



► LENT.

The familiar reddish-purple fruit of the grapevine spotlights the liturgical colour for Lent, which represents Christ's sufferings and is associated with humility as well as repentance and penance. This is a season of quiet reflection, and is typically a time for practising the spiritual disciplines of fasting and prayer. Read more on page 4 and on Facebook.

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

Saturday services

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, 25 FEB 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

Everyone Matters (Matthew 18:1–5), by Revd Calvin Tan

SUN, 26 FEB 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

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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 Bilingual CNY Service

https://vimeo.com/789010573

Combined NYD Service https://vimeo.com/784190205

Covenant Series

https://vimeo.com/showcase/10148673

All/Other services

https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 02 Mar

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

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

Sat, 04 Mar

Marriage Preparation Course (4/7)

(Time/Venue to be arranged between facilitator/mentee couples)

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

Email heartbeat@sism.ora.sa for more info)

4.15pm Missions Short Course (5/8) (Onsite @ Shalom Hall)

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

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

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

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.

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

Sun, 05 Mar

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 more information or to join)

10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

email sismc@sism.ora.sa for more information or to ioin)

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

Email solomon@sism.ora.sa for more information or to ioin)

11am Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ C205.

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

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

sism.online.church, SJSM Facebook, and www.sism.ora.sa/online.html.

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room,

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

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

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

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

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

Speaker:

Ven Daniel Wee

Cell Groups

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

information, write to

cell@sjsm.org.sq

Youth Ministry

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

org.sq

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).

...Seniors' Fellowship...

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

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





PASTORAL LETTER BY THE PROVINCE OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

The Province of South East Asia has written a pastoral letter in response to Church of England's decision to conduct blessings for same-sex unions. We encourage you to read this pastoral letter and pray for the Anglican Communion.

The pastoral letter can be found on the Diocesan Website at <u>www.anglican.org.sg</u>, and on <u>our website</u>.

ANNUAL LEADERS' COMMISSIONING: 25/26 Feb

We are grateful for the leaders God has raised in our midst, who have willingly stepped forward to take on cell and/or ministry leadership responsibilities in SJSM. Let us support them in prayer as they are commissioned at SES, E1 and E2 this weekend. Below is the list of newly appointed leaders for 2023:

Cell Leaders: Jimmy Wong Chee Kin, Patricia Koh Ling Chian, Victor Chua Kok Hong, Lee Jun Hur, Lee Shock Hui, Lim Teck Hong, Nathaniel Ong Xiao Zhong

Assistant Cell Leaders: Rodney Chin Ket Fong, Sheun Li Yen, Ng Goldman, Letitia Ho Si Mun

Hospitality Ministry: Foo Meng Seng, Teo Sock Hui **Lay Readers:** Kerine Au Seow Lian, Jimmy Ong Soo Kian, Lim Ai Yee

BAPTISM SERVICE - SAT, 11 MAR

We welcome the following individuals into our SJSM family on Sat, 11 Mar 2023 during SES.

We rejoice with them and their families as they take this step of faith, and pray that they will shine as lights in the world to the glory of God.

Adam Smith <u>Broadstock</u>, Benjamin <u>Lim</u>, <u>Cheng</u> Sher-Mae, <u>Chit</u> Su Wai, Christel <u>Ow</u> Ying Hui, Geraldine <u>Goh</u> Geok Beng, <u>Han</u> Xin Yi, Joanne <u>Tan</u> Bee Lan, Kassia <u>Yeo</u>, Maxel <u>Lee</u> Sheng Quan, <u>Ong</u> Jun Heng, <u>Pan</u> Haiyan, Peter <u>Chia</u> Zhi Qin, Ruth <u>Tay</u> Rui En, Thomas Darwin <u>Broadstock</u>, Zac <u>Ong</u> Beng Hong, Elliot Noah Kum Rui Yang, Ewan Nathaniel Kum Rui Yi

PARKING GUIDELINES @ SJSM NURSING HOME (NH)

If you park at the NH car park, especially on the weekends, please refrain from using the **Level 2 red lots**. These are **reserved for Nursing Home visitors**.

Blue lots indicate Tandem Parking which has not been implemented. Please **do not park** in these lots as it both inconveniences and endangers other car park users.

LENT.

The grapevine (Vitis vinifera) is one of the most frequently mentioned plants in the Bible: both the plant itself and its fruit are used as metaphors, and wine (due to pre-fermentation extraction methods and finished colour) is associated with blood and sacrifice. Purple dye/pigment was also expensive and almost exclusive to royalty in Jesus' day, so it is no surprise that this colour has been tagged to the season of Lent. Let's make full use of this 40-day period, and seek God intently to discern His will for us — as individuals and as the body of Christ.



NextGen Servers Wanted!

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

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

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

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@sism.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.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. 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.

KNOW THE WORD (KTW) - PROVERBS

Dates: 11, 25 Apr & 2, 9, 16, 30 May 2023 (6 Tuesdays) **Time:** 7.45pm–9.45pm (includes group discussion)

Venue: Bethel Auditorium Instructor: Dr Lee Chien Earn

Why study the book of Proverbs? "Because the wisdom found in Proverbs takes us outside of ourselves and our own lives to someone else – our covenant Lord. It teaches us that wisdom is not primarily about what we do but about who God is and what he's done for us" (Dr Justin Holcomb).

More details and the registration link are available at www.sjsm.org.sg/courses. Do sign up by Sun, 26 Mar. Recordings of the teaching sessions will be available after the course. For enquiries, please write to ce@sism.org.sg.

HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD RETREAT (HVGR)

Returning to Jesus, our First Love, requires hearing His voice. Set aside this weekend for a fresh encounter with Him, and gain new insights in learning to listen to our Good Shepherd.

Dates: Fri-Sun, 5-7 May 2023

Venue: Forest Golf Hotel, Johor Bahru, Malaysia **Fee:** \$\$310 (see flyer or webpage for all other options)

Speaker: Brenda Goh

Limited places are available (first-come, first-served), so sign up today at https://tinyurl.com/HVGR2023. More details available at www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL 2023 – Living the Same Faith in the New Normal

For those who are interested, softcopies of the Bible Society of Singapore's Lenten devotional are available at \$\$3.15 each (excluding GST) from the Bible Society website, at https://payhip.com/b/3cw6f.

TITHES & OFFERINGS* (updated monthly)		
	Actual (S\$)	Budgeted (S\$)
January 2023	653,989	To be approved at AGM

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 119:1-16; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Luke 18:9-14

COLLECT: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted 40 days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- <u>Lent (22 Feb–6 Apr).</u> Pray for an outpouring of God's grace to usher us into this season of meditative journeying towards Calvary. May His truth guide our spiritual stocktaking and bring us into genuine repentance that creates a deep hunger for personal revival. (Acts 3:19; Ro 6:4).
- <u>Leaders' Commissioning (25/26 Feb)</u>. Pray for our leaders to continue to learn the ways of Jesus, the Servant Leader, and be fruitful in nurturing their flock and raising servant leaders after them. May they walk in the Spirit, and serve with joy from the place of rest. (Jn 15:1–5: Ps 28:7)
- <u>Alpha.</u> Pray for (a) good turnout of guests at the first Alpha session that is taking place this week in homes and via Zoom; (b) smooth running of the session; (c) anointing upon the facilitators; (d) all guests to find the session enjoyable and enriching, and that they will continue to attend regularly; (e) protection over both hosts and guests.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• <u>Missions.</u> (a) Laos. Pray for divine wisdom to guide the work of the four Anglican Relief and Development Agency (ARDA) Language Centres in Laos, and for good teamwork between our cross-cultural workers and the local teams. (b) Korat, Thailand. Pray that the programmes for English language will bless the students and offer opportunities for their hearing and receiving the Good News. Pray for healthy growth of the congregation that was planted by SJSM in Korat.

OUR NATION

Government. Continue to uphold in prayer the ongoing Parliamentary proceedings. May God's will be done.

THE WORLD

Turkey & Syria. Pray for the rescue, recovery, and rebuilding efforts, and that there be no further quakes. Pray for a mighty move of the Spirit to manifest the glory of God amidst the afflicted communities, accompanied by miracles of healing and salvation.

Global Anglican Church. Pray for leaders who deviate from the Lord's commands on sexual relations to return to upholding the word of truth (2 Ti 2:15). May God strengthen those who remain faithful to the Scriptures, grant them wisdom and boldness in their response to false teachings (Jer 15:19), and open the way for them to remain steadfast and to enjoy His favours and fruitfulness.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (FEB 2023)

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

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

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

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS



PRY SINGAPORE UNTIL | HOUSES OF PRAYER

SJSM's timeslot:

12pm-1pm (admission starts 11.55am), every 2nd Thursday monthly until further notice ► Thursday. 9 March ◀

ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 883 7934 9862

Passcode: 916290

Scan the QR code or visit the link below for details.



This LoveSingapore initiative sees at least 1 local church praying for our nation for at least 1 hour, every day. SJSM is committed to standing in the gap for our nation at such a time as this. Join us in loving Singapore through persistent, practical prayers!

www.sjsm.org.sq/prayer-intercession

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS © COMMUNITY HALL

Many thanks to all our existing helpers and sponsors!



Come share in the hospitality effort, as an individual, a family, or a cell! Get in touch with Chwee Ling to find out how you can help.

WhatsApp: 9623 0415
Email: chweeling@hotmail.com

CONFIRMATION COURSE



Classes 19 & 26 Mar, 16 & 30 Apr 2–4pm @ B404/B405

Retreat
Sat, 6 May (onsite)

Confirmation Service Sun, 28 May

<u>Note:</u> This course is essential for baptised Christians who wish to be Confirmed in the Anglican Church.

Scan the QR code to sign up by Sun, 5 Mar.

Need more information?

- Email ce@sjsm.org.sq
- Visit www.sjsm.org.sq/courses



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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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Hearing the Voice of God Retreat

5th to 7th May 2023

Let's set aside time for a fresh encounter with God!

Many in our midst today are excited about revival. The sensing is that the Holy Spirit is on the move!

In a revival, God and man unite for the task. On our part, it is essential we return to Jesus, our First Love. We need to hear His voice. The understanding of His voice gives substance to an intimate, loving relationship with Him that will impact our lives immensely. If we do not hear His voice, our life will not be what God has promised it to be. We will inevitably be resorting to other voices for counsel.

More so in these uncertain times when disruptive changes and daunting challenges abound on many fronts.

So come. Let's keep the fire burning. Let's set aside 3 days and 2 nights for a fresh new encounter with Him and gain fresh insight in learning to listen to Him, both individually and corporately.

Venue:

Forest Golf Hotel

Jalan Persiaran Golf 5, Forest City Golf Resort, 81550 Gelang Patah, Johor, Malaysia.

Speaker:

Brenda Goh

RETREAT COMPONENTS



Teaching:

Hearing God; Our True Identity in Christ; Disciplines of Solitude, Silence & Stillness; Hearing God Through the Scriptures; Listening Prayer; The Way Forward.



Practice Sessions:

Opportunities to practise hearing God individually and in group settings, under guidance.



Ministry:

Personal prayer ministry for participants.

Retreat fees (per person):

Twin/double sharing, inclusive of meals

- S\$ 310 (with 2-way bus transport)
- \$\$ 290 (without bus transport)

Single room, inclusive of meals

- S\$ 410 (with 2-way bus transport)
- \$\$ 390 (without bus transport)

Note:

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the last day of the retreat.

WHY ATTEND THIS RETREAT?

If you desire to learn to hear God's voice and to cultivate an intimate and loving relationship with Him, sign up now.

Registration closes on 2 April. For enquiries, email prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details & registration, visit www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer



Register directly at https://tinyurl.com/HVGR2023 or scan the OR code

