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SUN, 22 JAN 2023

Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Service
(English & Mandarin) – 9am*
(Christ Sanctuary & [online](#))

Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium & Chapel)

Filipino Service – 1.30pm
(Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

No classes on 21/22 Jan
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➤ **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](#)!

**Live-streamed; for all other service details, please refer to inside pages*

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMON

SUN, 22 JAN 2023

9am Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Service

Be Still (Psalm 27:1–14; Matthew 4:12–23), by Revd Thong Tang Hiong

NEW TO SJSM?

Whether you joined our online or onsite service today or found us online, 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 or scanning the QR code. Thank you!



CELL GROUPS

if you're looking for a group to grow and serve with, we encourage you to join a cell group! Write to cell@sjsm.org.sg for more information and/or recommendations on a group to join. We look forward to getting to know you better!

NO CLASSES ON 21 & 22 JAN 2023

TEEN ENCOUNTER

(ages 11–13)

Email richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg
for enquiries about joining, or to sign
up to serve with us.

JUNIOR CHURCH

- (Primary) ages 7–10
- (Preschool) ages 3–6

Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg
for enquiries about joining.

If you would like to serve with us and
have a heart for discipling little ones,
email kerineau@sjsm.org.sg.

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

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/sjsmchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 24 Jan

Church office closed (Chinese New Year Public Holiday)

Fri, 27 Jan

7.45pm **Centralised Church Prayer Gathering**
(Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; refreshments available after the service)

Sat, 28 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 more information or to join)

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.
Email sjmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Sun, 29 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.sg or
richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;
email sjmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.
Email solomon@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

11am **Indonesian Fellowship** (Onsite @ C205.
Email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg for for info or to join)

11.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via
sjsm.online.church, [SJSJ 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.sg or
richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

1.30pm **Filipino Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.
Email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

Speaker:
Ven Daniel Wee

Youth Ministry

Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11–13) and Heartbeat (ages 14–20). To find out more, email richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg

Alpha Course

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

Join a Ministry

Volunteer with us in serving the larger church community! Find out more about the opportunities available [here](#) (or scan the QR code below).



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@sjsm.org.sg) to get the conversation started!

NOTICES

CHINESE NEW YEAR BLESSING (12–15 Jan)

A big thank you to the 200+ members and friends of SJSJ, and the 20+ members of staff who participated in bringing Lunar New Year greetings to our neighbours in Dover and Ghim Moh. The multi-generational teams, comprising members of our English (shoutout to our youths from Heartbeat!), Chinese, Tamil, and Filipino congregations, visited a total of 5,600 households in 31 HDB blocks, gifting each with a cooler bag.

We thank God for positive interactions with the residents, invitations to pray with some of them, and the opportunity to bless our community

ALPHA COURSE: 10 Feb–5 May

Introductory dinner: 7pm on Fri, 10 Feb @ SJSJ

Format: 10 weekly sessions, online & onsite, plus 1 weekend (Sat–Sun, 15–16 Apr)

Alpha is open to anyone interested in exploring the meaning of life and the Christian faith. Do prayerfully consider inviting your loved ones and friends, and attending it with them.

More information about Alpha, as well as the registration link, are available at www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html.

If you have further questions, email alpha@sjsm.org.sg.

CHINESE ALPHA: 11 Feb–8 Apr

Format: 9 weekly sessions, onsite @ Community Hall

Time: 12.30pm

Alpha Weekend: 9.30am–3.30pm on Sat, 1 Apr

Invite your Chinese-speaking family and friends! For enquiries or registration, visit www.sjsmchinese.org/alpha or pick up a brochure from the church Information Desk.

FAITH FOUNDATIONS (I)

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

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

Time/Venue: 2pm–4pm @ B405

Register by **Mon, 30 Jan** at <http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/14/public>.

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

SJSJ NH VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT

SJSJ 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 can contribute to this meaningful cause as well.

You may email ryan_liu@sanh.org.sg for more details.

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 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. Pastoral Staff (Youth)
2. Ministry Staff (Youth)
3. Ministry Staff (Junior Church)
4. Ministry Staff (Family Life Ministry)
5. 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.sjsmnh.org.sg/careers

FELLOWSHIP MEALS: Feb 2023

Our bimonthly post-service Fellowship Meals resume in February 2023. Meal vouchers can be purchased at the counter at the Christ Sanctuary foyer; 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

MISSIONS SHORT COURSE

If you are curious about Missions or are wondering if you have been called to the field, come and find out more at our upcoming missions course.

Dates: 4 Feb–25 Mar (8 Saturdays)

Time/Venue: 4.15pm–6pm @ Shalom Hall

If you have further questions, drop William Tham a message at williamtham@sjsm.org.sg.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- The family of the late Mr Dave Chan Keen Wah (siblings: Daniel and Jean). Our beloved brother was called home to the Lord on Sat, 14 Jan 2023.
- Toh Khai Lee and family (mother: Tay Yew Lian; wife: Ho Kwai Yuen; children: Joshua, Joel, and Elliot) on the loss of his beloved father, Mr Toh Kian Chuan, on Mon, 16 Jan 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS* (updated monthly)

	Actual (\$\$)	Budgeted (\$\$)
January–December 2022	7,789,898	8,274,766
December 2022	1,021,900	689,564

*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!

PRAYER @ SJSM

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 113; Amos 3:1–8; 1 John 1:1–4

COLLECT: Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of Your saving love: renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Chinese New Year (CNY) season.** May the Lord bless our CNY gatherings with new friendships, and help deepen our bonding with relatives and friends. Pray for wisdom and a readiness to invite seekers to the upcoming Alpha course (Ro 1:16).
- **Revival.**
 - May God pour out His Spirit and awaken in us a deep hunger for Him. Pray for revival that purifies our repentance, heals our brokenness, restores our first love, impassions us with God's vision, and empowers us to pursue His will. May He help us rebuild our altars, so that the Spirit may have His way with us to accomplish His purposes. (Jer 29:12–13; Ez 36:26–28)
 - Pray for the strong presence of God to facilitate the Centralised Church Prayer Gathering (27 Jan), and for anointing upon Ven Daniel Wee as he leads us in beseeching Him for revival. (Is 57:14–15; Acts 1:8)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Nursing home.** Pray for the befriending activities to bring warmth and joy to the nursing home residents, especially those who are unable to celebrate Lunar New Year at home. May they know that they are precious in God's sight despite their old-age frailty. Pray for more SJSMers to volunteer their time and efforts in this befriending ministry, to bring hope to the weak (2 Cor 1:3–4).

OUR NATION

Government. Pray for the government as she weighs public feedback over a wide range of issues for the purpose of preparing the next Budget statement, to be delivered by Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong on 14 Feb 2023. May wisdom guide them in identifying challenges and opportunities in a volatile world, and forging pathways to build a resilient nation and a healthier society for our next generation. Pray for the government and all parliamentarians (regardless of party allegiance) to strongly adhere to God-pleasing values in governance – integrity, social justice, good ethics, reasonableness, and moral courage. (1 Ti 2:1–2)

THE WORLD

China. Pray for believers to be passionate and discerning in reaching the lost during this Lunar New Year season, which presents bountiful opportunities for witnessing across this land of 1.35 billion people (of which 8 percent are Christians). Pray for continued church growth. May God hasten further access to Bibles and sound biblical teaching, for the nurturing of the massive numbers of new believers, who are particularly vulnerable amid the forces of atheism and rising materialism. (1 Pe 2:1–3)

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.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!

BAPTISM SERVICES

Returning Sat, 11 Mar (SES)

Prerequisites & Requirements

Infant/Child baptism:
Parents' completion of
Biblical Parenting Course

Youth/Adult baptism:
Candidate's completion of
Faith Foundations (I) course

Course information available at
www.sjsm.org.sg/courses

Questions? Email ce@sjsm.org.sg

BIBLICAL PARENTING

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



Thu, 23 Feb @ Agape Hall
6.45pm-9.45pm

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

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

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>

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Assistant Bishop
Rt Revd Low Jee King

Archdeacon of Singapore
Ven Daniel Wee

Pastoral Leadership Team
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Mr Choo Kok Weng,
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