



> EPIPHANYTIDE.

The white blooms of the common myrtle, Myrtus communis, spotlight the liturgical colour for the season of Epiphany, which represents purity and innocence, holiness, and joy. Fitting, because this is when the church celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. Read more about Epiphanytide on page 4 and on our Facebook page!

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

Saturday services w/ Holy Communion

Heartbeat - 2.30pm* (Shalom Hall & online) English - 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin - 5pm (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) Indonesian Fellowship – 11am (C205) Filipino Service – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Details on pg 2-3

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 07 JAN 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

A City on a Hill (Genesis 26:17-23; Matthew 5:14-16), by Ven Daniel Wee

SUN, 08 JAN 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

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

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!



TEEN ENCOUNTER (ages 11–13)

Sat - 5pm (SES), Sun - 8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2):

@ 14 rooms Email richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for enquiries or to join.

JUNIOR CHURCH (ages 3–10)

Sat - 5pm (SES) @ Agape Hall

Sun - 8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

- (Primary) ages 7–10 @ Agape Hall(Preschool: Kindy) ages 5–6
- @ Charis Room
- (Preschool: Nursery) ages 3-4 @ Chara Room

Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sq for enquiries or to join.

are vou 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://tinvurl.com/SJSMCare3







CATCH IT AGAIN

Combined NYD Service

https://vimeo.com/784190205

Covenant Service

https://vimeo.com/661454501

Christmas Day Service

https://vimeo.com/782186126

All/Other services

https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Fri, 13 Jan

8pm Leaders' Convention (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Sat, 14 Jan

2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall: live-streamed on YouTube.

Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sq for more info)

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sq

or <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sq</u> for for info or to join)

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.

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

Sun, 15 Jan

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sq

or richardkwan@sjsm.org.sq for for info or to join)

10am Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary. Email sjsmc@sjsm.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.ora.sa for for info or to ioin)

11.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via

sjsm.online.church, SJSM Facebook, and www.sjsm.org.sq/online.html)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room,

Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg

or <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u> for for info or to join)

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

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

Misc. details

Sermons

Sat & Sun

Dreaming Again (2 Kings 13:14–19),

by Ven Daniel Wee

Cell Groups

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write to

cell@sism.ora.sa

Youth Ministry

Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11– 13) and Heartbeat (ages 14–20). To

find out more, email <u>richardkwan@sjsm.</u>

org.sg

Alpha Course

Where anyone can feel free to ask questions and explore the Christian faith. Find out more at www.sism.org.sg/

alphacourse.html.

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 processing and equipment, come serve with us!

NOTICES .

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.

NO LOVESINGAPORE PRAYER MEETING IN JAN 2023

Please note that the resumption of our usual monthly PraySingaporeUNTIL! sessions is no longer on Thu, 12 Jan as originally communicated.

See you next month on Thu, 9 Feb at 12pm!

COMBINED BILINGUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR SERVICE

Date: Sun, 22 Jan 2023

Time/Venue: 9am @ Christ Sanctuary

Let's gather as one extended family in our Father's house as we kick off the new year festivities together by honouring Him first!

LUNAR NEW YEAR BLESSING 2023

Join us in blessing our community through the Lunar New Year Blessing distributions from Thu–Sun, 12–15 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.

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	

INTERESTED IN STARTING A GROUND-UP INITIATIVE?

Do you have ideas on how to improve or bless our community that's not already being covered by any of our ministries? We would love to meet you and help you get started. Drop Ms Chua Kim Yien (kimyien@sjsm.org.sg) a line to get the conversation going!

EPIPHANYTIDE.

Popularly known as Three Kings Day, the Feast of Epiphany (6 Jan) is not exactly a well-understood point in the church year. Did you know that the lectionary readings over Epiphanytide highlight by degrees Christ's earthly mission as well as our mission as His church? God the Son came to dwell among men as the glory of Israel and the light to the Gentiles; the Incarnation is directed towards the Passion. Thus, we close the festivities of Christmastide and look toward the mysteries of Easter.

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MY Story, HIS Story

Every person has a story and every story matters to God. Testimonies of God's miraculous power to change lives and situations are available for you to share at www.sjsm.org.sg/stories. If you would like to share your story, do email it to testimonies@sjsm.org.sg.

CONNECT WITH US 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@sism.org.sq.

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 reauired.

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 <u>www.sjsm.org.sq/recruitment</u> 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.sism.org.sq/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

Register at https://tinyurl.com/FebBPC by Sun, 29 Jan

2023. Enquiries? Email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Winston and Adeline Tay, whose beloved mother, Mdm Tan Siew Tee, was called home to the Lord on Sun, 1 Jan 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)			
	Jan-Dec 2022 (\$)	Dec 2022 (\$)	
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	8,274,766	689,564	
General Fund (Actual collections)*	7,789,898	1,021,900	
Excess / (Shortfall)	(484,868)	332,336	

1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 89:19-29; Exodus 14:15-22; 1 John 5:6-9

COLLECT: Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son: inspire us, Your children, who are born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to Your service, that we may rejoice to be called the sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- <u>Vicar Transition</u>. Pray for Revd Victor Teo as he prepares to transit to SJSM. May the Lord lead SJSM through him as he earnestly seeks to hear and follow His voice. Pray wisdom for Ven Daniel Wee who is coming alongside him to guide the staff and church leaders. Pray for God's gracious presence at the Leaders' Gathering (13 Jan) to refresh the leaders. Pray that greater clarity of the church direction will galvanise leaders to serve the Lord's purposes with a renewed passion.
- <u>Cells.</u> Pray for cell leaders to look to the Lord to guide them in shepherding their flocks, especially during this season of transition. As cells re-gather for the new year, pray for great joy of fellowship to inspire cell members to encourage one another in the Lord and to steward their individual gifts to build up the body of Christ (Ro 12:1–3).
- <u>Alpha.</u> May the Spirit bring to mind those we may invite to the upcoming Alpha course (starting 10 Feb), and grant us His burden to pray for them. May He prepare the hearts of those we are inviting, and teach us to work with Him in the harvest field so that we may be discipled by Jesus through the process of making new disciples for Him.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• <u>Our Neighbourhood.</u> 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

Schools. Pray for our nation to excel ethically, which pleases God (Pr 14:34). Pray for education policy makers to be robust agents of change in shaping the character of our next generation. Pray for character education to be integrated into the daily classroom instructions, and the life and culture of schools. May it be a shared responsibility of parents and teachers to help students understand and act on core ethical values, such as respect, justice, civic virtue, citizenship, and responsibility for self and others. (Pr 22:6)

THE WORLD

Global Recession. As the world faces a global recession, pray that (a) God will give state leaders the wisdom to guide their nations and the world out of the economic crisis; (b) global crises will serve to unite the nations to work together instead of aggravating conflicts; (c) those struggling to cope with challenges will find Jesus in their fears; (d) churches will see the harvest, and rise up in prayer and missional efforts to be Christ's ambassadors to the lost. (Eph 6:18–20)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (JAN 2023)

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

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

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.



CENTRALISED CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

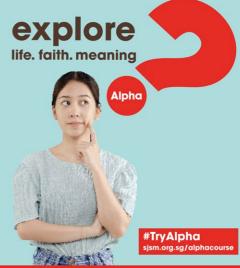
Fri, 27 Jan 2023 7.45pm @ Christ Sanctuary Focus: Revival

anchored by Ven Daniel Wee

Let's come together as a church family to pray for revival at this first CCPG of 2023. Plus - stay on for refreshments after the service.

See you there!





10 Feb - 5 May 2023

No question is too big, too small, or too silly. Discover more about the Christian faith in a friendly atmosphere at the Alpha Course. To register, scan the QR code or visit the Alpha webpage. Alternatively, email us at alpha@sj.sm.org.sg if you have queries. Registration closes on 29 January.



Bishop of Singapore Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop Rt Revd Low Jee King

Archdeacon of Singapore
Ven Daniel Wee

Pastoral Leadership Team

Ven Daniel Wee (Acting Vicar), 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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