



**SAT, 7 DEC  
& SUN, 8 DEC 2024**

**Saturday services**

Heartbeat – 2.30pm \* (Shalom Hall & [online](#))

English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary)

Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

**Sunday services**

English – 8.15am (Christ Sanctuary),

10.45am\* (Christ Sanctuary & [online](#))

Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary)

Indonesian Fellowship – 10.45am (B402)

Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium)

Filipino – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

**Junior Church & Teen Encounter**

details on next page

► **ADVENT.**

We begin the new church year with the season of Advent. Advent is a four-week season, which is characterised by themes of longing, waiting, and anticipation of the coming of Christ – His birth as well as His second coming. The liturgical colour of purple for this season symbolises penitence and preparation as reminders of our posture as we remember and wait.

## THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 7 DECEMBER 2024

**2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)**

Living in-between: Prepared and Ready (Luke 3:1-14) by Mr Allen Lim

SUN, 8 DECEMBER 2024

**8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)**

Living in-between: Prepared and Ready (Luke 3:1-14) by Mr Allen Lim

### NEW TO SJSM?

Whether you joined our online or onsite service today or found us on the web, we are glad you did! Do let us know if you would like more information or prayer, or just give us some feedback by submitting a simple form by clicking/scanning the QR code on the right. Thank you!



## CLASSES IN RECESS UNTIL 4/5 JAN

### TEEN ENCOUNTER (ages 11–13)

Sat, 5pm (SES) @ B405

Sun, 8.15am (E1) @ B405

Sun, 10.45am (E2) @ B405

Email [richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg) for enquiries.

### JUNIOR CHURCH

Sat – 5pm (SES)

Primary (7–10 yrs) @ Charis

Preschool (3–6 yrs) @ Chara

Sun – 8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

Primary (7–10 yrs) @ Agape Hall

Preschool: Kindy (5–6 yrs) @ Charis

Preschool: Nursery (3–4 yrs) @ Chara

Email [juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg) for enquiries.

## Are you in need of Pastoral Care and/or Counselling?

Prayer for healing, and other forms of pastoral care are available.

1. Call 6777 0934, or
2. Email [pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg) or [counselling@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:counselling@sjsm.org.sg)

If you are **homebound** and require **Holy Communion**, please fill in a form by scanning the QR code below or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3>



## CATCH IT AGAIN

Advent 2024

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11476964>

A Study on Hospitality in Luke

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10908415>

A Study on Hospitality in Acts

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11070356>

All/Other services

<https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

<https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr>

# SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

## **Thu, 12 December**

8.00pm **Thursday Healing Service** (*Chapel*)

## **Fri, 13 December** - Heartbeat Youth Camp (13-16 Jun)

## **Sat, 14 December**

5.00pm **English Svc** (*Christ Sanctuary*)

**Mandarin Svc** (*Glory Sanctuary; email [sjismc@sjism.org.sg](mailto:sjismc@sjism.org.sg) for more information or to join*)

## **Sun, 15 December**

8.15am **English Svc** (*Christ Sanctuary*)

10.00am **Mandarin Svc** (*Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email [sjismc@sjism.org.sg](mailto:sjismc@sjism.org.sg) for more information or to join*)

**Tamil Svc** (*Bethel Auditorium; email [solomon@sjism.org.sg](mailto:solomon@sjism.org.sg) for more information or to join*)

10.45am **English Svc** (*Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via [SJSJ Facebook](#), <https://vimeo.com/event/741245>, and [www.sjism.org.sg/online.html](http://www.sjism.org.sg/online.html)*)

**Indonesian Fellowship** (*B402; email [sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg](mailto:sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg) for more information or to join*)

1.30pm **Filipino Service** (*Bethel Auditorium; email [juanita@sjism.org.sg](mailto:juanita@sjism.org.sg) for more information*)

## **Misc. details**

### ***Sermons***

### SES, E1 & E2

Living "in-between"  
Series: What then should we do?  
(Luke 3:7-18)  
by Revd Victor Teo

### ***Cell Groups***

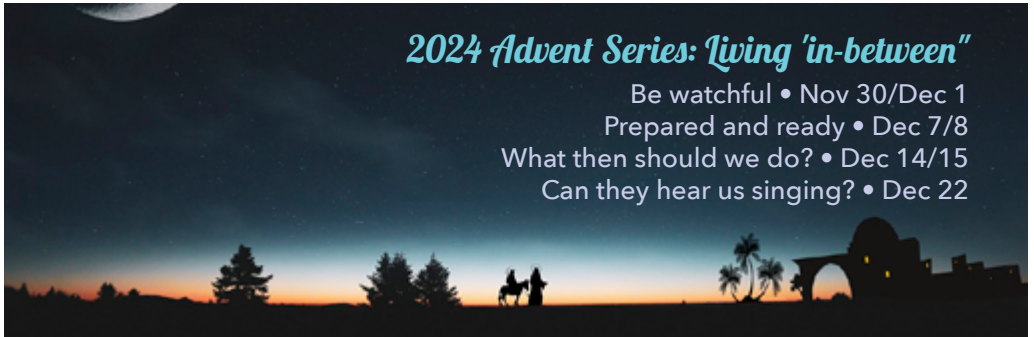
Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Scan/Tap/Click the QR code below to join a cell group!



Questions? Write to us at [cell@sjism.org.sg](mailto:cell@sjism.org.sg)

## ***2024 Advent Series: Living 'in-between'***

Be watchful • Nov 30/Dec 1  
Prepared and ready • Dec 7/8  
What then should we do? • Dec 14/15  
Can they hear us singing? • Dec 22



# NOTICES

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT 2025

Date & Venue: March 21-23 | Grand Paragon Hotel, JB  
Cost: \$270/pax (after 6 Jan, \$330/pax), reg closes 3 Feb  
+ \$40/pax for 2-way transport (optional)

Speaker: Rt Revd Dr Chris Chia

This retreat offers Spirit-filled messages, heartfelt conversations, spiritual nurturing, and practical skills—all woven together with fun and laughter alongside fellow couples journeying together in life. Embrace this opportunity to refresh, rejuvenate, and renew your love, deepen your bond and create beautiful memories with your beloved.

Visit <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/mer.html> for more details or register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSM2025MER>.

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2025 (NEW)

Dates & Time: 2 Feb - 4 May (Sundays) | 1.30-3.30pm  
Baptism Svc: 29 & 30 Mar | Confirmation Svc: 18 May

This new curriculum will combine the teachings for both baptism and confirmation in one 10-session course. If you want to take the next steps in your faith journey to publically profess your faith and be part of the Anglican community, register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBapConf2025-1>. Email [ce@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:ce@sjsm.org.sg) for queries.

## KNOW THE WORD (KTW) - JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS

Dates: 11 Feb – 22 Apr 2025 (10 Tues) | 7.45 – 9.45 pm  
Instructors: Bp Rennis Ponniah (Jeremiah) &  
Dr Low Kee Hwa (Lamentations)

KTW, SJSM's systematic book study course that is offered twice a year, will resume in February. Register for this course at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMKTWJerLam>. If you have any questions, please feel free to email [ce@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:ce@sjsm.org.sg).

## BUSINESS AS MISSION (CENTRAL ASIA & SE ASIA FOCUS)

Date & Time: 18 January 2025, 9am – 6pm  
Calling working professionals and business people – come and learn how to use your expertise to fulfil the Great Commission! Registration details will be released next week– watch out for it!

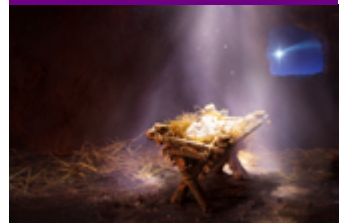
## JUNIOR CHURCH REGISTRATION FOR 2025

We are excited to announce that JC registrations for the New Year are now open! If your child is between the ages of 3 and 10 and would like to join Junior Church in 2025 (and is not already enrolled), please submit the registration form (<https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJC2025Reg>). Please note, children who graduated in 2024 do not need to re-register.

## ADVENT

Advent means "arrival". In the church calendar, Christians around the world start a four-week season of remembering and celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth as the long-awaited Messiah and King. Amidst all the festivities, may we also take time to reflect with hope, love, peace and joy that our King has come and made a way for us to be with Him and also for the day He will come to reunite Heaven and Earth once and for all.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*



## JOIN OUR TEAM

1. Group Administrator, Operations & HR (FT)
2. Team Lead, Information Technology (FT)
3. Assoc Chaplain, Chaplaincy (PT)
4. Pastoral Staff, Heartfriends Student Care Ctr (FT)

*Details at*

[www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment)

## CONNECT WITH US BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to [info@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:info@sjsm.org.sg) to furnish us with relevant details.

## MARRIAGE/WEDDINGS

Planning to get married?  
Write to the Family Life Ministry at [flm@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:flm@sjsm.org.sg).

## BEREAVEMENT

Please get in touch so that we can support you. Contact your cell leader, cell pastor, Zone Pastor, or the Church Office via 6777 0934 or [pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg).

## GIVING

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

#### Via Bank Transfer

**Name of Bank Account:**

St John's - St Margaret's Church

**Acct #:** 360-303-092-1

**Branch Code:** 030

**Bank Code:** 7375

**Bank Name:** UOB

#### Via PayNow

**UEN:** T08CC4080B



#### Via cash and cheques

Cheques and cash may be placed directly into the offering boxes at the exits. Tithing does not require an accompanying member's stewardship number.

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SERVICES

This year's Christmas Gospel service will tell the Christmas story through carolling, readings, drama and dance. Do start praying for these services and also for people to invite! Printed invitational flyers are available at the Info Desk and the e-flyer can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCmasGospel2024Invite>

Provision for overflow to Shalom Hall will be made so we ask our members' cooperation to free up seating in Christ Sanctuary for guests, should the need arise, so that our guests get the best!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GOSPEL SERVICE!

The Christmas Gospel services rehearsals started last weekend but is still in need for more stage hands and flashmob dancers! You will need to commit to both services (21 & 24 Dec) and also the remaining rehearsals. Please consider and sign up by TODAY to be a part of these special services! For more details or to sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMStageHands2024> or email [mingli@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:mingli@sjsm.org.sg) for further queries.

## HONOURING OUR GUESTS AT YEAR-END SERVICES

Let's be praying that many will find or reconnect with God during this season. Two ways we, as members, can help make it easier for these guests to attend church is:

1. To offer our seats in the main sanctuary and go to the overflow venues if a request is made.
2. Park at the neighbouring HDB car parks to avail more lots for guests, those bringing guests, the elderly and the handicapped.

## CROCHET FOR HEARTFRIENDS STUDENT CARE CENTRE

**Dates: 14 & 15 December after the services**

The Crochet Fellowship will be selling their handicrafts to raise funds for Heartfriends Student Care Centre. Do keep this in mind as you plan your Christmas gift shopping and visit their table after the services next weekend!

## SENIOR'S FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship will take a break in December and resume in January 2025. Watch for details later in the month!

## TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Nov 2024 (\$)	Oct 2024 (\$)
<b>General Fund (Budgeted collections)</b>	7,388.092	671,645
<b>General Fund (Actual collections)</b>	7,129,521	625,366
<b>Excess / (Shortfall)</b>	(258,571)	(46,279)



# PRAYER @ SJSM

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**LECTIONARY READINGS:** Psalm 80; Isaiah 64.1-7; Matthew 11.2-11

**COLLECT:** Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

#### OUR PARISH

- **Christmas.** Pray for the Spirit to guide the planning and preparation of all the year-end outreaches. Pray for God's heart for the lost to move us to invite seekers and to render help in support of the outreach events, especially the Christmas Gospel Services on the 21st & 24th Dec. Pray for many to respond to the Good News and to experience a community that is ever ready to share the love and truth of God.
- **Youth Camp (13-16 Dec).** Pray for anointing upon the speakers and worship teams, and protection for all participants. May the Word and the Spirit accomplish God's purposes in the hearts of the youths (Is 55:10-11), and precipitate a new wave of youth revival in SJSM.

#### OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Little Seeds Preschool.** Pray for all the preschool teachers to be rejuvenated by the Lord's affirmation of their labour of love in nurturing young lives. May the tireless sowing into the children make a lasting, transformative impact in shaping their character, and prepare them well for the next phase of their developmental growth.

#### OUR DIOCESE

- **Deaneries.** Pray for the Spirit to direct the positioning of His people in the mission field and for God's love to touch many through the on-going work of the Deaneries. Uphold in prayer the following who have been appointed to take on new roles (w.e.f. 1 Dec 2024) on top of their current ministry responsibilities: (a) Revd Dr Timothy Chong as the Dean of Deanery of Timor-Leste; (b) Revd Victor Teo as the Associate Dean of Deanery of Timor-Leste; (c) Ds Bessie Lee as the Home-based Coordinator for Deanery of Timor-Leste. Pray for (i) divine protection; (ii) wisdom to manage their many ministry portfolios; and (iii) mighty anointing upon their leadership for the further expansion of Kingdom work

#### OUR NATION

- **Government.** Pray for God's strong hand upon the processes leading up to the 2025 General Election, and over the outcome. Pray for political maturity of voters in discerning truth and falsehood, and be guided by wisdom and objectivity in their assessment of candidates. May Singapore continue to enjoy a strong, stable, competent and clean government that has earned her respect on the global stage as a viable model for governance. (1 Ti 2:1-2)

#### THE WORLD

- **The Afflicted.** Remember the millions who are suffering in silence (the refugees, the poor, the sick, the oppressed, the persecuted etc). Pray for fresh outpouring of God's mercy to bring reliefs to their situation and a special touch of His love during this Christmas season (Lam 3:22-23).

#### DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Download the latest file at [www.anglican.org.sg](http://www.anglican.org.sg).

#### PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

To join an intercession group, write to [prayer@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:prayer@sjsm.org.sg).



**Junior Church 2025**

**New Registration!**

FOR CHILDREN BORN IN THE YEAR 2021-2022

Returning children need not register again.



*Marriage Enrichment Retreat*

DATE: Fri 21 Mar - Sun 23 Mar, 2025  
 VENUE: Grand Paragon Hotel, Johor Bahru  
 COST: \$330 per pax / \$270 per pax (early bird)  
 \$40 for 2 way transportation (optional)  
 SPEAKER: Rt Rev Dr Chris Chia  
 CLOSING: Mon 3 Feb, 2359hrs  
 DATE

For more information, please refer to [www.sjsm.org.sg/MER](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/MER)

\*Note: Early bird rates are only applicable to SJSM members.



*Christmas Gospel Services*

- Saturday 21 December 5 pm
- Tuesday 24 December 8 pm with concurrent children's programme

*Start praying for folks to invite!*

See bulletin for links to invitational flyer



FROM LOVING HEARTS TO CREATIVE HANDS

**Crochet FOR HEARTFRIENDS SCC**

14&15 December 2024  
 Before & After SES, E1, E2

**YEAR END SERVICES 2024**

**SAT, 21 DEC, 5PM**  
 Gospel service

**SUN, 22 DEC**  
 8.15am & 10.45am  
 Regular Services

**TUE, 24 DEC, 8PM**  
 Gospel Service  
 w/concurrent children's program

**WED, 25 DEC, 10AM**  
 Holy Communion  
 Christmas Service

**SAT, 28 DEC, 5PM**  
 Regular Service

**SUN, 29 DEC**  
 8.15am & 10.45am  
 Regular Services

**TUE, 31 DEC, 8PM**  
 Holy Communion  
 Covenant Service

**Bishop of Singapore**  
*The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung*

**Assistant Bishop**  
*Rt Revd Low Jee King*

**Archdeacon of Singapore**  
*Ven Daniel Wee*

**Vicar**  
*Revd Victor Teo*

**Clergy**  
*Ven Wong Tak Meng*  
*Revd Dino Thangamany*  
*Revd Thong Tang Hiong*  
*Revd Solomon Periyamayakam*  
*Revd Calvin Tan*  
*Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)*

**Deaconesses**  
*Ds Bessie Lee*  
*Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)*



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