

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 serves as a preparatory time for Easter, when we rededicate ourselves to God. The Scripturally-inspired 40 days of preparation is modelled after 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 and prayerfully observing a fast through this 40-day period. As we fast, we make space to receive from God in a very special way. The liturgical colour for the season of Lent is purple.

Ash Wednesday Service

Date & Time: Wed, 10 Feb | 8:00 pm

Venue: Glory Sanctuary

Speaker: Ps Andrew Raman

Topic: Transitions

Do come early for a time of quiet preparation for the service.

Chinese Alpha Course

The Chinese Alpha Course runs from 27 Feb to 16 April, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Shalom Hall. Do invite your Chinese-speaking family and friends.

For enquiries or registration, please sign up with Wilson Chua (9448 6072) after E1 & E2 at the booth at the Concourse.

Newcomers' Welcome Tea

Saturday, 27 Feb | 3:00 pm

If you are new to SJSJ, you are invited to a welcome tea with staff members followed by a short presentation and tour of the premises. Do register at the Info Desk or send an email to welcome@sjsm.org.sg by 20 Feb.

Church Office Closed 9 Feb

In view of the Chinese New Year public holiday on 8 & 9 Feb, the church office will be closed on Tuesday, 9 Feb.

Last Weekend to Register!

Search for Life Course

Dates: 10 March - 19 May (10 Thurs)

Coffee & Dessert Nite: 18 Feb, 7:30pm

(SFL info session)

For more information or to sign up, visit the booth after service today.

The Parenting Teenagers Course

This course is for any parent with teenagers between the ages of 11 to 18 years.

Dates: Feb 20, 27, Mar 5, 12, 19.

(Date for Session 6 to be confirmed.)

Time: 2.00 to 4.30 pm

Venue: Room C205 (Level 2)

Cost: \$15 per couple

Information flyers and registration forms are available at Info Desk or email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

Orange Blessing 2016

If you missed the deadline last weekend, you can still sign up for our annual Orange Blessing distribution scheduled for 17 Feb (Wed) and 20 Feb (Sat). We are trying something different this year. Visit the booth after service.

Health Talk

Organized by SJSJ Health Touch

Topic: Common Eye Conditions

Date: Saturday, 27 Feb

Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Venue: Chapel (TBC)

Speaker: Dr Audra Fong (Mt Elizabeth Novena Specialist Ctr)

Come and learn more about how our eyes change as we age, and the preventive measures we can take to keep them working at their best.

You are welcome to bring your friends! Due to limited seats, please register with Dixie at dixiekhoo@sjsm.org.sg/6773 9460 by 21 Feb.

Jan-Feb 2016 Pulpit Series

BE TRANSFORMED: Marks of Transformation

Date	Title
9/10 Jan	Be Intentional in Personal Disciple-Making
16/17 Jan	Open Topic (Confirmation Service on 16 Jan)
23/24 Jan	Be Calm When Confronted by Problems; Be Committed to Grace & Truth When Working Through Conflicts
30/31 Jan	Be Gracious Amidst Messiness; Be a Family for All Ages & Abilities
6/7 Feb	Blessing (6 Feb) / May God Crown Your Year with His Goodness (Combined Service on 7 Feb)
13/14 Feb	Be Welcoming & Hospitable; Be Confident in Handling the Word & Sharing the Gospel

Course at St Andrew's Cathedral

Zechariah: When God Returns in Power

Dates: 18 & 19 Feb (Thur & Fri, 7:30pm - 9:30pm), 20 Feb (Sat, 9.00am-1.00pm)

Venue: CNS (Cathedral's New Sanctuary) B1 Prayer Halls

Instructor: Bishop Rennis Ponniah

On the one hand, Zechariah the prophet-priest is addressing local events as the Jewish exiles gradually return to a shattered city. On the other, Zechariah is able through Holy Spirit-enabled vision to transpose these events to the cosmic screen to show God's purpose working itself out in human history.

How will human history end? How will we get to a fully-sanctified universe? What does that mean for the way you and I live in today's roller-coaster world?

Zechariah is the Old Testament book the Gospel writers most often quote when they narrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. A fitting book to study as we enter the season of Lent.

Register online at:

www.cathedral.org.sg/register.html

Music Ministry Volunteer Recruitment

We invite confirmed SJSMSers to join the E1/E2 music teams as projectionists, **drummers, bassists and singers**. Auditions will be conducted. Please write to worship@sjsm.org.sg ASAP!

Staff Recruitment

Would you prayerfully consider joining the SJSMS staff team? The following ministry opportunities are available:

- **Head of Human Resources**
- **Principal-Designate, Pre-School Centre**
- **Accounts Officer/Executive**

Details can be found on our website (Ministry Opportunities page) or in the flyer at the Info Desk.

Our Heartfelt Condolences To...

- The family of Mdm. Tan Siew Eng. Our dear sister was called home to the Lord on Thursday, 28 January, 2016.
- Joyce Lee. Joyce's beloved mother was called home to the Lord on Wednesday, 3 February, 2016.
- Revd Daniel Teo and family (wife: Dani; children: Gloria and Caleb). Revd Daniel's beloved grandmother was called home to the Lord on Friday, 5 February, 2016.

Next Weekend's Services

Be Transformed: Marks of Transformation

Topic: Be Confident in Handling the Word & Sharing the Gospel; Be Welcoming & Hospitable
SES/E1/E2: Revd Martin Jungnickel

This Week's Events

Feb 8 (Mon) Chinese New Year Public Holiday

7:15 pm Mothers' Group Intercession (C210) NO MTG

Feb 9 (Tue) Chinese New Year Public Holiday

7:45 am Intercession (Chapel) NO MTG

11:00 am Intercession (C210) NO MTG

12:00 pm Intercession (Chapel) NO MTG

8:00 pm KTW (Bethel) NO MTG

Feb 10 (Wed)

8:30 am Intercession (C210)

10:00 am Mandarin/Cantonese Sr Citizen Svc (Bethel)

8:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Service (Glory Sanc)**
CYAN (Shalom) NO MTG

Feb 11 (Thu)

7:15 am Men's Intercession (Chapel)

8:00 pm Healing Prayer Session (Glory Sanc)

Feb 12 (Fri)

8:30 am Intercession (Chapel)

7:45 pm Intercession (C210)

Feb 13 (Sat)

6:00 am Intercession (Glory Sanc)

3:00 pm Teen Encounter (Bethel)

4:00 pm Intercession (A309 Prayer Room)

5:00 pm Youth (Bethel)

Saturday Evening Holy Communion Service (Glory Sanc)

7:30 pm CYAN (Shalom)

Feb 14 (Sun)

6:00 am Morning Prayer (Christ Sanc) NO MTG

7:30 am Intercession (A309 Prayer Room)

8:15 am English Morning Service (Christ Sanc)

9:00 am Mandarin Service (Glory Sanc)

10:00 am Intercession (C210)

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

Mandarin Service (Glory Sanc)

Indonesian Fellowship (C2015)

1:30 pm Filipino Service (Bethel)

5:00 pm JATF (Chapel)

Average Weekend Attendance for Jan 2016: SES: 365; E1: 528; E2: 519; Youth: 183; Teen Encounter: 72 NA; Filipino: 83; JC: 254; Chinese (MS1/MS2/SCS): 79/178/52; Tamil: 63

FOR YOUR 'FAMILY PRAYER TIME'

Readings: Psalm 2; Exodus 33:17-23; 1 John 3:1-3

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 (7 - 13 Feb 2016)

"Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love" Ps 33:18

PSW. Pray for the newly appointed architects and consultants to catch the vision for PSW as they begin the design phase. Continue to pray for God's guidance over the appointment of a Project Executive Director.

CNY. Pray for fruitfulness as SJSMeers reach out to seekers during this CNY season. Pray for the **Dover Orange Blessing (17 & 20 Feb)** and **Biennial CNY Concert 2016 (19 & 20 Feb)** - for deeper bonding between believers and seekers, and for many hearts to turn to God during this season of economic uncertainties and other challenges.

Ash Wednesday (10 Feb). Ask the Spirit to prepare God's people to enter this 40-day Lent season with a yearning for deep cleansing, allowing Him to search our souls. Pray for humble dependency on Him as we ask Him to re-align our priorities with His. May His presence minister to many at the Ash Wednesday Service.

Marriage Preparation Course (13 Feb). Pray for spiritual renewal and re-dedication amongst the MPC candidates. May they place Christ above all else, and earnestly desire Christ-centered marital and family relationships. Pray for a passion to witness to others and glorify God through their marriage.

Nepal Medical Mission (12 - 19 March). May the Lord set Nepal free from her many spiritual strongholds, and remove spiritual blindness from the people. Pray for the 52 trippers (mostly SJSMeers comprising adults and youths, led by Dr Alex Kuan and Revd Lewis Lew) who are setting up 3 clinics in 3 villages to bless about 1,200 locals. Pray for miracles of healing (physical and spiritual), and for many to respond to God's love. Pray for the trippers' spiritual preparation (consecration, unity, sensitivity to the Spirit), and for divine protection (good health, safe journey, especially when hiking in difficult terrains).

Nations. (a) Pray for the Zika virus to be contained, and for effective medical treatment to be developed soonest possible. **(b)** Continue to plead for God's divine intervention in global terrorism. Pray for God's merciful hands to be over Singapore, and for the Church to be awakened to consecrate herself, and to watch and pray. **(c)** Pray for God's divine favour over our government. May He grant her the wisdom, calmness and perseverance in steering the nation in the face of various challenges. Pray for spiritual awakening across our land, and for the Church to be used mightily by the Lord to bring in the harvest of souls.

Do allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you in your prayers.

VICAR'S OFFICE

Revd Joshua Sudharman, Vicar	
Executive Assistant: Lim Ai Yee	6773 9450
Personal Assistant: Joyce Lee	6773 9509
Prayer & Intercession Ministry	
Lay HOD: Brenda Goh	
Deputy HOD: Pearl Yeo	6773 9421
Pastoral Counselling	
HOD: Alice Priscilla	6773 9432
Project Spring-Winter	
Executive Director: John Suan	6773 1291

ADULT DIVISION

Revd Martin Jungnickel, Division Leader	
Revd Daniel Teo, 2 nd Division Leader	
Revd Andrew Raman, 2 nd Division Leader	
Laura Chan, 2 nd Division Leader	
Adult Cell Ministry	
HOD: Revd Martin Jungnickel	
Deputy HOD: Laura Chan	6773 1736
Alpha Ministry	
HOD: Pearl Yeo	6773 9421
Visitation & Pastoral Support	
HOD: Laura Chan	6773 9423
Hospitality	
HOD: Revd Andrew Raman	
Deputy HOD: Ashley Tan	6773 9422

CHILDREN DIVISION

How Kim Chin, Division Leader	
Junior Church	
HOD: How Kim Chin	6773 9433
Deputy HOD: Patrick Lai	6773 9425
Boys' Brigade	
HOD: Patrick Lai (15J Coy)	6773 9425

YOUTH / YOUNG ADULT DIVISION

Julian Chin, Division Leader	
Heartbeat	
HOD: Sue-Anne Lim	6773 9508
Christian Young Adults Network	
HOD: Allen Lim	6773 9461

COMMUNITY SERVICES & DOVER DIVISION

Richard Lau, Division Leader	
Heartfriends Community Service	
HOD: Richard Lau	6773 9415
Deputy HOD: Julia Loy	
Before & After School Care (BASC)	6776 4906
Dover Ministry	
HOD: Simon Devaraj	6773 9415

EDIFICATION DIVISION

Stanley Tay, Division Leader	
Revd Daniel Teo, 2 nd Division Leader	
Christian Education	
HOD: Choo Kok Weng	6773 9424
Family Life Ministry	
HOD: Stanley Tay	6773 9419
Music & Creative Arts	
HOD: Quek Li Huan	6773 9430

MISSIONS & OUTREACH DIVISION

Revd Martin Jungnickel, Division Leader	
Revd Andrew Raman, 2 nd Division Leader	
Revd Solomon Periyanyakam, 2 nd Division Leader	
Overseas Missions	
HOD: Peter Teo	6773 9413
Ethnic Ministries	
HOD (Filipino): Juanita Dicen	6773 9444
HOD (Indonesian): Trixie Chin	6773 9417
HOD (Tamil/JATF): Revd Solomon Periyanyakam	6773 9507
Healing Ministry	
HOD: Revd Daniel Teo	6773 9460

OPERATIONS DIVISION

David Cheung, Director	
HOD (Finance): Lillian Lee-Wong	6773 9447
HOD (Facilities): John Lau	6773 9448
Acting HOD (HR): David Cheung	6773 9449
HOD (IT): Chong Loong Fatt	6773 9428
HOD (Events): Ashley Tan	6773 9422
HOD (Communications): Nigel Sim	6773 1284