



聖公會聖基道堂—聖誕通訊 2023



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

與主合一 同心同行

One Heart, One Path, One in Christ

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願主的平安與你同在！將臨期來到了，我藉此機會與大家分享聖基道堂過去一年值得感恩的事項。

Greetings! Peace be with you! Advent is here, and I would like to take this opportunity to update you about St. Christopher's, and everything we are grateful for in 2023.

2023 年，隨著香港移民潮持續，更多人移居到大多倫多。聖基道堂感激眾多教友們對新朋友的熱誠招待、愛護及關心。新朋友為教會注入新動力及活力。我們現時正聘請全職的傳道來負責教會外展的活動，包括移加事工。

There was a steady influx of new immigrants arriving from Hong Kong to the Greater Toronto Area throughout the year. St. Christopher's were grateful for many of our parishioners, who continued to love and care for them. They brought with them new energy and youthful dynamics to the church. We are currently seeking a full-time pastor for our outreach programs, which include reaching out to HK newcomers.



On Your Mark 團契 - 為新移加青年辦的中秋晚會
Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration with HK
Newcomers (2023/09/29)

隨著新移民及年輕一代的成員的到來，他們感染了我們要更新崇拜的模式；同一時候，我們也記住現時教友的需要。為了帶出新氣象，司禱員在暑假期間已更換了崇拜時穿著的聖袍，

With the arrival of new and younger members, they inspire us to modernize our worship, while keeping in mind the needs of our existing members. Our lay readers changed from black and white cassocks and surplice to albs over the summer. In addition to introducing newer hymns, we also adopted the 2010 Revised Chinese Union Version of Bible during worship starting in November. We were gradually transforming the atmosphere of Richmond Hill worship to become more relaxed, keeping pace with the preference of current generations. Thank you to our worship chair, Elaine, and the good effort from the Worship Committee.



聖袍的顏色由傳統的黑白色轉為全白色。另一方面，我們也在崇拜中嘗試增添新的聖詩。除了崇拜的模式，我們更在十一月正式採用最新的中文聖經和合本修定版，以幫助我們更容易明白神的話語。我們逐漸改進烈治文山堂的崇拜，讓崇拜的氣氛更融合，更輕鬆，與新一代更合拍。在此感謝崇拜部部長黃奕欣，及委員會的嘗試。

同時，聖基道堂的外展活動蒸蒸日上。在暑期間，聖基道堂曾增至每週有 17 項外展活動，更在北約克堂加添了太極班、排舞班及青年羽毛球。透過每次外展活動的中場點滴，我們能與社區朋友們分享福音信息。在聯邦政府的資助下，我們得以購買新的乒乓球桌、卡拉 OK 設備、手工材料及電子遊戲，使新辦的耆英活動——「活力星期五」順利推出。「活力星期五」於七月開始至今，每週參加人數近 30 人！有些新的社區朋友也因此而加入了教會。在此感激傳道部部長蕭陳碩華、活力社社長溫張梅芳及委員會成員的領導和努力。

此外，為了加深教友們對教會全年主題——「與主合一 同心同行」的認識，培育部在年初邀請了謝博文法政牧師主持為期 4 週的「聖公會的信仰和使命」課程，亦在成人主日學舉辦了羅馬書及詩篇研讀。復活期，大部份小組都參與了「關愛 40」小組運動來響應這個主題。在此感謝培育部長楊嘉佩及部員的辛勞。

I am also grateful to our Mission Chair, Betty, our YEAH Club chair, Winnie, and all committee members. The momentum of our outreach programs continued to increase during the summer months. At one period, we reached 17 outreach programs every week. A Tai Chi Class and a second line dance class were added at the North York Church. We also have badminton for young adults on Sunday afternoon. Through a grant from the Federal government, we bought new ping pong tables, Karaoke equipment, craft supplies and video games for seniors to start a new Friday YEAH Club. During the summer months, close to 30 people attended the Friday YEAH activities. Some began to join our Sunday worship.



「活力星期四」中場點滴
YEAH Club devotional time
(2023/03/30)

Our Nurturing team organized a 4-week Anglicanism course presented by Canon Edmund Der early this year. Adult Sunday School participants studied the Letter to Romans and the book of Psalms this year. During the Easter season, most of our small groups studied “40-Days of Community” small group series to reinforce our annual theme. Many thanks to our Nurturing chair, Marilyn, for her leadership and the hard work of her team!

一.5. 保羅祈願→平安探訪羅馬教會

- 羅1:8-10
- 第一，我靠着耶穌基督，為你們眾人感謝我的上帝，因你們的**信德**傳遍了天下。我在他兒子福音上，**用心靈所事奉**的上帝可以見證，我怎樣不住地提到你們；在禱告之間常常懇求，或者照上帝的旨意，終能得平坦的道路往你們那裏去。



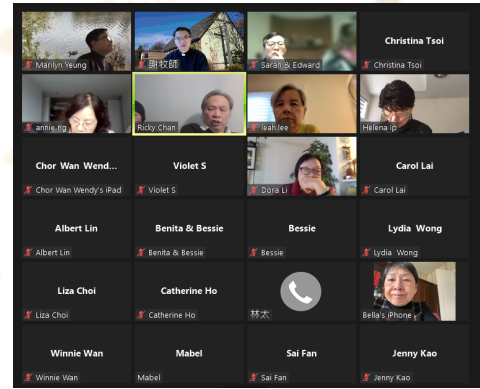
成人主日學《羅馬書》
Adult Sunday School (2023/01/08)

眨眼間，我在聖基道堂已服侍十年，感恩教會容許我請三個月的安息期。在期中，我專注於研究「推動使命及門訓：加拿大華人聖公會事工發展的透視」的議題，訪問了超過 25 位的華人事工的牧者及領袖，他們向我分享推動使命及栽培門徒的因由。最令我感動的，是能找到最早期的華人聖工。我衷心多謝兩位堂長龐琬文及余夏萍在後的支持。在我離開的時段，她們堅守崗位教會運作，教會人數及活動不單無減少，還增加了！

最後，我在此想邀請你來參加我們 12 月 10 日的聖誕歌述福音崇拜及 12 月 25 日的聖誕日崇拜。僅代表教會，祝大家有個蒙福的將臨期及聖誕快樂！



迎新會聚餐
Welcoming Party (2023/06/04)



成人主日學成員
Adult Sunday School (2023/01/08)

After 10-year of service at St. Christopher's, I am grateful the church has granted permission for me to take a 3-month sabbatical leave. During which I conducted research and for my project on "Motivating for Mission and Discipleship: A Perspective from the Ministry Development of Chinese Anglicans in Canada." It was a very inspiring and enlightening experience for me to learn from over 25 ordained and lay leaders about what motivated them to do mission work and build disciples. I was indebted to our wardens, Benita and Violet, for their strong support and hard work. They took on more responsibilities to sustain the church while I was away.

May I invite you to join our Carol Gospel service on December 10 and Christmas Day service. On behalf of the church, I wish you a blessed Advent and a very Merry Christmas!



烈治文山第三區燒烤日
Richmond Hill Ward 3 BBQ
(2023/06/07)

Pastor Melvin Tai 鄭國慶傳道

In a few days, we will be entering into the season of Advent. This marks the coming of Christmas, a reminder for us of the first coming of our Lord Jesus, as well as looking forward to the second coming of the Messiah.

On the first Christmas, Mary and Joseph travelled from Galilee to Bethlehem. They found no inn to spend the night and ended up sleeping in the manger.

From our recent interaction with the manager of Richmond Hill Community Food bank, we learn that over 2,900 clients visit the food bank every month. Though our church is located one kilometer away from Yonge Street, the homeless are hidden from our sights. And if they were to walk in, are we ready to minister to them?

We put together 83 shoeboxes two weeks ago in our annual Christmas shoebox campaign for the third world children. While we were packing these boxes, Pearl, the boy from Cameroon who recently joined our English congregation, told me that he had received one such box before. Her mother later confirmed that all her children received shoeboxes during Christmas. This news warms my heart, and affirmed for me that those boxes, which we assembled each year, do land in the hands of children who can use the content of these shoeboxes, and they are worshipping with us.



聖誕鞋盒包裝日

Samaritan Shoebox Packing party
(2023/11/09)

11 new friends joined our English Service in the early part of the year. At one point in the early summer, up to 30 people attended our weekly worship. Because some of these people are Mandarin speaking, we started a Mandarin Alpha and 2 people from the Alpha group have indicated their interests to be baptized. One of them is presently attending the baptismal class. Due to change of life events, a few of our Mandarin families have since stopped attending our services.

2023 turns out to be the 'Reaching in' year for us. We started the prayer meeting cum dinner. This is an effort to encourage more people to join the prayer meeting without worrying or feeling pressed for time to prepare dinner for their family. We have also included a short personal sharing on every 2nd Sunday of the month during worship. We hope our stories and spiritual journey could be an inspiration and encouragement to each other.

I have witnessed a lot of small efforts by our parishioners to befriend newcomers to our church. I heard Cantonese speakers trying their best to speak Mandarin and I saw how we embraced friends from a different culture. All these seemingly insignificant gestures add up and contribute to the building the Kingdom of God.

I look forward to having our Christmas celebration in December, where we can foster our bonding through fellowships, food, songs, and games.

I wish everyone a beautiful white Christmas, and may the spirit of Christmas inspire us to look out for those who are in the manger.

Merry Christmas!



活力社：繼往開來，再獻新猷

楊嘉佩

轉眼「活力社」已成立八年了，回想「活力社」的創辦是期望能發展聖基道堂的外展事工，藉著推動有益身心靈健康的活動，使參加者能享受教會群體生活，互相關顧，分享基督的信息，使生活更充實，更有意義。

「活力社」在週一至週六舉辦不同的興趣班，有讚美操、太極、排舞、粵曲、福音粵曲、普通話及乒乓球等，分別在烈治文山堂，北約克堂及 Zoom 上進行，多年來深受社區人士歡迎。

今年，活力社再得到聯邦政府的資助，使我們能在七月加設「活力星期五」，為五十五歲以上人士提供各種有益身心靈的活動，包括：卡拉 OK、電子遊戲、手工班、乒乓球練習、康樂棋、象棋及各種桌上遊戲（如砌字遊戲等），並在中場點滴時段分享福音信息及茶點。參加的朋友可以自由選擇不同的活動，在隨和友善的環境下彼此認識，建立友誼，一切活動都是費用全免的。



預防跌倒講座

Fall Prevention Workshop (2023/05/25)



國會議員 Majid Jowhari 頒發認可證書給活力社
MP Majid Jowhari presented a Certificate of Recognition to YEAH Club (2023/09/29)

「活力星期五」有下列幾項宗旨：

- 提供各種娛樂活動，使長者能在自己生活的社區中愉快、健康地生活
- 提供義工服務的機會，使長者能繼續貢獻社會
- 提供跨代的活動，使長者有機會能與不同年齡層的人合作
- 提供學習新技能的機會，使長者能鍛鍊腦筋
- 使長者能在安全的環境下結交新朋友，參加羣體生活，感受教會的關顧。

其中，「乒乓球班」是活力社中十分受歡迎的活動。在此，感謝義務導師們細心地教導長者打乒乓球。他們不但注意活動期間的安全，還用注重於長者球技上的進步。我們鼓勵參與的朋友互相免勵，在沒有壓力下學習新的技能，不論輸贏，最重要大家感受在基督大家庭內的喜樂。



「活力星期五」手工班
Friday YEAH Craft Class

另外，「活力星期五」中很受歡迎的是「卡拉 OK」，長者們非但能展示歌喉，同時也能開心合唱，結交新朋友。「活力星期五」還新設了電子遊戲以及手工班，以增加長者手腦協調的能力。感恩「活力星期五」受社區人士歡迎，有 40 多位教友及朋友來參加各項活動，在此也衷心感謝義務導師用心的教導及幾位青年義工的幫忙。

「活力星期五」每個星期五上午十時至十二時在烈治文堂舉行，歡迎大家參加！同時也歡迎「年輕」的長者和不用上班的人士來幫忙。每一項活動都有「中場點滴」時段，以簡短的福音信息和禱告，使參加的人都得到靈命的滋養，互相扶持，愉快地同行人生的路。



「活力社」讚美操
Praise Dance (2023/05/13)

洗禮見證

吳潔裕

一直以來，我都有很多機會接觸聖經，聽耶穌的故事，亦曾決志了好多次。但我從來沒有衝動想去洗禮，就這樣斷斷續續地返了不同的教會，期間也參與過不同的團契。

直至到了這幾年經歷了不同的人生大事：事業的大轉變、移居到陌生的地方和摯親的離逝。說真的，這些經歷真的過得不容易，要在這些變化中學習和適應，令我覺得自己很渺小，所以不得不依靠主成長。

在這段艱難的時間裡，感謝主給我的平安，賜給我如天使一般溫暖的家人，支持和關懷我的朋友與弟兄姐妹。他們的代禱和問候都很窩心，讓我在痛苦困難中更要依靠主得力，學習上帝的道，面對人生中的所有變化，不論是好是壞，神總會引領。

基於這些恩典，讓我堅定去相信神，於是決定洗禮，開始與神建立關係。我希望自己可以一直追隨神，不論處於什麼景況，我仍然可以不斷地學習與上帝同行。希望我在聖基道堂這個大家庭，有更多學習和成長的經歷，以榮耀神的名！



吳潔裕接受洗禮
Fish Ng's baptism
(2023/04/09)

今年感恩的數字

\$2,609.80

為列治文山食物銀行籌得捐款

\$2,609.80

為北約克豐收食物銀行籌得捐款

\$12,530

為主教長世界救援發展基金(PWRDF)籌得款項

\$38,376

乒乓球接力為教區信心工作籌得款項

83

個聖誕鞋盒給第三世界兒童

102

位教友參加 2023 年 5 月聖公會四堂聯合春令會

155

人次參加小組及成人主日學

22

位今年新加入的教友



為教區信心工作籌募的乒乓球接力
Ping Pong Relay for Diocesan FaithWorks
(2023/10/14)

Numbers we give thanks in 2023

\$2,609.80

Raised for Richmond Hill Food Bank

\$2,609.80

Raised for North York Harvest Food bank

\$12,530

Raised for Primate World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

\$38,376

Raised in Ping Pong Relay for Diocesan FaithWorks

83

No. of Samaritan Purse Christmas Shoeboxes for the Third World children

102

No. of St. Christopher's members attended GTA Joint Conference in May 2023

155

No. of participants in small group and Adult Sunday school

22

New members in 2023



merry
CHRISTMAS

多謝鄭國慶傳道推動聖誕鞋盒運動
Thanks Pastor Melvin Tai for
coordinating Christmas Shoebox
campaign (2023/11/14)

聖誕慶祝活動

12月10日 (星期日)

聖誕歌述福音崇拜

早上9時 北約克堂 (粵語)

早上11時 烈治文山堂 (中英文)

12月17日 (星期日) 下午12:30

聖誕卡拉OK午餐會 (英文堂)

12月21日 (星期四) 晚上7:30

烈治文山區最長夜聯合崇拜

烈治文山長老會

12月22日 (星期五) 早上11時至下午1時

活力社聖誕聯歡會

12月25日 (星期一) 早上11時

聖誕日聖餐聖洗禮崇拜

烈治文山堂 (中英文)

崇拜後設豐富茶聚及聖誕慶祝

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Christmas Celebration

Sunday, Dec 10

Christmas Carol Gospel Service

9 am North York Church (Cantonese)

11 am Richmond Hill Church (Cantonese & English)

Sunday, Dec 17 12:30 pm

Congregation Christmas Karaoke luncheon (English)

Thursday, Dec 21 7:30 pm

Richmond Hill Longest Night Ecumenical Service

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church

Friday, Dec 22 11 am – 1 pm

YEAH Club Christmas Celebration

Christmas Celebration and luncheon

Sunday, Dec 25 11 am

Christmas Day Holy Communion and Holy Baptism

Richmond Hill Church (Cantonese & English)

Tea Reception to follow with a Christmas party

Please invite friends to join us in-person services or livestreaming online at www.stchris.ca.

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