

FOR YOUR 'FAMILY PRAYER-TIME'

Readings: Ps 71; Gn 37:1-11; Gal 1

Collect: Merciful Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace: that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER DESK (18-24 FEB 2012)

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" - Num. 23:19

Season of Lent. Pray for all SJSMeers to seek the Lord fervently during the season of Lent (beginning Ash Wednesday, 22 Feb till 7 April). May we be reminded of what Jesus has done for us on the Cross and endeavour to live holy and righteous lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Cell Ministry. Pray for all cell and assistant cell leaders that they will keep close to the Lord in their walk with Him. May they lead their members by exemplary character and motivate them to live consecrated and holy lives in all their endeavours wherever they are.

Healing Ministry. Pray for Ps Daven and his core team as they continue to minister and pray for the sick and the broken every Thursday night. Pray that God provide them with adequate manpower to help in all the service needs.

Prayer/Intercession Ministry. Cover all intercessors in prayer. May they remain faithful to persevere in prayer for all God's revelations received. Pray that all SJSMeers will make intercessory prayer a lifestyle, and that the CPP on 24 Feb will motivate more of us to corporate prayer.

Land Lease. Pray for the Lord's hand to be upon the land authority's decision-making process for our land lease.

Mission Stations. Uphold in prayer all our cross-cultural workers that they will always walk in the Spirit and live out Christ's character to the locals. Continue to intercede for Francis and Grace in Timor Leste, that they will trust God to overcome all barriers to the construction work at Kampong Alor. Pray for journey mercies and God's protection for Ps Titus and Mark Sng in their pastoral visit from 16 to 21 Feb.

Diocese. Continue to uphold in prayer the election process of the Bishop of the Diocese of Singapore that all involved in it would hear and obey God's voice in appointing the right person to the position.

Singapore. Pray for the Singapore government to be wise and caring as well as be good stewards of all the riches and resources which God has bestowed upon this nation.

Do allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in your prayers . If you have any prayer request, please email prayer@sjsm.org.sg

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St. John's - St. Margaret's Church

Our Vision Statement

To be a witnessing community of praying and caring worshippers who base their lives on Scripture and move in the power of the Holy Spirit to reach a world in need of Christ.

Bishop : Rt Revd John Chew
 Chinese Congregation : Revd Dr Ivan Ee Huat Peng
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**18 & 19 February 2012
 The Sunday Next before Lent**

Service	Topic	Speaker	Readings
Youth & Teen Encounter Sat, 5:00 pm	<i>The Lord's Prayer: Our Father in Heaven</i>	Mr Wong Wai Quen	Mt 6:5 -13
Saturday Evening Sat, 5:00 pm	<i>Called to a Consecrated Life - Lessons from the Life of Abraham Set Apart for God's Purpose</i>	Ps Rennis Ponniah	Gn 11:27 - 12:9 Jn 8:50-58
English 1 (E1) Sun, 8:15 am (HC)			
English 2 (E2) Sun, 11:15 am			
Mandarin Sun, 9:00 am	<i>Be Still</i>	Ps Ivan Ee	Ps 46 Mk9: 2-9
Mandarin/Cantonese Sun, 11:15 am			
Filipino Sun, 1:30 pm	<i>The Power of God's Word</i>	Revd Mario Paz	Gn 1:1 Heb 11:3
Tamil (JATF) Sun, 5:00 pm	<i>The Lord Revealed His Glory</i>	Ps Solomon Periyanyakam	Mk 9:2-9

Worship Leaders: SES: Fred Foo E1 & E2: Quek Li Huan

A Warm Welcome To All Our Visitors

Kindly fill up the Welcome Slip and hand it in at the Info Desk. For those who attend E1 (8.15am) Service, you are cordially invited to a reception at the Welcome Corner in the Concourse after the service. Please approach any of our staff if you have any enquiry or the ushers for directions.

JUNIOR CHURCH welcomes children to join us ...

SES: (3-12 yrs) @ Agape Hall, level 2
E1 & E2 Playgroup: (those turning 3 yrs old in 2012) @ Cana, level 2
E1 & E2 Nursery: (4 yrs) @ Chara, level 2
E1 & E2 Kindergarten: (5-6 yrs) @ Charis, level 2
E1 & E2 Primary: (7-10 yrs) @ Agape Hall 1, level 2
E1 & E2 Preteens: (11-12 yrs) @ Conference Rm, level 4

TEEN ENCOUNTER: (13-14 yrs) Sun, 9am (No Meeting 19 Feb)

LIBRARY HOURS: Sunday 10 am - 11 am

February Memory Verse

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

Gospel Service response follow-up

We rejoice at the wonderful responses made at last week's Gospel services at SES & E2!

If you responded to the altar call at last week's Gospel service and did not receive the postcard J John mentioned, copies will be available at the Info Desk next weekend. The cards, as described, are to help you remember your response made that day.

Also, if you were not able to turn in your blue response slip after the service last week, please do drop it off at the Info Desk if you would like to receive a follow-up call.

Community Prayer & Praise - 24 Feb, 8pm

Date & Time: Friday, 24 Feb, 8pm

Venue: Christ Sanctuary

Theme: Church Leadership

In usual preparation for CPP, we encourage everyone to fast a meal that day and seek God on your own before we gather together that evening.

Contemplative Retreat for Beginners

Dates/Times: Mar 12, 2012 (1 pm) to Mar 14, 2012 (5 pm)

Venue: Montfort Centre, 622, Upp Bt Timah Rd

Cost: \$180 (twin-sharing basis accommodation & meals included, extra \$80 for single room subject to availability)

Instructors: Pastor Simon & Rinda Tan

Registration Email: prayer@sjsm.org.sg

Closing Date: 26 Feb 2012 (Sun)

About Lent & Ash Wednesday

About Lent

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance; to get our lives centered, our priorities straightened out and our hearts cleansed. It is observed as a preparatory time for Easter, when we rededicate ourselves to God. The Scripture inspired 40 days of preparation reminds us of the time when our Lord Jesus fasted and prayed and overcame temptation while in the wilderness. As we enter our own symbolic wilderness during Lent, we remember our own humanity and vulnerability to temptation, just like Jesus in the wilderness.

The way we enter, traditionally, is by intentionally & prayerfully observing a fast through this 40-day period. As we fast, we make space to receive from God in a very special way. Therefore keeping a journal through this time could be a precious documentation of God's presence and guidance in areas we want to encounter Him in.

About Ash Wednesday

Taking 40 days before Easter, without counting the Sundays in between, Lent therefore always begins on a Wednesday – which is termed *Ash Wednesday*.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of signing the cross on the foreheads using ash from burnt palm leaves, as a sign of penitence and mourning, with the words "You are dust and to dust you shall return." The ashes also remind us of our mortality and humanity as we begin the Lenten Fast.

This year we will observe this early church practice at our Ash Wednesday Service:

Date & Time: 22 Feb (Wed), 7.14 am
Venue: Glory Sanctuary

May God bless you richly as you linger at the foot of the Cross, and as you set your heart to listen and to follow Him.

Staff Movement

We thank the Lord for Michael Ong's past service as a staff with SJSM. His last day of employment as Accounts Assistant of Finance Dept was 18 February 2012.

Diocesan Digest

The latest of the Diocesan Digest, featuring our 40th anniversary among other stories, is available at the Info Desk for those interested.

Church Family Camp - transportation

Dates: 11 – 14 June 2012

Venue: DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Cost/pax: \$378/twin-sharing; \$555/single; Add'l child:\$338/w/bed; \$308/no bed

Speaker: Rod Wilson, Pres Regent College

Email Enquiry: sjismcamp@sjsm.org.sg

Transportation

How do you get there? Car, coach or plane. For those who intend to drive please check out the highway route and the total toll fare at this website <http://www.plus.com.my>. For the route to the hotel please refer to the latest KL map. The hotel charges a parking fee of RM\$10 per day. For those who want a 6-hour leisurely ride up to KL with lots of company, take the coach. The coach fare will be \$50 per person for all age groups, two-ways. And for those who can't wait to get to the camp site, you can fly. Air-Asia and Firefly have many daily flights to KLIA and Subang Airport respectively.

Hosting Sunday Breakfast

Thanks to those who answered the call! But we could still use about 14 more groups to host the Sunday breakfast. Ideally, a team of 8-10 would be a nice number of hosts to serve breakfast for about 250 people.

If some of you or your cell group would like to host breakfast once or more a year, please contact Ashley at 6773-9422 or email ashleytan@sjsm.org.sg for more information.

Our Heartfelt Condolences to...

To the family of our late brother Kong Heap Yuen (daughter: Betty; son-in-law: Tony; daughter-in-law: Yvonne; grandchildren: Su Lene, Sherman, Shawn & Samantha). Bro Kong was called home to the Lord on 13 Feb (Thurs).

Next Weekend's Services

Topic: "Freed From A Grasping Mentality"

Speaker: Ps Joshua Sudharman

This Week's Events

Feb 20 (Mon)

7:30am Intercession (Chapel)

9:30am Stay-Home-Parents Group (on break)

7:15pm Mothers' Group Intercession (C210)

Feb 21 (Tue)

7:30am Intercession (Chapel)

12:00noon Intercession (Chapel)

Intercession (C210)

8:00pm CE: Habakkuk & Jonah 234 (Glory Sanc)

Feb 22 (Wed)

7:14am **Ash Wednesday Service (Glory Sanc)**

8:30am Intercession (C210)

8:00pm CYAN (young working adults) (Shalom)

Feb 23 (Thu)

7:15am Men's Intercession (Chapel)

8:00pm Healing Service (Glory Sanc)

Feb 24 (Fri)

7:30pm Intercession (C210)

8:00pm **Community Prayer & Praise (Christ Sanc)**

Feb 25 (Sat)

6:00am Intercession (Glory Sanc)

2:30pm Learning Ark (Agape Hall)

4:00pm Intercession (A309 Prayer Room)

5:00pm Saturday Evening Holy Communion Service (Glory Sanc)

Youth Service (Bethel Auditorium)

7:30pm CYAN-Tertiary Students & NS Men (Shalom)

Feb 26 (Sun)

7:30am Intercession (A309 Prayer Room)

8:15am E1 Morning Service (Christ Sanc)

9:00am Mandarin Service (Chapel)

Teen Encounter (Bethel Auditorium)

10:00am Know The Word (Adults@Bethel/Children@E405)

11:15am E2 Holy Communion Service (Christ Sanc)

Indonesian Fellowship

1:30pm Filipino Service (Bethel Auditorium)

5:00pm Tamil Service (JATF) (Chapel)

SJSM Pulpit Series: "Called to a Consecrated Life: Lessons from the Life of Abraham "

Date	Title	Text
✓18/19 Feb	Set Apart for God's Purpose	Gn 11:27 – 12:9
25/26 Feb	Freed From A Grasping Mentality	Gn 13:1-18
3 & 4 Mar	Seeing Things in the Light of God's Promises	Gn 15:1-21
10 & 11 Mar	Being Pragmatic is No Substitute for Being Obedient	Gn 16:1-16
17 & 18 Mar	Faith Shows Itself in Utter Dedication	Gn 17:1-27
24 & 25 Mar	Standing in the Gap	Gn 18:16-33