

Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service 2019

As the sound of the church bells rang throughout the downtown Core of Singapore, we witnessed the making of another historical event on our island state. On 13 Dec 2019, at 7.15pm, St Andrew's Cathedral hosted the Bicentennial Christmas Carol Service to celebrate 200 years of God's blessings since the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819.

This event was jointly organized by NCCS and the Diocese of Singapore in partnership with the Cambridge and Oxford Societies of Singapore. Guest of Honour Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Mrs Lee were joined by more than 800 guests that included pastors and members of various churches, inter faith leaders, civil servants and other dignitaries.

The Carol Service which told the story of Christmas incorporated the history of Singapore. It reminded us of our commonality as Singaporeans and how our forefathers had struggled to build this nation to what it is today.

In closing, a visibly moved Prime Minister Lee encouraged all present to make sure that 50 or even 100 years from now, a new generation "will once again have many reasons to give thanks for the bountiful blessings and for the results which we have been able to bring about together".

Indeed, Prime Minister Lee's message is a fitting and timely reminder to all of us. And as followers of Christ, may we continue to live as the Lord has commanded us, to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. A Blessed Christmas to one and all!