

SATURDAY SERVICES

Heartbeat - no service

English - no service

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

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

SATURDAY, 20 Dec (Dover Celebrates Christmas 2025)

2:30pm (Heartbeat): no service

5pm (SES): no service

SUNDAY, 21 Dec

8:15am (E1) & 10:45am (E2): Trusting In A Faithful God (Isa 7:10–14; Matt 1:18-25) Revd Dr Tan Soo-Inn

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 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 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: <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: sjsmhealingsvc@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)

Wed, 24 Dec

4.30pm **Pre-Service refreshments.** (Community Hall & Square)

5.30pm Christmas Eve Gospel Service. (Christ Sanctuary)

8.30pm Christmas Eve Gospel Service followed by refreshments
(Christ Sanctuary)

Thu, 25 Dec

10.00am Christmas Holy Communion Service (Christ Sanctuary & online)

Sat, 27 Dec

5.00pm Saturday Evening Service (Christ Sanctuary)

5.00pm Mandarin Service (Glory Sanctuary)

Sun, 28 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)

SaveThese Dates!

- Dec 31 (8pm)
 Covenant Holy
 Communion Service
- Jan 29-31 (2026): Prayer Training Retreat
- Jun 8-11 (2026): Church Camp

NEXT WEEK'S SERMONS

Wed 24 Dec, Christmas Eve Good News of Great Joy Revd Timothy Ewing Chow

(Luke 2:8-10)

Thu 25 Dec, Christmas Day Immanuel, God With Us Ven Wong Tak Meng

(Matthew 1:18-23)

Sat 27 & 28 Dec (SES/E1/E2)

The Radical Hospitality of the Open Door

Revd Victor Teo (Revelation 3: 14-22)



ADVENT 2025: Being Faithful Until He Returns

Watchfulness in Uncertain Times • 29 & 30 Nov Ready for the Coming King • 06 & 07 Dec Preparing the Way Before The Lord • 13 & 14 Dec Trusting in a Faithful God • 21 Dec

> Good News of Great Joy • 24 Dec Immanuel, God With Us • 25 Dec

Covenant Service • 31 Dec

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 seats in the Community Hall. They are available for collection this weekend at the Info Desk or at the reception during office hours on weekdays (while stocks last).

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

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.

SATURDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER: 10 JAN, 6.30PM

Come join us for the first fellowship meal of the year! Bring a friend, or come as you are and share a meal together! The cost is \$8/- per person. However if you are new, your meal is free when you connect with us using the visitor form at https://tinyurl.com/SJSMVisitor. Please register with Esther by WhatsApp by 4 Jan.

INDONESIAN FELLOWSHIP ON BREAK

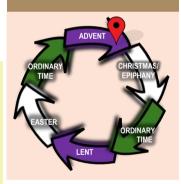
The Indonesian Fellowship will resume on Sun 4 Jan 2026.

NO HEALING SERVICE ON 25 DEC & 1 JAN 2026

Please be informed that there will be no Healing Services on Thu 25 Dec & Thu 1 Jan 2026.

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

- 1. Facilities Officer (FT)
- 2. 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@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.

JUNIOR CHURCH 2026

- Be part of the team to provide safe and fun ways to teach our children about God! Junior Church runs concurrently with the adult services. Go to https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJCVolunteerInterest to find out more or register your interest.
- To enrol you child for Junior Church in 2026, please use the link <u>https://tinyurl.com/JCRegistrations</u>. JC children that have already enrolled need not register again.
- Parents, please note that Junior Church and Teen Encounter will take its usual year-end recess for all classes starting 29 Nov and resume on Sat 3 Jan 2026.

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

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://tinvurl.com/SJSMJn123Card to get the digital version.

WEBSITE UPDATE

"I'm New" and "Care" (Under "Resources") are the two latest additions to the website. Do visit the site and provide any feedback via the "Contact Us" form.

HOLY COMMUNION - REMINDERS

For the self-intinction method, please wait for the wafer to be placed in your hand and thereafter dip the lower half of the wafer into the wine. Please be mindful to not get your fingers into the wine! May we also all be reminded to respect this time for personal reflection and worship.

STAFF UPDATE

Patricia Amelia Patrick joined us as an Administrator (PT), assigned to Tamil Congregation (w.e.f. 16 Dec 2025).

IS THERE A MINISTRY CALLING ON YOUR LIFE?

If you are a SJSMer and sense a calling into ministry or to join the staff team (http://www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment), do reach out. Email info@sjsm.org.sg or speak to a pastor. We'd love to support you in discerning this call.

| 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) |

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 144; Micah 5.2-5a; Luke 1.26-38

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 Gospel Services. As we reflect with thanksgivings for the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, we raise hallelujahs to our Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6)! Pray that at the Christmas Eve and Christmas services, His strong presence fills the sanctuaries, and seekers encounter Him personally, convicted by His truth to desire the joy of His salvation and His peace that transcends all understanding. Pray for a bountiful harvest of souls, those whom He calls out of darkness into His wonderful light that they may declare His praises (1 Peter 2:9).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• Heartfriends Student Care Centre (HSCC). Commit to the Lord our Shepherd (Ps 23) the students, staff and SJSM volunteers at HSCC. Pray for joyful interactions, restorative safe space and meaningful bonds as He shepherds their extended time together during the school holidays. Ask Him to grant wisdom and guide staff and volunteers in every word and action to meet each child's needs with gentleness and grace. Pray for His leading for HSCC's future direction amid falling enrolment from longer school hours (Ps 32:8). May His goodness and mercy surround and strengthen HSCC as a place that radiates His heart.

OUR NATION

• Relationship with Malaysia. With the release of the Albatross file and the successful completion of the 12th Singapore-Malaysia Leaders' Retreat, we offer praise and thanksgiving to God for His sovereign hand in the birth and growth of Singapore, and for His continued favour in our relationship with Malaysia. Let us pray for divine guidance as both nations work together on the Transportation Link, healthcare initiatives, and joint efforts to curb illicit drug trafficking. May God, whose plans stand firm forever (Ps 33:11), enable Singapore and Malaysia to resolve all outstanding matters related to water, airspace, and maritime boundaries in a spirit of respect and cooperation that works to their mutual benefit.

THE WORLD

• Thailand-Cambodia Border Conflict. Pray for (a) Divine protection for civilians, especially those displaced on both sides of the disputed areas bordering Thailand and Cambodia; (b) Utmost restraint to be exercised by both parties and every possible measure conducive to a ceasefire to be utilised, leading to de-escalation of tensions and cessation of conflict. Remember also the believers who are caught in the conflict-pastors, leaders, and those serving in missions and humanitarian agencies, including those from the Diocese of Singapore and SJSM. Pray that God, who is their refuge and fortress (Ps 91:1-2), strengthens their faith, guards them and their families and grant them grace to shine His light and to accomplish His purposes for both nations.

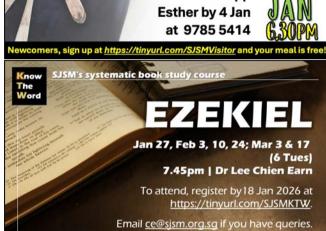
PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

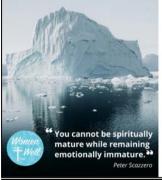
To join an intercession group, write to prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

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







Being Relational

EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY

DATE: Sat 31 Jan, 2026

TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am

Breakfast fellowship at 9am

VENUE: **Bethel Auditorium** SPEAKER: Vara Hariharan



Open to all ladies aged 18 and above including non-SJSMers. Please register SJSMers. Please register individually by Mon, 26 Jan (8pm) via QR code or at https://tinyurl.com/wow1ehs



Quick Links

COURSES & EVENTS (reg bv)

- Christmas Eve Gospel Services https://sism.org.sg/event/christm as-eve-gospel-services-24-dec/
- Baptism & Confirmation (15 Jan) tinvurl.com/SJSMBapConf2026
- KTW- Ezekiel (18 Jan) https://tinvurl.com/SJSMKTW
- Marriage Preparation Course 2026 (1 Feb) https://tinyurl.com/MPC2026
- Women at the Well (26 Jan) https://tinvurl.com/wow1ehs
- Saturday Fellowship Dinner (4 Jan) Whatsapp Esther 97855414

SERVE/VOLUNTEER

- In123 Card https://tinvurl.com/SJSMJn123Card
- Join Music Ministry https://tinvurl.com/JoinSJSMMusicMin
- Emergency Response Team tinyurl.com/SJSMERTReg
- Join the Choir tinyurl.com/JoinSJSMChoir
- Join Junior Church tinyurl.com/SJSMJCVolunteerInterest
- Stewardship Booklet 2025 tinvurl.com/SJSMStewardshipBk
- HealthTouch volunteer sism.healthtouch@gmail.com
- 2025 Mission Trips www.sism.org.sg/v1/missions.html
- Village Volunteer http://www.sism.org.sg/v1/volun teer-sism-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



(https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCellVisit) to request to visit or join a group or email cell@sism.org.sg.

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Revd Solomon Periyanayakam

Revd Thong Tang Hiong

Revd Tang Wai Lung

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Revd Victor Teo

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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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