

# JOURNEY to BETHLEHEM



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22 December 2024

**The Promise Keeping God**

Luke 1:57-80



WATERMARK  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

# THE FLOW OF WORSHIP

## ADORATION

Welcome  
Call to Worship Together  
Worship in Songs

## CONFESSION & RENEWAL

Guests' Spotlight  
Greeting, Offering, Dismissal  
Testimony/Ministry Spotlight  
Scripture Reading  
Sermon

## COMMITMENT

Songs of Response  
Benediction

## COMMUNITY GROUPS

We are small disciple-making communities pursuing Jesus and serving, growing and reaching out together. For more information, email [community@watermarkchurch.hk](mailto:community@watermarkchurch.hk).

### ISLAND WEST

BROKEN VESSELS (Sai Ying Pun) | Mon 7:30pm  
SHALOM (Sai Ying Pun) | Thu 7:30pm  
LIVING STONES (Pokfulam) | Thu 7:30pm  
JARS OF CLAY (Sai Ying Pun) | Fri 7:30pm  
MANDARIN CG | Fri 8:00pm  
INNER CHAMBERS (Kennedy Town) | Sat 3:00pm

### ISLAND CENTRAL

UPPER ROOM (Wan Chai) | Fri 7:30pm  
BREAKING BREAD (Parkview) | Fri 7:30pm  
ABIDE (Tin Hau) | Thu 8:00pm  
MIDLEVELS CG | Thu 8:00pm

### OTHERS

EAST OAKS (Shatin) | Wed 7:30pm  
INSIDE OUT (Jordan) | Thu 7:30pm  
THE MESSENGERS (West Kowloon) | Fri 7:30pm  
OASIS (Jordan) | Fri 7:30pm

*\* We also have a number of Family Groups meeting after the service at Ebenezer, for families with young children.*

## REGULAR MINISTRIES

MOMS FELLOWSHIP (Sai Ying Pun) | Wed 10:00am  
INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Sai Ying Pun) | Wed 7:30pm

**Luke 1:57-74 (ESV)**

<sup>57</sup>Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup>And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. <sup>59</sup>And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, <sup>60</sup>but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.” <sup>61</sup>And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.” <sup>62</sup>And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. <sup>63</sup>And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered. <sup>64</sup>And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. <sup>65</sup>And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, <sup>66</sup>and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>67</sup>And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup>“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people  
<sup>69</sup>and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup>as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup>that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup>to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup>the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us  
<sup>74</sup>that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,

**Luke 1:75-80 (ESV)**

<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

<sup>80</sup> And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

**Connect Card** | If you are new to Watermark Community Church, please feel free to scan the QR code on your right.



**RightNow Media** | We've purchased unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos and are giving free access to everyone in the community. If you already have an account from the past, please feel free to log in. If you are a new user and want to have access, please email [hello@watermarkchurch.hk](mailto:hello@watermarkchurch.hk) or scan the code to your right.



**Bible Reading Plan 2025** | In January we will start our 2025 bible reading plan! A mixture of Old and New Testament books, often following the sermon series. Let's grow in Christ together as we read and share. Pick up a bookmark or download the schedule by scanning the code on your right.



**No Sai Ying Pun Service on December 25 & 29** | You may attend the service at Ebenezer, 10:30am. See you there! Do not hesitate to contact us or email us at [hello@watermarkchurch.hk](mailto:hello@watermarkchurch.hk).

**Dec 25 (Wed) | Christmas Service** | Come celebrate Christmas with Watermark Community Church! We invite you to join our Christmas service at Ebenezer starts at 10:30am on Wednesday, December 25. Come, let us rejoice for our Saviour is born! Bring your friends and family as we celebrate His birth.

**Jan 18 (Sat) | God, Identity & Sexuality** | We're living in a time when there's never been more questions asked about identity, gender, and sexuality. Pastor and author Vaughan Roberts ("God's Big Picture") addresses these questions in a talk with Q&A that's appropriate for anyone who's interesting in seeking the biblical understanding on these issues. Saturday 18 January, 7:30pm at St Andrew's Church. To sign up, please scan the QR code on the right.



# TITHING & OFFERING

The gospel is the story of God's radical generosity to us: the giving of Himself. Knowing that all we have is from Him, as an act of faith, obedience and worship, we joyfully give back to His kingdom advancement through tithes and offerings.

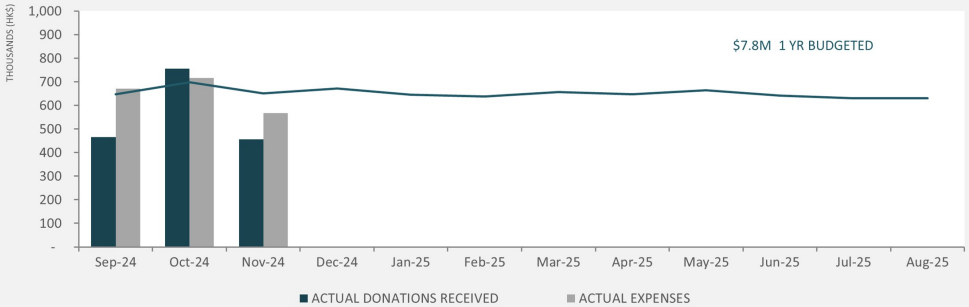
## Here are ways you can give on Sunday at our collection boxes or during the week:

For direct transfers, please debit to our HSBC account: 004 808 829 709 838 (savings) and email [finance@watermarkchurch.hk](mailto:finance@watermarkchurch.hk) to inform us of the transfer.

Cheques should be made payable to: "Watermark Community Church Limited". For US citizen/residents who wish to have a US tax receipt, each donation must be at least US\$100 (or HK\$800) and made payable to "Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc." We cannot accept cash offerings for FOHK; all contributions must be made by cheque. Cheques (both to Watermark and to FOHK) can be mailed to Watermark Community Centre.

You can also donate via FPS. Our FPS ID is: 164253833.

ACTUAL DONATIONS AS COMPARED TO EXPENSES



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### Sunday Services

Ebenezer: 10:30am

Watermark Community Centre: 2:30pm