



> CHRISTMASTIDE.

Christmas Day is Day 1 of a 12-day liturgical season called Christmastide which ends on Epiphany Eve (5 Jan). Unlike Advent, which traditionally is a more solemn observation, Christmastide is associated with festivity; its liturgical colours are white and gold, which together symbolise celebration, peace, joy, and the triumph of God's great work of salvation. During this period, we celebrate the miracle of the incarnation of Christ.

*I ive-streamed: for all other service details, please refer to inside pages

Mandarin – 5.30pm (Glory Sanctuary)

English – 8pm (Christ Sanctuary) Tamil - 10pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Sunday services

English - 10am* (Christ Sanctuary & online) Mandarin - 10am (Glory Sanctuary) Filipino Service – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Classes resume on Sat. 7 Jan More info on pp. 2 & 4

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 31 DEC 2022

8pm (Covenant Service) How God is Discipling SJSM Through All That's Happening (Romans 8:26–30; John 15:1–5), by Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman

SUN, 01 JAN 2023

10am (Combined Service) Trusting God For Our Tomorrows (Romans 8:28; Matthew 6:25–34), by Revd Lawrence Seow

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

on 31 Dec & 01 Jan; we resume Sat, 07 Jan 2023

Teen Encounter (TE)*
ages 11–13

Junior Church (Primary) ages 7–10

Junior Church (Preschool) ages 3-6

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

*The TE age range is now 11–13 years.
Teens aged 14 and up
are encouraged to join Heartbeat.
Contact <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u>
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.sq

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/sismchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

COVENANT SERVICE & VICAR'S FAREWELL

We are glad to have you with us at our annual 31 December Covenant Service. Be blessed as we reflect on 2022 and look forward to entering 2023 together.

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP by Mr Choo Kok Weng

COLLECT OF PURITY led by Ms Cheryl Tean

PRAISE & ADORATION led by Ms Cheryl Tean

SCRIPTURE READING

The Psalm Appointed: Psalm 96:1-4, 7-13 by Dr John Lim

New Testament text: Romans 8:26–30 by Dr John Lim

Gospel text: John 15:1-5 by Revd Alvin Toh

SERMON by Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman

RESPONSE/REFLECTION led by Revd Alvin Toh

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE, & ABSOLUTION led by Revd Alvin Toh

PRAYER OF PERSONAL CONSECRATION led by Revd Alvin Toh

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS & COVENANT PRAYER

led by Revd Vincent Hoon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS by Mr Choo Kok Weng

HOLY COMMUNION led by Revd Andrew Raman

CLOSING SONG led by Ms Cheryl Tean



Thank you for joining us as we bid farewell to our beloved vicar, Revd Alvin Toh, on 31 Dec 2022.

GREETING & BRIEFING by Ms Dawn Yip

VIDEO CLIP ON REVD ALVIN'S TIME IN SJSM

SHARING & AFFIRMATIONS facilitated by Ms Dawn Yip

FAREWELL ADDRESS by Revd Alvin Toh

PRESENTATION OF GIFT, MESSAGES & BOUQUET

PRAYER OF BLESSING by Revd Dr Joshua Sudharman, Mr Larry Choi & Mr Andrew Khaw

AARONIC BLESSING led by Ms Cheryl Tean

The Fellowship Supper will commence after the Farewell concludes; thank you for your patience!

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 05 Jan

2pm Midweek Seniors' Fellowship (Onsite @

Hospitality Lounge. Sign up at http://tinyurl.com/SnrCell or

email aiyee@sjsm.org.sq for enquiries)

Sat, 07 Jan

2.30pm Heartbeat Svc (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed

on YouTube. Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg for more info)

5pm **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg or richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for for information or to join)

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary. Email sismc@sism.org.sq for more information or to join)

Sun, 08 Jan

8.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email <u>juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg</u> or <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u>

for for information or to join)

10am Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.

Email sismc@sism.org.sq for more information or to join)

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

Email solomon@sjsm.org.sq for more information or to join)

11am Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ C205.

Email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sa for for info or to join)

11.15am English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary;

live-streamed via sjsm.online.church, SJSM Facebook,

and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sq or richardkwan@sjsm.org.sa

for for information or to join)

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

Email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

Misc. details

SERMONS (SAT & SUN) A City on a Hill (Genesis 26:17–23; Matthew 5:14–16), by Ven Daniel Wee

YOUTH MINISTRY Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11–13) and Heartbeat (ages 14–20). For more information, please get in touch with <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u>

CHRISTMASTIDE.

After Advent comes the 12-day season of Christmastide, during which we move from preparation for and expectation of the Messiah, into celebrating the miracle of God the Son entering our world as one of us. The customs and liturgy of this season are meant to remind us of, and refocus us on, the central truth of the Word made flesh to bring about our salvation. He came as the light of the world—may we each receive fresh revelation about what this means!

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NextGen Servers Wanted!

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

Preschool:

kerineau@sjsm.org.sg

Primary:

<u>victorcheong@sjsm.org.sg</u> Teen Encounter:

richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg

CONNECT WITH US CELL GROUPS

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write in to us at **cell@sjsm.org.sg**.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to <u>info@sjsm.org.sg</u> to furnish us with relevant details.

MARRIAGE/WEDDINGS

Planning to get married? Write to the Family Life Ministry at flm@sjsm.org.sq.

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 cheaues

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 MOVEMENT

- We give thanks for Trixie Chin (Associate Chaplain, SJSM Nursing Home; and Team Lead, Alpha), who has requested for early retirement after 14 years of service with SJSM. Her last day with us is 31 Dec 2022. May God bless her in her next stage of life and ministry.
- We thank God for Sammy Bhoy and Peterline Zapanta, who will be moving on from SJSM's Outreach & Missions staff team w.e.f. 31 Dec 2022. From Jan 2023, they will join Janice Ng as Cross Cultural Workers (CCWs) at Heartfriends Christian Centre in Manatuto, Timor Leste.

PASTORAL PRAYER LEADERSHIP (PPL) & LEADERS' CONVENTION (LC)

Leaders, please note – there will be **no PPL in Jan 2023**. LC has been rescheduled to **8pm on Fri, 13 Jan**, and Ven. Daniel Wee will be addressing us.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Fellowship Meals **resume in February 2023**, <u>not</u> January. Meal vouchers can be purchased at the counter at the Christ Sanctuary foyer from early Jan 2023. The \$7 fee includes a bento, drinks, and dessert.

Date of Fellowship Meal	Purchase voucher by
Sat, 11 Feb 2023 (post-SES)	Sun, 5 Feb 2023
Sun, 26 Feb 2023 (post-E2)	Sun, 19 Feb 2023

FAITH FOUNDATIONS (I)

Come explore the key foundations of the Christian faith! This course is a pre-requisite for those seeking baptism in SJSM, and is open to Christians aged 14 and above.

Dates/Time: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Feb @ 2pm-4pm

Venue: Conference Room B405

To register, visit http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/14/public.

For enquiries, write to ce@sjsm.org.sq.

ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) – Term 1 Registration Open

DCBS aims to bring Bible literacy to believers, helping them to know and apply God's Word to life. Participants may sign up for an OT or NT module each term. All first-time participants are recommended to attend Module 1A or 1B to receive background overview of the Bible.

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. Course information (e.g. dates, fees, etc.) and registration details are available at www.anglican.org.sg.

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 105:1-11; Isaiah 35:1-6; Galatians 3:23-end

COLLECT: Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ was presented to You in the Temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations: grant that in Him we may be presented to You and in the world may reflect His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- <u>Thanksgiving.</u> May God enlighten us to see His hand in our lives over the past year and understand His heart towards us. Give thanks for all His manifest and hidden blessings, and for His faithfulness in shepherding us through our peaks and valleys (Jer 29:11; Ro 8:28). May daily thanksgiving anchor our faith in Him as we enter 2023.
- <u>Covenant Renewal.</u> May the Spirit enable sincere and joyful renewal of our commitment to live as true disciples of Christ and to finish the race well (Ps 90:12; Phi 3:13–14). Pray for a fresh move of God to empower godly responses to His voice, that others may see Christ in us and know that He lives. (2 Cor 3:18)
- <u>Vicar Transitions</u>. Pray for both Revd Alvin Toh and Revd Victor Teo as they transit to St. Andrew's Cathedral and SJSM respectively. May they settle well in their new communities, and enjoy warm fellowship with their congregants and good teamwork with their co-workers. May the Lord harness their unique giftings and personalities to bless their parishes, and anoint them for fruitfulness. Pray wisdom for Ven. Daniel Wee as he comes alongside our new vicar to provide support. Pray for the SJSM staff to serve with restedness in the midst of leadership changes. (Ps 121:4)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• <u>Our Neighbourhood</u>. May the Lord teach us to care for our neighbourhood community with His love and wisdom, trusting that He will accomplish His work in the hearts and lives of the residents as we serve faithfully. Pray for the upcoming Lunar New Year Blessing distributions to the HDB units in Dover, Ghim Moh Valley, and Ghim Moh Edge (12–15 Jan). Pray for good participation by SJSMers, excellent weather, smooth logistics, and opportunities for bonding with the residents.

OUR NATION

Government. Pray for Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, the 4-G leadership team, and the cabinet ministers to keep a healthy lifestyle and guard against burnout. Pray for the government as she weighs public feedback over a wide range of issues for the purpose of preparing the next Budget (Feb 2023). May wisdom guide her in identifying challenges and opportunities as Singapore navigates a volatile world, and in exploring ways to build a resilient nation. Pray for the preservation of God-pleasing values in governance (integrity, social justice, good ethics, reasonableness, and moral courage). (1 Ti 2:1–2)

THE WORLD

Famine. With global hunger exceeding 800 million and the world facing an unprecedented food crisis, pray for a global rise in social conscience that may propel efforts to channel sufficient resources to reach the hungry and to work on long-term solutions. May the Word go forth to the nations so that the Bread of Life may rescue those rich and poor who are in spiritual famine, changing hearts to change the world. (Ps 146:6–7; Jn 6:35)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (JAN 2023)

Download the file at <u>www.anglican.org.sg</u>.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

LUNAR NEW YEAR BLESSING 2023

@ Dover, Ghim Moh Valley, and Ghim Moh Edge

<u>Distribution dates:</u>
Thu–Sun, 12–15 Jan 2023



To sign up, scan the QR code on the right or log on to https://tinyurl.com/46krs583.

For more information, get in touch with williamtham@sjsm.org.sg.



The Marriage Preparation Developing Course

Developing strong foundations for a lasting marriage



Registration deadline: Tue, 10 Jan 2023

Sign up/Get info by scanning the QR code or visiting:

www.sjsm.org.sg/mpc.html



BIBLICAL PARENTING

Come find out what the Bible says about the purpose, principles, and practice of biblical parenting.



Note: Parents who wish their children to undergo infant baptism are required to attend.

Come sing with the

on 5 & 19 Mar, 2 Apr, and for Holy Week

No previous choir experience or music background required. Sign up via **choir@sjsm.org.sg** or the Join A Ministry form.



Bishop of Singapore Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop Rt Revd Low Jee King

Archdeacon of Singapore
Ven Daniel Wee

Pastoral Leadership Team

Revd Victor Teo (Vicar-Designate), Ven Wong Tak Meng, Revd Dino Thangamany, Ds Bessie Lee, Mr Richard Lau, Mr Allen Lim, Mr Milton Wee

Zone Pastors

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

Congregational Pastors

Revd Thong Tang Hiong (Chinese), Revd Solomon Periyanayakam (Tamil), Ms Juanita Dicen (Filipino), Mr Richard Kwan (Youth), Ms Kerine Au (Children)



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