

> THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS.

The Church remains in a state of celebrating and honoring Christ's birth beyond just Christmas day. In these twelve days, we take time to cherish and contemplate the gift of Jesus to reconcile us to the Father and meditate on the gift and graces Christ brings to us in His coming.

Heartbeat – joins 5pm service English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

Sunday services

English – 8.15am (Christ Sanctuary), 10.45am* (Christ Sanctuary & <u>online</u>) Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary) Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter details on next page

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 4 JANUARY 2025

5pm (SES + Hi-5) Becoming: His people, His Village (Is 43:18-21; Lk 5:36-39) by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 5 JANUARY 2025

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

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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!



The following are the usual classes for children. Variations will be announced in the bulletin and through the teachers

TEEN ENCOUNTER

(ages 11–13) SES) @ B405

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 <u>pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg</u> or <u>counselling@sjsm.org.sg</u>

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 recordings

https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 9 January

8.00pm **Healing Service**

(Chapel; email SJSMChurchHealingService@gmail.com for more information)

Sat, 11 January

2.30pm Heartbeat Service (Shalom Hall) (Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sq for

more information or to join).

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

Mandarin Svc (Glory Sanctuary; email sjsmc@sjsm.org.sq for more

information or to join)

Sun, 12 January

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

10.00am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

email sjsmc@sjsm.org.sq for more information or to join)

Tamil Svc (Bethel Auditorium;

email solomon@sjsm.org.sq for more information or to join)

10.45am **English Svc** (Christ Sanctuary;

live-streamed via SJSM Facebook, https://vimeo.com/event/741245, and

www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

Indonesian Fellowship (B402;

email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sq for more information or to join)

1.30pm Filipino Service (Bethel Auditorium;

email juanita@sism.ora.sa for more information)

Misc. details

Sermon info

SES, E1 & E2

Becoming God's People Means.. Recognizing God's Hand even in our Trials

(Exodus 1:8-20)

by Revd Calvin Tan

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 <u>cell@sjsm.org.sq</u>

BECOMING GOD'S PEOPLE MEANS...

Book study on Exodus Becoming: His people, His village • 4 & 5 Jan Recognizing God's Hand even in our Trials • 11 & 12 Jan Responding to God's Call • 18 & 19 Jan

Persevering in the midst of opposition • 25 & 26 Jan

Remembering His Deliverance • 1 & 2 Feb

Trusting God in Uncertainty • 8 & 9 Feb

Being a worshipful and thankful people • 15 & 16 Feb

Going in His Strength • 22 & 23 Feb

Overcoming Idolatry (The golden calf) • 1 & 2 Mar



CHILDREN & YOUTH AT THIS WEEKEND'S SERVICES!

At this first weekend of 2025, the junior church children will join us for worship and later in the service where we will pray for them as we start this new year!

From this Saturday, the Heartbeat youth will join SES (aka Hi-5) once a month (1st or 3rd Saturday) where we will serve and receive Holy Communion together!

EQUIPPING FOR 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!

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.

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. *Register at https://tinyurl.com/MPC2025SJSM*. For enquiries email *flm@sjsm.org.sg*

GETTING READY FOR CNY 2025!

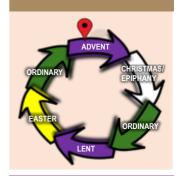
Chinese New Year starts on 28 Jan We will be going into Dover and Ghim Moh Link again to bless the residents with gift packs from 17 Jan onwards. For this time, distribution will be done by zones and the respective ministries, more details will be available in the coming weeks. In the meantime, do pray and be ready to offer some of your time to take part in this outreach!

CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING: FRI 24 JAN, 7.45pm

Mark your calendars for our first CPG of 2025! We will gather in Christ Sanctuary to seek God together!

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Liturgical Year or the Church Calendar. was developed by the early Christians to remind us that while we move through our are still a part of God's missional timeline and purposes. So the liturgical year helps us to remember and relive the story of Jesus' time on earth and what was accomplished. It also reminds us that we the church, must keep our focus to fulfill God's mission in the world.



JOIN OUR TEAM

- 1. Group Administrator, Operations & HR (FT) 2. Team Lead,
- Information Technology (FT)
- 3. Assoc Chaplain, Chaplaincy (PT)
 - 4. Facilities Asst (FT) NEW

Details at www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment

CONNECT WITH US

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to <u>info@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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 PavNow

UEN: T08CC4080B



Via cash and cheaues

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

HOLY COMMUNION CHANGES IN 2025

Starting this weekend we will return to the self-intinction method with same hand sanitizing practices in place. In doing so, we will join in with the Diocesan-wide practice of receiving Holy Communion in this manner.

THANKSGIVING WORD CLOUD

View the "word cloud" of things we were thankful for in 2024 collected online at the Covenant Service at www.sism.org.sg/pdfs/2024CovenantSvcThanksWordCloud.pdf!

SUNDAY REFRESHMENT CONTRIBUTION

We thank the cells and individuals who have contributed in one way or another to the Sunday refreshments to date. The team is always encouraged by the partnership of the wider SJSM family in this ministry. If you would like to contribute food please contact Chwee Ling (M: 96230415). If you would like to serve on the team, please contact Wendy (M: 91370033).

NEW CLERGY

We welcome **Revd Tang Wai Lung** and his wife Yam Ling to our SJSM community! Ps Tang joins us from 1 Jan 2025.

STAFF APPOINTMENT

We congratulate **Jana Koh** on her completion of the Pastoral Ministry Training Scheme (PMTS). She now joins the SJSM staff team as Pastoral Staff with NextGen (w.e.f. 1 Jan 2025).

WEDDING NOTICES

We want to rejoice with these members who have filed their notice with the Registry of Marriages, Singapore:

ANDREW ONG ERN KUANG & GRACE ONG EN-NING

Date: 10am, 11 Jan, 2025 | Venue: Christ Sanctuary

JOSHUA TOH YIH FENG & LIM YUAN JING

Date: 10am, 18 Jan, 2025 | **Venue:** Glory Sanctuary If anyone knows of any reason why they may not lawfully marry, please inform the Vicar (SJSM) or the Registrar of Marriages before the wedding date.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Dec 2024 (\$)	Dec 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	8,059,737	671,645
General Fund (Actual collections)	7,984,463	854,942
Excess / (Shortfall)	(75,274)	183,297

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 87; Isaiah 12; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

COLLECT: Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wise men to the worship of Your Son: guide by His light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Vision Weekend.** As we commit the new year to God, pray for (a) Spirit-led anointing on Revd Victor and the staff team as they launch the Vision Weekend on Becoming: His People, His Village; (b) SJSMers to be captivated by God's heart behind the vision, and to move in love and unity in the Holy Spirit's power for His glory (Zech 4:6).
- **Next Generation.** As we join hearts to lift up and commit our next generation to God, we pray for strong growth into a truly intergenerational church, aligning with our Vision 2025 on becoming His Village. May congregants of all age groups feel like they are part of one big family, praising and worshipping our Abba Father together, whilst finding opportunities to care for and serve one another using our God-given gifts (Ps 148:12-13, Eph 2:10).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• **Chinese New Year Blessing.** Pray for SJSMers as they go in their cells and various groups to 5700 households in Dover and Ghim Moh, from 17 January onwards. May God be with them as they bring a gift and God's shalom peace to each household.

OUR NATION

• **Shalom Singapore.** As our government prepares for 2025, pray for (a) divine wisdom on our prime minister and the cabinet as they deliberate on Budget 2025 amidst rising cost of living, job security challenges and increasing competition; (b) Singapore to be able to navigate through geopolitical, climate and technological challenges successfully under our 4G leaders; (c) God's reign to be over the processes leading to the General Election this year and over its outcome. Pray for voters to vote wisely, guided by patriotic reasons, so that Singapore will continue to have a stable and secure government who will serve with integrity for the welfare of her citizens.

THE WORLD

• Climate Crisis. Pray for (a) the global church to stand in the gap through a deep godly sorrow over the human actions that harm the earth, and a return to God to restore and heal the land (2 Chron 7:14); (b) deeper conviction for many, whether policymakers or the populace, to examine our environmental impact, engage in sustainable practices, and promote conservation efforts and environmental justice to protect the beauty and resources God has entrusted to us (Gen 2:15); (c) the superpowers to be committed in developing scale in clean energy and green technology and in rendering help to the poorer communities to enable them to mitigate the impacts of the climate crisis.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Download the latest file at <u>www.anglican.org.sq</u>.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

ARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

DETAILS

DATE 7 Saturdays, 9am-2pm Mar 1, 8, 15, 29, Apr 5, 12 Apr 26 (9am-6pm)

VENUE Bethel Auditorium

COST \$100 per person (SJSMer) \$150 per person (Public)



Closing Date: Mon 3 Feb, 2359h

Enquires: flm@sjsm.org.sg



These I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Isaiah 56:7

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2025

10 Sundays, 1.30-3.30pm



COURSE DATES: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar 9, 16, 23, Apr 6, 27, May 4.

BAPTISM SVC: 29 & 30 Mar, 2025 CONFIRMATION SVC: 18 May, 2025

Register at https://tinyurl.com/\$J\$MBapConf2025-1 or email ce@sjsm.org.sg for info.

Equipping for Business as Mission

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, \$139790 Saturday 18 Jan. 2025 from 9 am to 6 pm

Please do not circulate this flyer on social media.



KNOW THE WORD

Jeremiah & Lamentations

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

JEREMIAH: FEB 11, 18, 25, MAR 4, 18, 25, APR 1 BP RENNIS PONNIAH

> LAMENTATIONS APR 8, 15 & 22 DR LOW KEE HWA



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

CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

> Friday, 24 Jan 7.45pm

Christ Sanctuary

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 Calvin Tan Revd Dino Thangamany Revd Solomon Periyanayakam Revd Tang Wai Lung Revd Thong Tang Hiong Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



30 Dover Avenue, \$139790 Tel: 6777 0934 (Tue - Fri: 9.30am - 4pm; Sat: 9.30am - 4pm) info@sjsm.org.sg | www.sjsm.org.sg







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Our campus, St. John's - St. Margaret's Village (www.sjsmvillage.org.sg), comprises of the church, SJSM Nursing Home (www.sjsmnh.org.sg), Little Seeds Preschool (SJSM) (littleseeds.edu.sg), Heartfriends Student Care Centre (https://heartfriendsbasc.org.sg), St. Andrew's Senior Care and Active Ageing Centre (https://www.samh.org.sg/st-andrews-senior-care).