



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.

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, 6 Dec

2:30pm (Heartbeat): Open Topic (TBC) Mr Isaiah Tan 5pm (SES): Ready For The Coming King (Isa 11:1-4, 10-12; Matt 3:1-12) Mr Allen Lim

SUNDAY, 7 Dec

8:15am (E1) & 10:45am (E2): Ready For The Coming King (Isa 11:1-4, 10-12; Matt 3:1-12) Mr Allen Lim

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!



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Teen Encounter

(Ages 11-13)

Sat, 5pm (SES) @ B405

Sun, 8.15am (E1) @ B405 Sun, 10.45am (E2) @ B405

Email <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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 juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg 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: pastoralcare@sism.org.sg
 - 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): https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCounsellingRequest
- 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://tinvurl.com/3dvvbbmr

All recordings

https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch

This Coming Week (no registration required)

Tue, 9 Dec

11.00am Tea Terrace (Tea Terrace)

Thu, 11 Dec

11.00am Tea Terrace (Tea Terrace)

8.00pm Healing Service (Chapel)

Sat, 13 Dec

2.00pm Crochet Fellowship (Hospitality Lounge)

5.00pm Saturday Evening Service (Christ Sanctuary)

Mandarin Service (Glory Sanctuary)

Sun, 14 Dec

8.15am **English Morning Service** (Christ Sanctuary)

10.00am Mandarin Service (Glory Sanctuary)

Tamil Service (Bethel Auditorium)

10.45am **English Morning Service** (Christ Sanctuary & online)

1.30pm Filipino Service (Bethel Auditorium)

Save These 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, 13 Dec & Sun 14 Dec (SES/E1/E2)

Advent 03 (TBC)

Ven Wong Tak Meng



ADVENT 2025: Being Faithful Until He Returns

Watchfulness in Uncertain Times • 29 & 30 Nov Ready for the Coming King • 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 ____

NO SES ON 20 DEC

FYI, there will be no SES on Sat 20 Dec. E1/E2 services will take place on Sun 21 Dec at their usual times.

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://tinyurl.com/SJSM24DecInvite.

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

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, are on sale this weekend after the services, and during office hours at the reception on weekdays. Printed flyers are also available at the Info Desk or download the e-flyer at https://sjsm.org.sg/event/dover-celebrates-christmas-2025/

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.

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

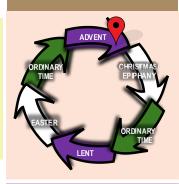
Cost per person: \$100 (SJSMer)/ \$150 (non SJSMer)

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://tinvurl.com/MPC2026

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**.

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

Via PayNow (scan with banking app or save to use from your gallery)

Bank Name: UOB

UEN: T08CC4080B (T08CC4080BSJM for DBS)



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

VICAR AWAY: 1-11 DEC

Ps Tak Meng and Leng Leng are overseas on vacation from 1 to 11 Dec. Let's remember to keep them in our prayers and pray for a time of rest and refreshment, and for journey mercies!

WOMEN AT THE WELL - SAVE THE DATES! 2026 Series: "Being Relational"

In line with the church theme for 2026, we are excited to launch a series of talks designed to help us grow healthier, deeper, and more intentional relationships in every season of life.

- 1. Sat 31 Jan Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
- 2. Sat 18 Apr Cultivating Adult Friendships
- 3. Sat 25 Jul Managing Conflict (TBC)
- 4. Sat 17 Oct Finishing Well

Registration will open closer to the dates. Watch out for them in the coming weeks!

JOHN123 CARD

This card can help you with a system to pray and reach out to someone this Christmas or any other time! Click on https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJn123Card to get the digital version.

NURSING HOME FUNDRAISER

The handicraft fundraiser on 1/2 Novweekend raised **\$23,270** for the SJSM Nursing Home! Thank you, SJSM, for your generosity!

JUNIOR CHURCH 2026

To enrol you child for Junior Church in 2026, please use the link <u>https://tinyurl.com/JCRegistrations</u>. Existing JC children need not register again.

INDONESIAN FELLOWSHIP ON BREAK

The Indonesian Fellowship will be on break from Sun 14 Dec and will resume on Sun 4 Jan 2026.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- Iris Heng & Alfred Chua (son: Keven). Iris' beloved mother was called home to the Lord on Sun 30 Nov 2025.
- Johanna Hwa Yi Min. Johanna's beloved father the late Revd Hwa Chih was called home to the Lord on Wed 3 Dec 2025.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
General Fund	Jan – Nov 2025 (\$)	Nov 2025 (\$)
Budgeted collections	7,634,682	694,062
Actual collections	7,384,087	526,044
Excess/(Shortfall)	(250,595)	(168,018)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 80; Amos 7; Luke 1:5-20

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

• Heartbeat Youth Camp (12-15 Dec). Praise God the Vinedresser and Jesus our True Vine for sustaining our youths and preparing their hearts through the Camp Vine series. Pray that God anoints the camp speakers, organising committee, worship teams, mentors and prayer companions to impart truth powerfully, cultivating disciplines that help our youths abide in Him and bear lasting fruit. Ask that pre-believers encounter Jesus tangibly and feel the warmth of community; and all enjoy health, refreshment, protection, smooth logistics and good weather. May the camp ignite enduring transformation to the Father's glory (Jn 15:5-10).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• Dover Celebrates Christmas (DCC). Entrust every plan and preparation of DCC to the Lord of the Harvest, asking Him to bring forth a joyous harvest. Pray for His hand to draw strong guest turnout, grant favourable weather, saturate the day with fun and laughter, and surround all at the celebration (Ps 121:7-8). May SJSMers rise with radical hospitality, inviting friends and family and extending a warm welcome to all guests. May those serving be united in heart and purpose, as a testimony of our love for Christ and for one another. May the light of Christ shine during Advent so that many will encounter His love (Matt 5:16).

OUR NATION

• Singapore Economy. Business sentiment continues to weaken amid ongoing global economic headwinds and tariff uncertainties. Cry out to God for the welfare and flourishing of our city-nation (Jer 29:7). Pray fervently for (a) wisdom and divine guidance for our Economic Strategy Review Committees as they develop strategies to fortify, expand and transform our economy; (b) businesses to exercise prudent cost management and focus on building robust capabilities to thrive in a competitive landscape; (c) our workforce to embrace continuous upskilling so they remain adaptable and relevant in an everevolving marketplace.

THE WORLD

• Climate Crisis. Call upon our Creator God for His merciful restraint over recent deva stating floods and landslides in Southeast Asia (Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam) and volcanic eruptions in Ethiopia and Indonesia. Pray for His help in rescue, relief and rebuilding, and His redemption amid loss. May nations be awakened by the climate crisis to turn to Him. May the Church be revived to discern the times (1 Ch 12:32) and bring Christ's hope to a shaken world. May many, whether policymakers or the public, examine our environmental impact, embrace sustainable living and advance environmental justice to steward the earth entrusted to us (Gen 2:15).

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.



8.30 pm | with Supper @ 10.00 pm



EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM NEEDED!

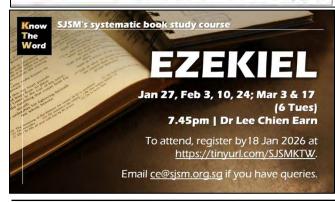
Holp keep SISM safe in an emergency!

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

To register your interest, scan the OR code or visit tinyuri com/SJSMERTReg.



Friends



Quick Links

COURSES & EVENTS (reg by)

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

SERVE/VOLUNTEER

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

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(Tue - Fri: 9.30am - 5.30pm; 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.sjsmvillage.org.sg), Little Seeds Preschool (SJSM) (www.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).