



Glorifying God by  
Loving Christ, Loving One Another  
& Reaching the World

**ALLIANCE**  
*International Church*

24 December 2017

**Welcome to Alliance International Church,**  
a church family seeking to  
Glorify God by loving Christ, loving one another and reaching the world.  
*We are glad you're here.*

We wish everyone a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
May your celebration of Christ's birth be filled  
with joy, peace and love.

### **PRAY WITH YOUR CHURCH**

**Every day at 10 a.m.**, we invite you to pause  
for a few moments, celebrating the greatness  
of God, begging Him to work in and through  
us, and asking Him to equip us to serve those  
in need of hope, help and healing.

### **TODAY'S SERMON**

Merry Christmas! We are thrilled you are here  
to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us today.  
God is with us- in answered promises, realized  
dreams, and refreshed hope. How could we  
help but sing? This Advent season, we will be  
exploring the dept, hope and biblical  
testimonies of some of our favorite carols.  
This week, we will be looking at "O Come, O  
Come Emmanuel and Little Drummer Boy."

### **BAPTISMAL SERVICE**

We rejoice with Joshua Chan, James Ho, Rita  
Ho, Eliza Hope Rose & Isaiah Michael Rose,  
Kitty Jieyi Chen, Remelyn Dato, Rowena  
Roque, and Marivie Sarmiento, as they follow  
the Lord in water baptism during our worship  
service today.

Congratulations to Aileen Rozano who was  
baptized yesterday.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE OPEN HOUSE**

This Christmas Eve, you are invited to an AIC  
church family open house at Pastor Mike's  
home in Sai Kung. (House A, Green Villas, 11  
Tso Wo Road, Sai Kung). Soup and cookies  
will be served from 4-8pm. Please join us for  
a time of caroling, laughter, and joyful  
celebration of the coming of our King. *Please  
note, if driving, parking is available along Tso Wo  
Road just past Green Villas gate.*

### **CHURCH OFFICE**

Church office will be closed till Tuesday, 27  
December due to public holidays.

### **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Community Groups are invited to send  
representatives to the winter CG gathering on **7  
January 2018** at 9:30 a.m. in Room 213 at APSW.  
Each CG should send a minimum of one  
representative and are welcome to have more  
attend (if more than two from a group plan to  
attend, please RSVP to [stan@aic.org.hk](mailto:stan@aic.org.hk)). We will  
have light refreshments, sharing from each group  
and some insights for our groups going forward.

### **NEW ADULT DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

"The Victory Connection" adult discipleship  
class will begin on **14 January**. There will be help  
to win the struggle we experience between our  
new nature in Christ and the old sin nature. This  
is part of the "Connecting with God" series with  
a certificate offered for those completing the  
course.

### **AIC FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO MANILA, 4-8 April 2018**

Anyone interested to be part of the Mission Team  
going to Manila in April, please join the meeting  
on **7 January** at 12:30 p.m. in Room 213 to know  
more about this Family Mission Trip.

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **ENGLISH CAMP @ KAIPING**

Guangdong, China. **19-21 February 2018** most  
likely the team will go in after church on the 18<sup>th</sup>.  
The team will be teaching English through games  
and activities to Junior and Senior High School  
students, many of whom do not go to church.  
There will be times of devotions, worship, and  
sharing. Cost: HK\$1,400/person subsidies  
available if needed. Please talk to King Yu for  
more information.

## **PRAYER MEETINGS**

Prayer Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday night in the AIC Nursery. We will pray the scriptures as we seek Him, praying for our missions efforts, local ministries, the needs of our world and for each other. Join us in this critical ministry of church life.

No meeting on 27 December.

## **MANDARIN MINISTRY**

AIC offers ministries to those who prefer to speak Putonghua. For more details, please contact Pastor Mike at mike@aic.org.hk.

## **FILIPINO MINISTRIES**

We minister to the Filipino-speaking community, meeting each **Saturday** mornings from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and on **Sunday** afternoons from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the AIC Hall.

## **DUMP A MUG**

Don't forget to "dump" the coins you've collected into our AIC Missions bucket located in the back of the hall.

If you wish to give to the ministries of Alliance International Church, please make cheque payable to **Alliance International Church** or **AIC**. Please use the offering envelope when giving, (cash or cheque) if you would like to receive a tax receipt in April each year. If you prefer to use "direct deposit" please contact Dorie in the church office at dorie@aic.org.hk and she will assist you.

The GC has established an Education Fund that can be used for Educational needs of the AIC community. If you would like to support this fund, please mark your offering envelopes "Education".

If you consider AIC your church home and have not previously enjoyed the joy of giving, please get involved today.

Adult & Children Attendance: 187
General Fund: \$75,061.80
Budget/week: \$85,154.00
Missions & Others: \$1,300.00

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General Fund & Other Income :
April 2017 to present: \$2,378,660.69
Budget for April 2017 to present \$3,091,350.50
Budget <u>deficit</u> April 2017 to present: <u>\$712,689.81</u>

## **OUR MISSION**

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## **OUR CORE VALUES**

**We value:**

**Glorifying God** – Above all else, everything we do is for the glory of God.  
(Romans 11:33-12:2)

**Prayerful dependence** - We will look to God for His perspective, His direction, and His enabling at all times and for all things.  
(Philippians 4:6-7)

**Biblical teaching** – Relevant Biblical teaching can transform, change, and inspire us to live obedient lives. (Joshua 1:8; Hebrews 4:12)

**Reaching lost people** – Understanding God values all people, we will seek to fulfill the Great Commission by participating in sharing the good news at home, in our city, and around the world. (Luke 19:10; II Corinthians 5:20; Matthew 28:19-20)

**Authentic Community** - We desire biblical fellowship by building community through loving and grace-filled relationships. This is where we learn and practice what it means to live out our calling to be disciples.  
(John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47)

**Sacrificial living** – We will embrace the vision of our local church by serving, utilizing our spiritual gifting, and giving in a generous and faithful manner. (II Corinthians 8:1-5; I Corinthians 12:1-31; John 13:1-17; Romans 12:1)

**Faith-filled living** – God calls us to take continual steps of faith which often involves change. (Hebrews 11:6)

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES**

**Reload** (fellowship for secondary school students)

Reload @ CAIS BV 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Doug Wallace at [doug@aic.org.hk](mailto:doug@aic.org.hk) for info

**AWANA** (for ages 3-13) Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

School Hall, APS, Whampoa (Will be back 6 January, 2018)

Contact: Danny Lee at [dleecl@hotmail.com](mailto:dleecl@hotmail.com) for info

### **THE HARBOUR**

Children dismiss mid-way thru service to Children's Church

**Shipyard (Age 0-2)** at Nursery Room /Ground Floor of AIC Office

**Marina (Ages 3-5)** in Room 107 –

Theme: “Special Delivery”- God Gave Us Jesus.

“God has given a son to us.” Isaiah 9:6, NCV

**Port (Ages 6-11)** in Room 213-

Theme: “The Big Give” – Think Outside the Box

“Command the rich to do what is good. Tell them to be rich in doing good things.

They must give freely. They must be willing to share.” 1 Timothy 6:18, NIrV

*Parents, please pick up your child/ ren (ages 3-11) in Room 213 at 12:15 p.m.*

## **SUNDAY DISCIPLESHIP for ALL AGES**

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (No meeting today, will resume 14 January)

### **Children:**

Shipyard - Marina (Age 0-5) – Room 107

Port (Age 6-11) – Room 213

### **Youth:**

Impact Juniors – Room 401

Impact Seniors- Room 214

### **Adult Classes:**

#### **Counter Culture - Room 402**

We live in momentous days marked by a rapidly shifting moral landscape.

What if the real issue is the glory of God? This Bible study is to help call AIC to a contrite, compassionate, and courageous response to some of the most controversial issues of our day.

#### **The Victory Connection - Room 403**

There will be help to win the struggle we experience between our new nature in Christ and the old sin nature. This is part of the “Connecting with God” series with a certificate offered for those completing the course.

#### **The Purpose Driven Life (Putonghua) - Room 404**

Examine five key purposes for which God placed you on this earth.

# **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

## **HONG KONG ISLAND**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday** at 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: Albert & Betty Cheng at [albert.cheng@chiaphua.net](mailto:albert.cheng@chiaphua.net)

## **HUNG HOM**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Contact: Pastor Stan Tyson at [stan@aic.org.hk](mailto:stan@aic.org.hk)

## **WHAMPOA GARDEN**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

and **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Contact: CH Chu & Shela Chau at [shelachau@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:shelachau@yahoo.com.hk)

## **SAI KUNG**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** at 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Contact: Melissa Rose at [melissalrose@gmail.com](mailto:melissalrose@gmail.com)

## **TAI PO North**

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday** at 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Contacts: Esther Wu at [neawu@hotmail.com](mailto:neawu@hotmail.com) /

Mark Gliddon at [mgliddon@gmail.com](mailto:mgliddon@gmail.com)

## **MONGKOK**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** at 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Brian Lowther at [lowthers@netvigator.com](mailto:lowthers@netvigator.com)

## **KOWLOON WEST**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Annie Pau at [me@anniepau.com](mailto:me@anniepau.com)