



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.

On this first weekend of Advent we also celebrate SJSM's 54th anniversary of when the first service was held in 1971.

SATURDAY SERVICES

Heartbeat - 2.30pm (Shalom Hall)

English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary)

Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

SUNDAY SERVICES

English - 8.15am & 10.45am*

(Christ Sanctuary/online)

Indonesian Fellowship – 10.45am (B402)

Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary)

Tamil - 10am (Bethel Auditorium)

Filipino – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Regular Junior Church & Teen Encounter meeting details on next page

This Weekend's Sermons

SATURDAY, 29 Nov

2:30pm (Heartbeat): Worthy (Rev 4:8-11, 5:9-12; Matt 6:19-23)

Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman

5pm (SES): Watchfulness in Uncertain Times (Isa 9:2-7; Matt 24:36-44) Mr Larry Choi

SUNDAY, 30 Nov

8:15am (E1) & 10:45am (E2): Watchfulness in Uncertain Times (Isa 9:2-7; Matt 24:36-44) Mr Larry Choi

new to sism?

We are glad you found us! 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 or visit https://tinyurl.com/SJSMVisitor. Thank you!



The Kronnia re the usual weekly classes for the land en. Variations will be announced by the bulletin and through the teachers

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

SATURDAY - 5pm (SES)

Primary (7-10 yrs) @ Charis Preschool (3-6 yrs) @ Chara

SUNDAY - 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 <u>juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg</u> for enquiries.

Need Help?

Do connect with us in any of the following ways.

 Visit/chat with a pastoral staff or request for Holy Communion (for homebound persons):

Email: <u>pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg</u> call 67770934, or submit this online form <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3</u>

Request for clinical counselling (for members or members to refer):

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https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCounsellingRequest

3. Visit the Healing service Thursdays, 8pm, Chapel:

Email: sismhealingsvc@gmail.com



A Study on Becoming God's People (Exodus & Joshua)

https://vimeo.com/showcase/11517304

Lent 2025 Series

https://vimeo.com/showcase/11613057

Holy Week 2025

https://vimeo.com/showcase/11668099

A Study on Hospitality (Luke & Acts)

https://vimeo.com/showcase/10908415

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

All recordings

https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch

This Coming Week (no registration required)

Tue, 2 Dec

11.00am Tea Terrace (Tea Terrace)

Thu, 4 Dec

- 11.00am Tea Terrace (Tea Terrace)
- 8.00pm Healing Service (Chapel)

Sat, 6 Dec

- 2.00pm Crochet Fellowship (Hospitality Lounge)
- 2.30pm Heartbeat Youth Service (Shalom Hall)
- 5.00pm Saturday Evening Holy Communion Service (Christ Sanctuary)

Mandarin Service (Glory Sanctuary)

Sun, 7 Dec

- 8.15am English Morning Holy Communion Service (Christ Sanctuary)
- 10.00am Mandarin Service (Glory Sanctuary)

Tamil Service (Bethel Auditorium)

10.45am English Morning Holy Communion Service (Christ Sanctuary & online)

Indonesian Fellowship (B402)

1.30pm Filipino Service (Bethel Auditorium)

SaveThese Dates!

- Dec 20 (11am 3pm)

 Dover Celebrates

 Christmas
- Dec 20 (2pm) Christmas Play
- Dec 24 (5:30pm/8:30pm)
 Christmas Eve Gospel
 Services
- Dec 25 (10am) Christmas Day Holy Communion Service
- Dec 31 (8pm)
 Covenant Holy
 Communion Service
- Jun 8-11 (2026): Church Camp

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS

Sat, 6 Dec (HB Youth)

Open Topic (TBC)

Mr Isaiah Tan

Sat, 6 Dec & Sun 7 Dec (SES/E1/E2)

Advent 02 (Matt 3:1-12)

Mr Allen Lim



ADVENT 2025: Being Faithful Until He Returns

Watchfulness in Uncertain Times • 29 & 30 Nov

Advent 02 • 06 & 07 Dec

Advent 03 • 13 & 14 Dec

Advent 04 • 21 Dec

Christmas Eve Gospel Service • 24 Dec

Christmas Day • 25 Dec

Covenant Service • 31 Dec

NOTICES

VILLAGE ENGAGEMENT WEEKEND: 29/30 NOV

This weekend's services will bring focus on our SJSM Village. Come hear of some updates and also find out better how to get involved! Sign up at: https://tinvurl.com/VEWeekend

KNOW THE WORD 2026 - EZEKIEL

Dates: Jan 27, Feb 3, 10, 24; Mar 3 & 17 (6 Tuesdays)
Time & Instructor: 7.45pm | Dr Lee Chien Earn
KTW is SJSM's systematic book study course that is
offered twice a year and will resume in January. We
welcome back Dr Lee as the instructor. If you want to
attend, register at https://tinyurl.com/SJSMKTW by 18 Jan
2026. Email ce@sism.org.sg if you have queries.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2026 (10 Sundays) Dates: 25 Jan; 1, 8, 22 Feb; 1, 8, 29 Mar; 12, 26 Apr; 3 May

Time & Venue: 1.30-3.30pm | B405/B404

Baptism Svc: 21/22 Mar 2026 Confirmation Svc: 17 May 2026

If you're ready to take the next step in your faith journey to be baptised and be part of the Anglican community, this course is required to prepare you for them. Register at https://tinvurl.com/SJSMBapConf2026 by 15 Jan 2026.

JOHN123 CARD

This card can help you with a system to pray and reach out to someone this Christmas or any other time! Click here to get the digital version:

https://tinvurl.com/SJSMJn123Card

DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS: 20 DEC, 11AM-3PM

Let's celebrate Christmas with our friends and neighbours in Dover! Admission is free, but tickets are needed for food, rides, activities, door gift and the raffle draw. Tickets @ \$\$8/each, go on sale from this weekend onwards after the weekend services and during office hours. Printed flyers are also available at the Info Desk or download the e-flyer athttps://sjsm.org.sg/event/dover-celebrates-christmas-2025/

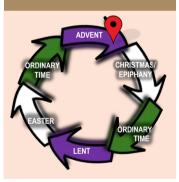
CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL SERVICES: WED 24 DEC 5.30pm | refreshments @ 4.30pm (*see note) 8.30pm | supper @10pm

Pick up printed invitational flyers from the Info Desk after the services, or download the e-flyers to share at: https://tinvurl.com/SJSM24DecInvite.

* Note: Tickets are required for hosts & guests seated in the Community Hall for the 4.30pm refreshments. They will be available for collection on 6 & 7 Dec at the Info Desk (while stocks last). If you don't get a ticket, come join in the fun at the Square anyway!

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 current timeline, we 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 fulfil God's mission in the world.



Join the Staff Team

- Administrator, Tamil Congregation (PT)
- 2. Facilities Officer (FT)
- 3. HR Administrator (PT)

Details at www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment

connect with us

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to <u>info@sjsm.org.sg</u> to furnish us with details.

MARRIAGE/WEDDINGS

Planning to get married? Write to the Family Life Ministry at flm@sjsm.org.sg.

BERFAVEMENT

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@sism.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 (scan with

banking app or save to use

from your gallery) UEN: T08CC4080B

(T08CC4080BSJM for DBS)



Drop cheques/cash in offertory boxes at the exits (SES & E2) or the bags during E1.

VICAR AT CDFC: 29/30 NOV

Ps Tak Meng will be preaching at the Chinese Services this weekend. Let's uphold him in prayer as he ministers the Word to our Chinese congregation.

CROCHET FELLOWSHIP HSCC FUNDRAISER

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've managed to raise approximately \$14,800 for Heartfriends Student Care Centre. This will go a long way to helping caring for the children enrolled there!

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) - RUN 1

Date & Time: 7 Sats (Mar 28, Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9), 9am to 2pm | Sat Finale (16 May), 9am - 6pm

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

Closing date: Mon 1 Feb, 2026

A strong and enduring marriage is built upon a firm foundation. The SJSM Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) is designed to help couples understand God's design for marriage and to equip them with biblical principles, practical knowledge, and relational skills essential for a healthy, lasting union. This 8 week course is strongly recommended for dating couples who are prayerfully discerning marriage and a requirement for couples intending to be married in SJSM. Attendance at all sessions is compulsory. Please complete the form individually. Register at https://tinyurl.com/MPC2026

MUSIC MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

Do you play a musical instrument and have a heart to serve? Our worship team is looking for musicians! **We especially need drummers and guitarists**, but all are welcome to step forward. If you feel called to use your gifts to honour God, simply click on the link to sign up: https://tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMMusicMin

JOIN THE CHOIR! (Practice: Every Sun 8.15am - 10am)

The choir is looking for new people to join them! No experience required but if you love singing with others and have a good ear for music, you will find warm fellowship with this group! Register at https://tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMChoir

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Chia Siew Foon who's beloved father was called home to the Lord on Wed 26 Nov 2025.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
General Fund	Jan – Oct 2025 (\$)	Oct 2025 (\$)
Budgeted collections	6,940,620	694,062
Actual collections	6,858,043	862,317
Excess/(Shortfall)	(\$82,577)	168,255

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 44, Micah 4.1-7, 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11 COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

• Year-end Outreach Events. Praise God for His amazing grace that saved us, who once were lost, and prepared us for every good work (Eph 2:8-10)! By His empowering, may SJSMers offer ourselves wholeheartedly for Dover Celebrates Christmas and the Advent services, bringing the lost to Him through prayerful invitations, volunteering and befriending, so that our guests feel the welcome of Lord Jesus. Pray that God bestows joy, wisdom, unity and good health on all staff, creative teams, speakers and volunteers. May He grant us favour with our guests and add to our number those who are being saved (Acts 2:47).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• Short Term Missions. Hallelujah! Give thanks to God for SJSM trippers going to ARDA, Luang Prabang for Christmas outreach (4-9 Dec), and to Tuen Mun, Hong Kong for YWAM urban outreach (9-14 Dec). Pray for His hedge of protection over their travels, health and team unity, and for His wisdom in every word and action (Col 4:5-6). Ask the Lord of the Harvest for good weather, strong turnout and hearts open to receive His truth and love that many may submit to His Lordship.

OUR NATION

• Ageing Society. As Singapore's population ages rapidly, we face financial, health, psychological and infrastructural challenges. Pray that God, whose faithfulness continues through all generations (Ps 119:90), guard and guide our government to effective and innovative solutions. Pray for (a) a renewed purpose for seniors post-retirement that they may lead vibrant and active lives, connecting with community and protected from loneliness; (b) timely and accessible support for seniors facing financial hardship, especially those living alone, including essential daily assistance, nutritious meals and affordable healthcare; (c) a spirit of deep compassion and unwavering responsibility in our community to care for the vulnerable and needy among us.

THE WORLD

• Peace for Ukraine. Call upon God, who alone makes wars cease (Ps 46:9), to reign over all negotiations on the U.S. 28-point peace proposal. May He overrule any counsel or plan that contradicts His justice and truth, turning the hearts of the leaders in the US, Ukraine and Russia like streams of water to accomplish His higher purposes. Pray for the true message of Christmas to be preached and the Prince of Peace exalted, bringing hope and healing to the victims of conflict, and glory to God in the highest and peace to men on whom His favour rests (Luke 2:14).

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM NEEDED!

Help keep SJSM safe in an emergency!



If you have medical and/or enforcement and security skills, do volunteer!

To register your interest, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/SJSMERTReg.







Wednesday, 24 DEC 2025 Venue: Christ Sanctuary

5.30 pm | Pre-Service Refreshments @ 4.30 pm
 Community Hall segting tickets for pre-service

Community Hall seating tickets for pre-service refreshments available on 6 & 7 Dec

• 8.30 pm | with Supper @ 10.00 pm



JUNIOR CHURCH &
TEEN ENCOUNTER

TAKING A BREAK

FROM 29 NOV UNTIL 3 JAN 2026

Quick Links

COURSES & EVENTS (reg by)

- Dover Celebrates Christmas https://sism.org.sg/event/dovercelebrates-christmas-2025/
- Christmas Eve Gospel Services <u>https://sism.org.sg/event/christmas-eve-gospel-services-24-dec/</u>
- Baptism & Confirmation (15 Jan) tinyurl.com/SJSMBapConf2026
- KTW- Ezekiel (18 Jan) https://tinvurl.com/SJSMKTW
- Marriage Preparation Course 2026 (1 Feb) https://tinvurl.com/MPC2026

SERVE/VOLUNTEER

- Jn123 Card <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJn123Card</u>
- Join Music Ministry
 https://tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMMusicMin
 https://tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMMusicMin
- Emergency Response Team <u>tinyurl.com/SJSMERTReg</u>
- Join the Choir <u>tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMChoir</u>
- Join Junior Church <u>tinyurl.com/SJSMJCVolunteerInterest</u>
- Stewardship Booklet 2025 tinyurl.com/SJSMStewardshipBk
- HealthTouch volunteer sism.healthtouch@gmail.com
- 2025 Mission Trips <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/v1/missions.html</u>
- Village Volunteer <u>http://www.sism.org.sg/v1/volunteer-sism-village.html</u>
- Refreshments/Tea Terrace info@sjsm.org.sg

Join/Visit a Cell!

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Submit a form (click/ scan the QR code) to request to visit or join



a g<mark>roup or</mark> email <u>cell@sjsm.org.sg.</u>

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Ds Bessie Lee

Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



30 Dover Avenue, S139790 Tel: 6777 0934 (Tue - Fri: 9.30am - 5.30pm; Sat: 9.30am - 4pm)

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