

# Welcome to St Andrew's



"I hope you will enjoy the time we spend together today. If you are new, or passing through, we hope you are blessed by joining with us who call Hong Kong, and St Andrew's, home. Come over to the Hub so we can offer you a personal welcome and a small gift to say hello."

*Rev John Menear*  
Vicar

## My Story

### The story of Joseph: Living for God in a hostile world

We begin today a new sermon series looking at the story of Joseph that stretches from chapter 37 through 50 in the Book of Genesis. Joseph gives us an example of a believer who follows God with integrity in a pagan society.

Many of us are familiar with Joseph through Sunday school stories, or Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Tim Rice's famous musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. It has all the hallmarks of a memorable drama: intrigue, betrayal, dislocation, recovery, fame, and reconciliation. Joseph is sold by his jealous brothers into slavery in Egypt. He is falsely accused and spends years in Pharaoh's prison. Given the ability to interpret dreams by God, Joseph overcomes the odds, from being a prisoner to becoming the second most powerful man in Egypt. He manages a massive hunger relief programme, which leads eventually to reunification with his family and the saving of God's chosen people.

Whilst an ancient story, Joseph's life still has profound relevance for us today. When confronted with the harsh circumstances of life, Joseph asks those common questions. Is God in charge? Why has God caused these things to happen to me? Further, Joseph encounters common human experiences that test his devotion to God: enduring suffering and disappointment; temptation; and the challenge of forgiveness.

Whilst Joseph is certainly an admirable character, God is the hero of the story. God is the one who works through Joseph, raising up a deliverer to save his chosen people. God is the one who causes circumstances to transpire for His purposes. Perhaps of significant instruction to us, God chooses to work this time not through a priest, or prophet, or preacher, but through a man in a 'secular' job.

Apart from listening to this sermon series, can I also encourage you to delve deeper yourself. Bible study guides have been written for our Growth Groups to coincide with this series. If you're not in a group, why not get a soft-copy of the guides to study along yourself? Contact the church office.

Yours in Christ,

**Alex McCoy**  
Associate Minister

# Life at St Andrew's

Enquiries or Sign-ups?  
Please go to the Hub or church website

## PRAYER

[pastoral@standrews.org.hk](mailto:pastoral@standrews.org.hk)

**Prayer ministry** is available after church.

Pray for St Andrew's, follow the **Weekly Prayer Focus** on website:  
[LIFE @ ST ANDREW'S > Prayer](#)

## YOUTH

[youth@standrews.org.hk](mailto:youth@standrews.org.hk)

**Fusion Sunday Programme:**

**Time:** 9:45am & 11:30am

**Venue:** YouthWorX, 6/F Kai Fong

**Ages:** 11-18

**Fusion Growth Groups:**

**Time:** 6:00pm - 8:00pm, every Friday

**Venue:** 3/F, Christian Centre

**Ages:** 11-18

**No Youth Today**

The Friday and Sunday Youth Programme are on Easter break and will meet back on Friday 17 April and Sunday 19 April.

## MIGRANT WORKERS FELLOWSHIP

[zara@standrews.org.hk](mailto:zara@standrews.org.hk)

**Home4U**

**Time:** 2:00pm-5:00pm, every Sunday

**Venue:** 1/F Old Vicarage

We will conclude the Lenten Bible Study Series today. You are welcome to join us!

**Topic:** Risen - John 20

## PASTORAL CARE

[pastoral@standrews.org.hk](mailto:pastoral@standrews.org.hk)

We aim to encourage everyone to grow to Christian maturity through life's varying circumstances. Please contact one of the pastoral staff to find out more about the support we offer.

## LOCAL AND GLOBAL OUTREACH

[mission@standrews.org.hk](mailto:mission@standrews.org.hk)

Check out the monthly Global News Updates on the website. Send us an email if you would like to get involved.

## CHILDREN

[children@standrews.org.hk](mailto:children@standrews.org.hk)

**Crèche:**

**Time:** 9:45am / 11:30am

**Venue:** G/F Old Vicarage

**Topic:**

Ages 0 - under 3: Jesus helps us

**Kidzone:**

**Time:** 9:45am / 11:30am

**Topics:**

Ages 3-6: Jesus is all Powerful - John 11:1-45

Ages 7-8: Time for concern - Kindness - 1 King 19:1-18

Ages 9-10: Time for concern - Honesty - Jonah 1-4

**STAKC** (St Andrew's Church Kids Club)

Our first class for STAKC resumes on Friday 8 May as 1 May is a public holiday.

## CHINESE MINISTRY

[chineseministry@standrews.org.hk](mailto:chineseministry@standrews.org.hk)

Putonghua church meets every Sunday at 2:00pm. Its ministries include Kidzone, youth, bible studies and Cantonese and English language classes for university students from the Mainland. Please refer to the Chinese ministry page in the church website for more details.

## GROWTH GROUPS

[grow@standrews.org.hk](mailto:grow@standrews.org.hk)

A new University - aged Growth Group has started. It meets on Thursday nights. Contact Jonty if interested.

([jonty@standrews.org.hk](mailto:jonty@standrews.org.hk))

## MEN/WOMEN'S MINISTRY

[men/women@standrews.org.hk](mailto:men/women@standrews.org.hk)

A ministry to strengthen men/women in Christ through fellowship and the Word. Look out for the next event.

# Upcoming Events

Enquiries or Sign-ups?  
Please go to the Hub or church website



This is an informal course for anyone who wants to explore what life is all about, what the essential message of Christianity is and why it matters. It gives you time and space to ask plenty of questions or just simply listen. It is only 7 weeks.

You'll get to meet lots of people who may have the same questions in life as you do. Don't forget to bring your friends along!

**Date:** 22 April - 3 June (7 Wednesday evenings)

**Time:** 7:30pm - 9:30pm

**Venue:** 1/F Hall, Christian Centre

**Day Retreat:** 30 May (Saturday, 10:00am - 4:00pm)

Sign up at the Hub, the church website or through your St Andrew's (CCB) account.

## 'ESCAPE' Young Adult Retreat

Annual weekend away for Uni students and 20/30s.

Spend a weekend away of beach, BBQ and bible study, getting to know others in a relaxed setting. Together with people from Shatin Anglican and Ambassador International Church, we'll be looking at 1 Corinthians 6-7, and what God has to say about love, singleness and marriage.

**When:** 9:30am, Saturday 23 May - 2:00pm, Sunday 24 May

**Where:** Sydney Leong Holiday Lodge, South Lantau

**Cost:** \$360

**Sign up:** Places are limited.

Please contact Jonty ([jonty@standrews.org.hk](mailto:jonty@standrews.org.hk))

## Certificate in Theology



NEW

The Certificate in Theology is a correspondence course from Moore College in Sydney.

Taken by thousands of people all over the world, the course is a great way to know the bible more deeply and to be equipped to explain it to others.

St Andrew's hosts weekly support meetings for the course. The next subject is **'Introduction to the Bible'**.

**Date:** 7 June - 9 August 2015 (10 Sundays)

**Time:** 9:30am - 11:00am

**Venue:** 1/F Lounge

**Exam:** 9 August

**Enquiries:** please contact Diana ([diana@standrews.org.hk](mailto:diana@standrews.org.hk)), or find more information on the church website



## Church News

### Monthly Church Prayer Meeting

Our Church prayer meeting this month is moved to 13 April, because of the public holiday on the 6 April.

We meet to pray for St Andrew's on the first Monday of every month. This is our opportunity to unite in prayer for our life and ministry. We face great changes as we move into the Life Centre and we seek for the next Vicar.

Play your part in God's future for this church - come and pray

**Date:** 13 April (Monday) Tomorrow  
**Time:** 7:30-8:30pm  
**Venue:** Church

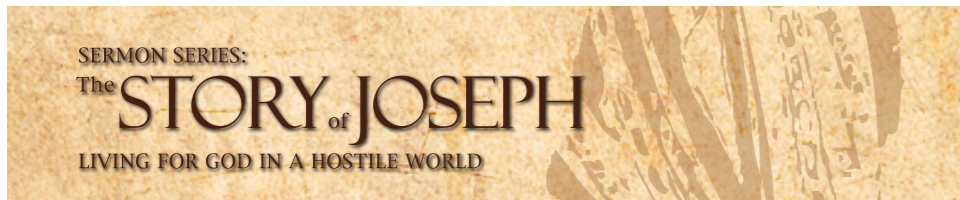
Let's join together to pray for our Church and our 2020 Vision.

### Job Vacancies Office Manager and Receptionist

We are seeking an Office Manager and a Receptionist to join our administration team.

Details of the positions can be found on the church website.

## Sermon



*The story of Joseph: Living for God in a hostile world*  
 12 April  
 (Sold into slavery - Genesis 37:2b-13; 23-36)

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| 8:30am/9:45am/11:30am/5:00pm<br>Dale Hanson | 2:00pm<br>Sok Han Yong |
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19 April  
 (Temptation - Genesis 39)

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| 8:30am/9:45am/11:30am/5:00pm<br>Alex McCoy | 2:00pm<br>Sok Han Yong |
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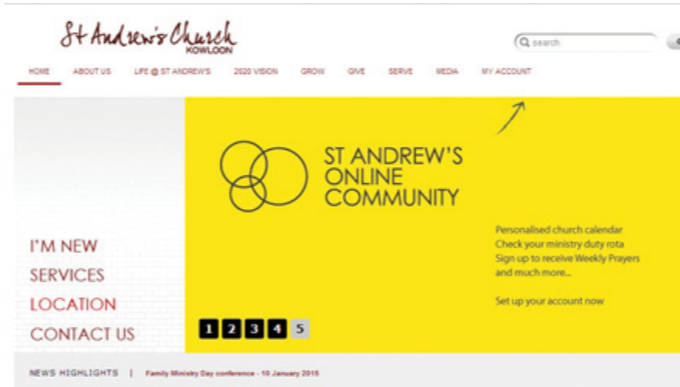


### Church Community Builder

St Andrew's uses the Church Community Builder as an online communication and administration tool.

You can sign up for events, check the ministry roster and order of service, subscribe to your personalised church calendar, and much more.

To log in or register, please go to 'MY ACCOUNT' on the Church website. [www.standrews.org.hk](http://www.standrews.org.hk)



- Refreshments are available after each service.
- Song sheets available at the church entrance.
- Please drop your used paper into the recycling box.

- Turn off your mobile whilst in church.
- Keep your belongings with you at all times.
- Induction Loop installed. Please switch your earpiece to T position.



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### Clergy

**John MENEAR**, Vicar  
**Dale HANSON**, Senior Associate Minister  
**Dan EVERS**, Associate Minister  
**Alex McCOY**, Associate Minister  
**Sok Han YONG**, Associate Minister

### Sunday

8:30am Early Morning Lord's Supper\*  
 9:45am Mid Morning Church  
 11:30am Late Morning Church  
 2:00pm Afternoon Putonghua Church  
 5:00pm Evening Church  
 \*All other services - Lord's Supper 2nd & 4th Sundays

# CONNECT

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SERMON SERIES:  
 The **STORY** of **JOSEPH**  
 LIVING FOR GOD IN A HOSTILE WORLD



**Building on our Heritage**  
 Love Jesus . Teach the Bible . Build Community . Share the Gospel . Love the City