

Council Report

DISCOVERY BAY
CHURCH

9 April 2026



Deepening and Expanding

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! So cheered the Easter congregation at DBC to conclude a Holy Week and a happy start to 2026.

The first Sunday in January, we celebrated Epiphany *and* the first anniversary of Drew's first service. The next Sunday we had a baptism (and a photographer for the AroundDB profile which made a big splash in February). We then rounded out the season after Epiphany with two more baptisms and lots of joy.

Lent proved very meaningful thanks to a Shrove Tuesday Pot Luck Supper to kick things off, the St. John's devotion book, a sermon series titled "Encountering Jesus", UHT Milk donation drive for Bethune House, and Holy Week services in DB and St John's, including a new Easter Sunrise Prayers on the Beach.

The Dean visited DBC during Lent while Drew was on holiday in Thailand with some family from the USA. Our Committee continues to make patient and wise adjustments.

We added a second chalice and improved the 'flow' for communion by adding Ushers and going row by row. We have also been improving our Refreshments experience for both those serving and receiving. These have all enhanced the overall experience of worship and fellowship on Sundays.

This quarter, in concert with Fr. Stephen Hung and Principal Angela Lo at SKH Wei Lun, Drew has gotten more involved as a Chaplain at Wei Lun. In addition to preaching at seasonal services, he is now joining a Friday afternoon Christian Fellowship group and greeting students as they enter school regularly. The school/church relationship continues to be positive and constructive.

We are also delighted to report that DBC actual revenue was 35% over budget for 2026, and actual expenses were under budget by 9%. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Drew+

Highlights:

Q1 ASA = 98
Low = 71 (Lent 3)
High = 117 (Palm Sun)

Meaningful Lent and Joyful Easter

AroundDB Profile on Drew's first year

Three Faith Begins candidates; one facilitator; two talks.

SKH Wei Lun Chaplaincy role growing

Second Chalice added; Ushers recruited

Great end of year financials!