



#### > 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 Heartbeat - 2.30pm\* (Shalom Hall & online) English - 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin - 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

# **Sunday services**

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, 14 JAN 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

Dreaming Again (2 Kings 13:14-19), by Ven Daniel Wee

SUN, 15 JAN 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

Dreaming Again (2 Kings 13:14–19), 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

Wed, 18 Jan

2pm Dover Dance Delight (Onsite @ Community Hall)

Thu, 19 Jan

2pm **Seniors' Fellowship** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

email <u>aiyee@sjsm.org.sq</u> for more information or to join)

Sat, 21 Jan

5pm **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.

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

Sun, 22 Jan

9am Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Svc

(Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; children are encouraged to attend the service

with their families as JC and TE classes will not be available)

10am **Tamil Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

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

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

Email <u>juanita@sjsm.org.sg</u> for more information)

Misc. details

Sermons

COMBINED SVC

Be Still (Psalm 27:1–14; Matthew 4:12–23).

by Revd Thong Tang

Hiong

**Cell Groups** 

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

cell@sism.org.sq

**Youth Ministry** 

Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11– 13) and Heartbeat (ages 14–20). To find out more, email <u>richardkwan@sjsm.</u>

org.sg

# ...Seniors' Fellowship...

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month 2pm @ Bethel Auditorium

For details/enquiries, email aiyee@sjsm.org.sg

Next meeting: 19 Jan



# **WANT TO START A GROUND-UP INITIATIVE?**

Do you have ideas on how to improve our community here in SJSM 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@sjsm.org.sq) 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 <a href="https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455">https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455</a>.



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

## **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!

Do note that in view of the Combined Service, **Heartbeat** and SES will not be running on Sat, 21 Jan 2023.

#### 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	

#### **BAPTISM SERVICES**

Baptisms will return to the main services this year, beginning with Sat, 11 Mar 2023 (SES).

**Infant/Child baptism:** Parents who wish to baptise their children must attend the <u>Biblical Parenting Course</u> (upcoming session: Thu, 23 Feb 2023).

Youth/Adult baptism: Candidates must complete the *Faith Foundations (1)* course, whose next run begins on Sun, 5 Feb 2023. This is also a pre-requisite for youths aged 14 and above who were baptised as infants and intend to be Confirmed.

Visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/courses</u> for details on either course. More information can also be found below and on the facing page.

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS (I)**

Come explore the key foundations of the Christian faith! This course is a pre-requisite for those seeking baptism in SJSM. Applicants must be at least 14 years old to register.

Dates/Time: 5, 12, 19 & 26 Feb

Time: 2pm-4pm Venue: B405

Register by Mon, 30 Jan at <a href="http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/">http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/</a>

equipping/registration/14/public.

# For enquiries, write to <u>ce@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

#### 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.

Image: Pixabay (WhiskerFlowers)



# NextGen Servers Wanted!

Get in touch with us if you're keen to help disciple little ones!

Junior Church (Preschool & Primary): kerineau@sjsm.org.sg

Teen Encounter: richardkwan@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@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 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 www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment for details.

#### **INTERESTED TO WORK IN SJSM NURSING HOME?**

Current vacancies include:

- 1. Asst/Manager, Operations
- 2. Senior Care Associate

Details and how to apply at www.sjsm.org.sg/nh-recruitment.

#### SJSM NH VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT

SJSM Nursing Home is appealing for volunteers to help engage the residents' minds, bodies, and spirits during the day. Drop by the Volunteers Booth after services on Sat, 28 Jan and Sun, 29 Jan to find out about existing programmes and how you, too, can contribute to this meaningful cause.

You may also email <u>ryan liu@sanh.org.sg</u> for more information.

#### **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.

Dates: Thu, 23 Feb 2023 Time: 6.45pm–9.45pm Venue: Agape Hall

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

Enquiries? Email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

TITHES & OFFERINGS* (updated monthly)		
	Actual (S\$)	Budgeted (S\$)
January-December 2022	7,789,898	8,274,766
December 2022	1,021,900	689,564

<sup>\*</sup>By the grace of God, we received a substantial increase in members' giving in December 2022. With monitored and cautious spending during the year, we are able to report a surplus for 2022, subject to final audit. Thanks be to God!

#### 2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 145:1–12; Jeremiah 1:4–10; Mark 1:14–20

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to Your service: strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

#### **OUR PARISH**

- <u>Vicar Transition.</u> Pray for SJSM to be teachable, allowing God to mould her through the process of transition (Is 64:8). May He bless the staff with fresh inspiration, renew their vision of a corporate revival, and unite them to prepare SJSM for the move of God. (Is 57:15; Acts 1:8)
- <u>Chinese New Year (CNY) Season.</u> Pray that social gatherings during this CNY season will help re-establish and deepen our bonds with relatives and friends. May God use us to encourage those who are struggling with loneliness and fears (Pr 11:25). Pray for wisdom and a readiness to invite friends and relatives to the upcoming Alpha course (Ro 1:16).

#### **OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY**

- <u>Dover.</u> (a) Lunar New Year Blessing Distributions (12–15 Jan). May our gesture of friendship, expressed through visitations and practical help, bring comfort to the residents and open their hearts to the God who sent us to them (Jn 13:20). (b) Little Seeds Preschool. May God open the door for fees sponsorship to reach the poorer families in Dover so that their children may be given the opportunity to benefit from being nurtured by Little Seeds Preschool (Pr 22:2: Ps 68:10b).
- <u>Missions.</u> Pray for (a) Sammy and Peterline to settle well into their new environment in Timor Leste; may God accelerate their learning of the local language and prepare them for the work He has for them; (b) our cross-cultural workers to abide in Christ, from whom they receive strength and guidance; pray for those seeking ministry directions to wait upon the Lord, desiring only His will to be done (Jn 15:5; Is 30:21); (c) God to protect them and their families (spirit, soul, and body).

#### **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.anglican.org.sg.

#### **PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY**

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

# Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Service

Sun, 22 Jan 9am @ Christ Sanctuary

Speaker: Revd Thong Tang Hiong

Let's come together in our Father's house to honour Him at the start of the new year festivities!

> Note: The usual Heartbeat (2.30pm) and SES (5pm) services will NOT be running on Sat, 21 Jan 2023.

# 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!

# RECONNECT: A CALL TO ALL SJSM LADIES

Come join us for the first Women at the Well session of 2023! We will have a time of discussion to hear your ideas for Women at the Well as we move into the new year.

# THE R.I.P. OF CHANGE

How do we cope well in the midst of change? What "new thing" might we imagine in this season? (Isaiah 43.19)

SJSMer Vara Hariharan will share her change axiom - Release, Invite, Prepare.



Come and join us on Sat 4th Feb 2023, 9.30am Breakfast starts at 9am SJSM Community Hall (level 3)



Open to all SJSM ladies aged 18 and above. Please register by Mon, 30 Jan via the QR code or the following link: https://tinyurl.com/watw2023

# explore life. faith. meaning



#TryAlpha
sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse

# 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@sjsm.or.gs gif 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)



30 Dover Avenue, \$139790
Tel: 6777 0934 (9am–6pm, Tue–Sat)
info@sjsm.org.sg
www.sjsm.org.sg

St. John's - St. Margaret's Church (SJSM) is part of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore (<a href="www.anglican.org.sg">www.anglican.org.sg</a>). Our campus, St. John's - St. Margaret's Village (<a href="www.sjsmvillage.org.sg">www.sjsmvillage.org.sg</a>), comprises the church, SJSM Nursing Home (<a href="www.sjsmnh.org.sg">www.sjsmnh.org.sg</a>), and Little Seeds Preschool (SJSM) (<a href="www.sjsmnh.org.sg">www.littleseeds.edu.sg</a>).