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**SAT, 17 DEC
& SUN, 18 DEC 2022**

Saturday services w/ Holy Communion

English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary)

Mandarin – 5.30pm (Glory Sanctuary)

Sunday services w/ Holy Communion

English – 8.15am (Christ Sanctuary),

11.15am* (Christ Sanctuary & [online](#))

Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary)

Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium & Chapel)

Filipino Service – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

No classes in Dec; will resume on 7 Jan 2023

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► **ADVENT.**

We begin the new church year with the season of Advent, which is characterised by themes of longing, waiting, and anticipation of the coming of Christ. The liturgical colour for this festive period, purple, symbolises penitence and preparation; as such, we have spotlighted the purple blooms of *Crocus sativus*, from which saffron is derived.

Read more on p.4 and on [Facebook](#).

*Live-streamed;

for all other service details, please refer to inside pages

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 17 DEC 2022

5pm (SES)

Fare Thee Well (1 Corinthians 3:5–9; Matthew 8:18–22), by Revd Alvin Toh

SUN, 18 DEC 2022

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

Fare Thee Well (1 Corinthians 3:5–9; Matthew 8:18–22), by Revd Alvin Toh

NEW TO SJSM?

Whether you joined our online or onsite service today or found us on the web, we are glad you did! 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. Thank you!



Parents, please note:

NO CLASSES IN DEC 2022

Teen Encounter (TE)*
ages 11–14

Junior Church (Primary)
ages 7–10

Junior Church (Preschool)
ages 3–6

To register your child for JC in 2023, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/396narnw>

*From January 2023, the TE age range will be 11–13 years. Teens aged 14 and up are encouraged to join Heartbeat.
Contact richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for more information.

are you in need of
PASTORAL CARE
and/or **COUNSELLING?**

Prayer for healing, and other forms of pastoral care are available.

1. Call 6777 0934, or
2. Email pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg

If you are **homebound** and require **Holy Communion**, please fill in a form by scanning the QR code below or visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3>



CATCH IT AGAIN

Trusting God in Troubled Times

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9153281>

Character Study Series

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9329003>

Finding Hope

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9782516>

All/Other services

<https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

<https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr>

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat, 24 Dec

- 2pm **Youth Gospel Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall)
- 5pm **English Gospel Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary, followed by Christmas Eve Dinner* on the church premises)
- Baa...rry Christmas (Children's Christmas Programme)** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Sun, 25 Dec

- 8.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)
- 10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary. Email sjmc@sjm.org.sg for more information or to join)
- Tamil Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium. Email solomon@sjm.org.sg for more information or to join)
- 11.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via sjm.online.church, [SJSJ Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjsm), and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)
- 1.30pm **Filipino Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium. Email juanita@sjm.org.sg for more information)

*Sales of Christmas Eve Dinner meal vouchers closed on Sun, 11 Dec. Please note that the event is now fully subscribed.

Misc. details

Sermons

Sat @ 2pm

Our Light: Come and See! (Isaiah 9:2), by Revd Chris Ho

Sat @ 5pm

Follow the Light! (Isaiah 9:2), by Revd Chris Ho

E1 & E2

To Us a Son is Given (Isaiah 9:1–7), by Dr Lai Pak Wah

Cell Groups

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write to cell@sjm.org.sg



Children's Christmas Programme (for ages 3–10)

Come celebrate with us!

Sat, 24 Dec 2022 • *5pm–7pm • Bethel Auditorium

*Please arrive by 4.50pm for registration purposes.

Questions? Email juniorchurch@sjm.org.sg and we will be in touch.

WANT TO START A GROUND-UP INITIATIVE?

Do you have ideas on how to improve our community here in SJSJ Village? Or would you like to do something that's not already being covered by any of our ministries? We would love to meet you and find out how we can help you get started. Get in touch with Ms Chua Kim Yien (kimyien@sjm.org.sg) to get the conversation started!

Join a Ministry

Discover the current service opportunities, and register your interest in one or more areas of ministry, by scanning the QR code on the right or by visiting <https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455>.

At present, the Music Ministry is looking to recruit choir members, musicians, and PA/AV crew. If you can play an instrument, and have a background or an interest in Public Address and/or Audio-Visual processes and equipment, consider serving with us!



NOTICES

JUNIOR CHURCH (JC) & TEEN ENCOUNTER (TE): Dec 2022 Closure

Parents, please note:

- JC (Preschool & Primary) classes will remain closed until Sun, 1 Jan 2023
- Classes will resume from **Sat, 7 Jan 2023**

CHRISTMAS DAY TREATS

While many of us have plans on **Sun, 25 Dec**, do take a little time to fellowship with our church family over refreshments **between E1 and E2**. The **Filipino Congregation** will also be blessing us with **carols and a dance item** at the Community Hall, so come and join in the festivities!

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Fellowship Meals **resume in January 2023**.

Meal vouchers can be purchased at the counter at the Christ Sanctuary foyer from Sat, 17 Dec 2022. The \$7 fee includes a bento, drinks, and dessert.

Date of Fellowship Meal	Purchase voucher by
Sat, 14 Jan 2023 (post-SES)	Sun, 8 Jan 2023
Sun, 29 Jan 2023 (post-E2)	Sun, 22 Jan 2023

LUNAR NEW YEAR BLESSING 2023

Join us in blessing our community through the Lunar New Year Blessing distributions from Fri–Sun, 13–15 Jan 2023.

We will be reaching out to the HDB units in the Dover, Ghim Moh Valley, and Ghim Moh Edge neighbourhoods.

To sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/46krs583> or scan the QR code. For more details, email williamtham@sjsm.org.sg.



COME SING WITH THE CHOIR!

Presentation dates: **5 & 19 Mar, 2 Apr**, Holy Week services

Calling all singers and lovers of choral music! Training will be provided, so no music or singing background is required. Of course, we highly encourage you to try to make all the practice dates, which kick off in Jan 2023.

Rehearsals

Day/Time: Sundays, 8.30–10.30am (Jan–Feb)

Venue: Shalom Hall

Child minding support is available for all practices and services we are involved in.

For more information or to sign up, drop us a line at worship@sjsm.org.sg. You can also register using the usual [Join a Ministry form](#).

ADVENT.

Advent season ensures that we begin the church year with the end in mind — as we reflect on the need for Jesus' first coming, which is celebrated at Christmas, we also look forward to His eventual return as a conquering King and righteous Judge. This 'in-between', twilight period is liturgically represented by the colour purple, which symbolises penitence and preparation; we therefore present the light purple blooms of *Crocus sativus*, mentioned in Song of Songs 4:14.

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NEXTGEN SERVERS WANTED!

Email us if you're keen to help disciple little ones!

Preschool:

kerineau@sjsm.org.sg

Primary:

victorcheong@sjsm.org.sg

Teen Encounter:

richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg

CONNECT WITH US

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to info@sjsm.org.sg to furnish us with relevant 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

Account Number:

360-303-092-1

Branch Code: 030

Bank Code: 7375

Bank Name: UOB

Via PayNow



Via cash and cheques

Cheques and cash may be placed directly in the offering box at the exits. Member's stewardship number accompanying tithes is no longer required.

STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

1. Administrator
2. Pastoral Staff (Youth)
3. Ministry Staff (Youth)
4. Ministry Staff (Junior Church)
5. Ministry Staff (Family Life Ministry)
6. Zone Pastor – Pastoral Connexion

To apply, visit www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment for details.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Dates: 11, 18 & 25 Feb; 4, 11 & 25 Mar; 1 Apr (7 Saturdays)

Times: 9am–1pm (11 Feb & 25 Mar); 9am–5pm (1 Apr); sessions 2–5 to be arranged between facilitators and couple mentees

Fee: \$70 per person (includes Fellowship Meals on 11 Feb, 25 Mar & 1 Apr)

Registration closes on **Tue, 10 Jan 2023**

This course will be held onsite unless otherwise advised.

For queries, please email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

More details and the registration link are available at www.sjsm.org.sg/mpc.

BIBLICAL PARENTING COURSE

Come and learn what the Bible has to say about the purpose, principles, and practice of Biblical Parenting! Whatever age your children or grandchildren are, the gospel can guide and empower your parenting.

Do note that this course is a requirement for all parents who wish for their children to undergo infant baptism.

Date/Time: Thu, 23 Feb 2023 @ 6.45pm–9.45pm

Venue: Agape Hall

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/biblicalpharentingcourse> by **Sun, 29 Jan 2023**. Enquiries? Email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- Joanna Bo and family (husband: Derrick children: Charis and Joshua). Joanna's beloved mother, Mdm Gan Kuan Neo, was called home to the Lord on Thu, 8 Dec 2022.
- The family of the late Mr Henry Soh Yew Lye (children: Alex, Winnie, Philip, and Victor). Our beloved brother was called home to the Lord on Sun, 11 Dec 2022.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Nov 2022 (\$)	Nov 2022 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	7,585,202	689,564
General Fund (Actual collections)*	6,767,997	496,867
Excess / (Shortfall)	(817,205)	(192,697)

PRAYER @ SJSM

4TH 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

- **Vicar Transition.** Give thanks to God for the good work that Ps Alvin has done to help build the SJSM community, especially in shepherding us through the heights of the pandemic years. May he adjust swiftly to his new community and prosper in all that God has called him to do (Nu 6:22–27). Pray for the SJSM staff and leaders to serve with restedness, trusting God to watch over the transition process. (Ps 121:4)
- **Christmas & Covenant Services.** Pray protection over the staff and their families (health, emotions, relationships, unity, etc.) during this intense period of preparation for the year-end services and outreach activities. Pray for SJSMers to yearn for their own personal revival and to be God's instrument to draw the lost to Christ. Pray for many to respond to their invitations to the Gospel services and to be receptive to the Good News.
- **Youth Camp (16–19 Dec).** Pray that the word and the works of the Spirit received at the camp will continue to stir in the youths a growing hunger to know Jesus personally, relationally, and experientially. May the Spirit invigorate them to encourage one another to seek God, to please Him in thoughts and deeds, and to make a difference for His glory in their homes, schools, and communities. (Jer 29:11–13; Ph 4:8)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Missions.** Pray blessings of Christmas tidings over all our mission stations (our cross-cultural workers, their local teams, the local communities they are serving, etc.). May festive joy strengthen relationships and open doors for the sharing of the Christmas message. Pray for fruitfulness in making and nurturing local disciples.

OUR NATION

Harvest. Pray for Holy Spirit empowerment upon the churches as they reach out to the lost and proclaim the reason for Christmas. Pray for the lonely, fearful, and downhearted to experience the power of God's love that heals and brings hope. (Lk 2:10)

THE WORLD

The Afflicted. As the world celebrates Christmas, let us remember the millions who are suffering in silence — the disaster survivors, the civilians in wars, the refugees, the poor/sick, and the oppressed/persecuted. Pray for God's special grace to bring reliefs to their situations, and grant them life-changing encounters with the Prince of Peace who alone gives true peace and freedom in the midst of darkness. (Ps 10:17; Is 9:2–3)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (DEC 2022)

Download the file at www.anglian.org.sg.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

Follow the Light!

*"The people who walked in darkness
Have seen a great light..."* Isaiah 9:2

Christmas Eve Youth Gospel Service
Sat, 24 Dec - 2pm
@ Shalom Hall

Christmas Eve Gospel Service*
Sat, 24 Dec - 5pm
@ Christ Sanctuary
(concurrent children's programme
for ages 3-10 @ Bethel Auditorium)

Christmas Day Holy Communion Services
Sun, 25 Dec - 8.15am & 11.15am
@ Christ Sanctuary

Refreshments will be served after the 8.15am service

* **post-svc Christmas Eve Dinner**
Meal voucher sales have closed as
event is now fully subscribed

Covenant Service + Farewell to Revd Alvin

Sat, 31 Dec • 8pm • Christ Sanctuary
Speaker: Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman

Afterwards, join us for supper
and a time of fellowship
as we look forward to the new year!



New Year's Day Combined Holy Communion Service

Sun, 1 Jan • 10am • Christ Sanctuary*
Speaker: Revd Lawrence Seow

*No concurrent Junior Church (JC) or
Teen Encounter (TE) classes; both JC and TE will
only resume on the weekend of 7/8 Jan 2023.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

- Sat, 14 Jan (dinner)**
– purchase voucher by Sun, 8 Jan
Sun, 29 Jan (lunch)
– purchase voucher by Sun, 22 Jan
Price: \$7/pax
(bento + drinks + dessert)



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Purchase your meal voucher(s) at the
counter at the Christ Sanctuary foyer.
Voucher sales open from 17 Dec 2022.

Schedule:
SES – 2nd weekend of the month
E2 – 4th weekend of the month

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DATE**

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Assistant Bishop
Rt Revd Low Jee King

Archdeacon of Singapore
Ven Daniel Wee

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*Revd Alvin Toh (Vicar), Ven Wong Tak Meng,
Revd Andrew Raman, Revd Dino Thangamany,
Ds Bessie Lee, Mr Richard Lau,
Mr Allen Lim, Mr Milton Wee*

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*Ms Lim Ai Yee, Mr Richard Lau,
Revd Vincent Hoon, Ms Chung Lai Mei,
Mr Simon Devaraj, Mr Patrick Lai,
Mr Choo Kok Weng,
Ds Laura Chan*

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