life has not slowed down.

1. Progress on the Life Centre

If you look carefully at the construction outside the church, and especially the left hand side lift and stairwell housing, you will see that the granite facing has begun to be installed. This gives you a good idea of what the outside of the whole building will look like. That is of course with the exception of the stone wall on the footpath level that is being installed but you can't see yet. The stone wall will be larger than before, and is being beautifully laid by stone mason craftsmen (and craftswomen too!).

Inside the main hall of the Life Centre the air conditioning ducts have been installed, along with the much of the ceiling pipes and wiring. So work is progressing well. One challenge that thou may recall from past updates is the drainage connection in Nathan Road. We now have the permits to finish this work, so please pray that there are no unexpected delays on this overdue work.



2. Work around the Church

A lot of pipes and wiring need to be connected around the church site, for water, electricity, internet, air conditioning and so on. So there will be a staged series of excavations over the next 2 months, and we will do our very best to minimise disruption. At the end, the entire site will be repaved and look beautiful once again.

At the same time, over the summer, the church audio visual equipment will be updated and repaired, and some air cons replaced. Already the Christian Centre hall has had its audio visual gear updated.

3. 2020 Vision Ministry

The Children's Ministry is presently reviewing its programmes and we expect to increase the resources we need for this growing aspect of church life. Especially the mid week Friendship Garden Playgroup children's work will be upgraded, and we expect to see it running 6 sessions a week by September or October. Friendship Garden Playgroup has been running for years at SAC, and been a very effective way to serve the community by offering a quality mothers and toddlers programme that many parents in the nearby community use. Most of these mothers, and fathers, are not believers attending SAC, and we see this ministry as a pivotal one for "loving the city".

We are seeking to employ another children's pastoral worker and the ad can be found on the website.

At the same time, last week we launched a programme for mentoring young people in life skills, run by *Hong Kong Church Network for The Poor (HKCNP)*. More will be said about this in future weeks, as it is a foundational way SAC can serve those who need our care and love.

4. Staffing movements

Our Music and Creative Ministry Director Michael Wong will be finishing work with SAC in September 2014. Michael has served at SAC for 7 years and has overseen the development of many of the contemporary aspects of the present music at SAC. Michael has worked tirelessly to prepare choirs at Christmas and Easter and also been a stylish worship leader, often surprising us with his snappy wardrobe.

Public upfront ministry every week, whether it be preaching or leading musical worship, is demanding and exhausting. It's appropriate that from time to time we accept the importance of a fresh challenge for those who do this sort of ministry. We are deeply grateful to Michael, and his family, for the long hours and tireless work he has given SAC. And we pray for God's leading and blessing on the next stage of his future work and ministry.

Our Director of Chinese Ministry and Putonghua minister, Raymond Leung will be finishing work with SAC in September as well. Raymond will be returning to Australia, essentially for family reasons. This was as unexpected for Raymond and it is for us, but we support his decision and believe it is the right one for him and his family.

It will be a big challenge for SAC as to how we continue the PTH ministry, and in what form it continues. Finding a bilingual or trilingual ordained Anglican minister is very hard, and we will need to pray and seek God's wisdom as to how we proceed.

We are in the process of advertising for both positions, and they will be on the website. Please do let anyone you know about any of these vacancies.

MORE RECRUITMENT

Pastoral Worker for Chinese Ministry

SAC is seeking someone who has formal Bible training, speaks fluent Putonghua and able to communicate in English and hopefully Cantonese. This is a full time position on the staff team.

Pastoral Worker for Children's Ministry

SAC is seeking someone to work in our Children's team. This is a full time position and would suit a person with teacher training and teaching experience, or Bible training and children's ministry experience.

More details can be found in www.standrews.org.hk

5. Fundraising Event

WINE TASTING EVENING

Date:	1 August 2014 (Friday)
Time:	6:30 - 10:00pm
Venue:	Hip Cellar, 5/F Block C, Sea View Estate, 2-8 Watson Road, North Point (near MTR Tin Hau Station)
Programme:	Wine, Cheese and Hors d'oeuvres, Blind Tasting Contest (with Prizes), Auction, Fellowship and Fun!
Ticket Price:	\$350 including drinks and snacks (Early bird: \$300 before 25 July) Proceeds go to 2020 Vision Fund

Buy your ticket at the HUB on Sunday or make reservation from Juliana Wong at juliana@standrews.org.hk. Payment by cash or cheque to "St Andrew's Church Vision Fund".