



**SAT, 21 DEC
& SUN, 22 DEC 2024**

Saturday services

Heartbeat – resumes in Jan 2025

English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary & [online](#))

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, 21 DECEMBER 2024

5pm (Christmas Gospel Service) Four key questions (Jn 1:14) by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 22 DECEMBER 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

Living in-between: Fake News, True News and the Good News about Christmas (Ti 2: 11-14)) by Ds Bessie Lee (Add'l pre-readings: Mt 2:1-16; Rev 12:1-17)

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 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 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 or 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/3dvbbmtr>

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 24 December (Christmas Eve)

7.30pm Mandarin Christmas Eve Service (*Glory Sanctuary*)

8.00pm Christmas Gospel Service (*Christ Sanctuary & [online](#)*)

Wed, 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.00am Mandarin Christmas Day Baptism Service
(*Glory Sanctuary*)

10.00am Christmas Holy Communion Service (*Christ Sanctuary*)

10.00am Tamil Christmas Holy Communion Service
(*Bethel Auditorium*)

Sat, 28 December

5.00pm English Service (*Christ Sanctuary*)

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

Sun, 29 December

8.15am English Svc (*Christ Sanctuary*)

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

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

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

Misc. details

Sermons

Christmas Day Service

Unto us is born this day a Saviour (Phil 2:1-11; Lk 2:1-20) by Ven Wong Tak Meng

E1 & E2

The boy Jesus (Lk 2:41-52) by Revd Dino Thangamany

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

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

Fake News, True News and the Good News about Christmas • Dec 22

Other services

Unto us is born this day a Saviour • Dec 25

The boy Jesus • Dec 28 & 29

Covenant Service • Dec 31



NOTICES

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SERVICE

Tue, 24 Dec, 8pm w/concurrent children's (5-10yrs) programme* (refreshments after service)

Saturday's service will be repeated on Christmas Eve so if you're still considering inviting someone, do! Printed invitational flyers are available at the Info Desk and digital ones at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCmasGospel2024Invite>. Provision for overflow to Shalom Hall will be made.

**Register children from 7.30pm.*

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 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.

2025 MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (7 Saturdays)

Dates & Time: Mar 1, 8, 15, 29 & Apr 5, 12 (9am to 2pm) & Apr 26 (9am to 6pm)

Cost per person: \$100 (SJSMer)/\$150 (non-SJSMers)

This course is required for couples intending to marry in SJSM and recommended for couples exploring marriage. **Registration will open soon.** For enquiries email flm@sjsm.org.sg

NEW DATES - MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT 2025

Date & Venue: 9 - 11 May | Grand Paragon Hotel, JB

Cost per person: \$270 (after 15 Jan, \$330), reg closes 3 Mar + \$40 for 2-way transport (optional)

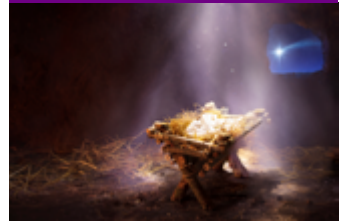
Speaker: Rt Revd Dr Chris Chia

This retreat aims to enrich your marriage over a time of Spirit-filled messages, heartfelt conversations, spiritual nurturing, and practical skills alongside fellow couples journeying together in life. For more details, visit <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/mer.html> or register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSM2025MER>.

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)

Details at

www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment

CONNECT WITH US BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to 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.

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.

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.

THURSDAY HEALING SERVICE

This weekly service will not meet from this week and will resume meeting weekly from 9 January, 8pm at the Chapel. All are welcome to receive ministry and prayer. Email thssjsm@gmail.com for information.

OTHER SERVICES - UPDATES

- The Filipino congregation & Indonesian fellowship will not have their regular gathering next Sunday and will resume on, 5 Jan at 1.30pm and 10.45am, respectively.
- The Heartbeat Youth service will resume meeting on 4 Jan, 2.30pm.

JUNIOR CHURCH 2025

Junior Church & Teen Encounter will resume on the 4/5 Jan 2025 weekend. For children aged between 3 and 10 not already enrolled and wanting to join Junior Church in 2025, please submit the registration form (<https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJC2025Reg>). Children who graduated in 2024 do not need to re-register.

BUSINESS AS MISSION (Central & SE Asia focus)

Date & Time: 18 January 2025, 9am – 6pm

Calling working professionals and business people – come and learn how to use your expertise and resources to fulfil the Great Commission! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBizMission2025>!

SENIOR'S FELLOWSHIP

Senior's Fellowship will resume on Thur, 2 Jan 2025. Contact mich@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- **Yeo Wei Wan** and family (husband: Ng Tze Ming; children: Jolene & Janine) on the loss of Wei Wan's beloved father on Monday, 16 December 2024.
- **The family of our late brother Alfred Chan** (wife: Jean; children: Daniel, Peter & Kathleen) who was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, 17 December 2024.
- **The family of our late brother Fam Chong Nai** (wife: Swee Yin; son: Wee Shun; daughter, Rachel; daughter-in-law: Julie) who was called home to the Lord on Thursday, 19 December, 2024.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Nov 2024 (\$)	Nov 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	7,388,092	671,645
General Fund (Actual collections)	7,129,521	625,366
Excess / (Shortfall)	(258,571)	(46,279)

PRAYER @ SJSM

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 144; Isaiah 32.1-8; Revelation 22.6-end

COLLECT: Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour: fill us with Your grace, that in all things we may accept Your holy will and with her rejoice in Your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Christmas. (a) SJSMers.** May SJSMers find space for quiet reflection over the birth of Christ, whose unfailing love compelled Him to enter the world in order to embrace the Cross. May deep gratitude move us to walk in His light and bring His light to others (Jn 12:46).
- **(b) Guests.** Pray for many more guests to join the 2nd Christmas Gospel Service on the 24th December. May they be much blessed by the warm welcome of the SJSM community and the message of the Christmas Story. Pray for hearts to respond to the sacrificial love of Jesus, that they may experience true blessedness of being reconciled to God (2 Cor 5:17-19).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- May the joy of Christmas saturate the SJSMV community - SJSM Nursing Home, Little Seeds Preschool, St. Andrew's Active Ageing Centre (Dover) aka KopiStop, St. Andrew's Senior Care (Dover), and Heartfriends Student Care Centre. Pray especially for the Good News to reach the downhearted and the lonely, that they may find companionship of the God who offers hope, joy, and peace. (1 Jn 1:3; Ro 15:13)

OUR NATION

- **Revival.** As Christmas is celebrated in a culture that promotes gratification of the flesh, pray for the Spirit of God to awaken many to the emptiness of fleeting pleasures that cannot meet the real needs of the soul, and draw them to seek the Reason for Christmas that promises truly abundant life (Jn 10:10). Pray for anointing upon the Church to proclaim the Gospel by the power of the Spirit. May the Lord bless our nation with a great harvest, ushering in a revival that may result in a healthier society.

THE WORLD

- **The Afflicted.** Remember the millions who are suffering in silence - the civilians caught in war zones, the refugees, the poor/hungry/sick, the oppressed/persecuted, and those injured or who lost their loved ones through disasters. Pray for God's special grace to bring relief to their situations, and grant them life-changing encounters with Jesus, who alone gives true peace and freedom in the midst of darkness. (Ps 10:17; Is 9:2-3)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Download the latest file at www.anglican.org.sg.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

To join an intercession group, write to prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

JUNIOR CHURCH & TEEN ENCOUNTER

...resume on 4/5 Jan 2025! Not enrolled yet? Check the bulletin notices for information!

See you soon!



BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2025

2 Feb - 4 May (10-sessions)
1.30-3.30pm (Sundays)



BAPTISM SVC:
29 & 30 Mar, 2025

CONFIRMATION SVC:
18 May, 2025



Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBapConf2025-1> or email ce@sjsm.org.sg for info.

Business as Mission (BAM)

Business to Fulfil the Great Commission

(Central Asia & South East Asia Focus)

Calling working professionals and business people. Come and learn how to use your expertise for missions.

Join us at St John's - St Margaret's Church
30 Dover Ave, S139790
Saturday 18 Jan, 2025
from 9 am to 6 pm

Please do not circulate this flyer on social media.

Scan for more info and to register!



<https://tinyurl.com/SJSMMission2025>

KNOW THE WORD

Jeremiah & Lamentations

11 FEB - 22 APR 2025 (10 SESSIONS)
7.45 - 9.45 PM (TUESDAYS)

INSTRUCTORS:
BP RENNIS PONNIAH (JEREMIAH)
&
DR LOW KEE HWYA (LAMENTATIONS)



Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMKTWJerLam> or email ce@sjsm.org.sg for info.

YEAR END SERVICES 2024

SAT, 21 DEC, 5PM
Gospel service
(refreshments before & after service)

SUN, 22 DEC
8.15am & 10.45am
Regular Services

TUE, 24 DEC, 8PM
Gospel Service
w/concurrent children's program
(refreshments after service)

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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