



▶ 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*.

\*Live-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, 11 MAR 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

God's Kingdom on Earth (Acts 4:32-35), by Ven Daniel Wee

SUN, 12 MAR 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

God's Kingdom on Earth (Acts 4:32–35), 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.

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## 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, 16 Mar

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

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

Sat, 18 Mar

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

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

4.15pm Missions Short Course (7/8) (Onsite @ Shalom Hall)

5pm English Baptism 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 more information or to join)

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary.

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

Sun, 19 Mar

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

<u>richardkwan@sjsm.orq.sq</u> for more information or to join)

10am Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

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

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

Email iuanita@sism.ora.sa for more information)

2pm Confirmation Course (1/4) (Onsite @ B404/B405)

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

Do you have ideas to improve our community in SJSM Village? Or would you like to do something that's not already being covered by any of our ministries?

Get in touch with Ms Chua Kim Yien (*kimyien@sjsm.org.sg*) to get the conversation started!

#### Misc. details

#### Sermons

SAT & SUN

Speaker:

Revd Victor Teo

#### **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 <u>richardkwan@sjsm.</u> <u>org.sq</u>

#### Alpha Course

Where anyone can feel free to ask questions and explore the Christian faith. Find out more at <a href="https://www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html">www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html</a>.

## 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).



#### **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>, Elliot Noah <u>Kum</u> Rui Yang, Ewan Nathaniel <u>Kum</u> Rui Yi, Elijah <u>Loh</u> Sin Herng, Zac Ong Beng Hong

#### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES & OUTREACH**

Save the dates and start praying about who among your friends and family you would like to invite!

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Service

#### What Happened on Maundy Thursday?

Thu, 6 Apr • 8pm • Christ Sanctuary

**Good Friday Service** 

#### The 7 Last Sayings of Jesus

Fri, 7 Apr • 10am • Christ Sanctuary

Easter Dawn Holy Communion Service\*

Sun, 9 Apr • 7am • Christ Sanctuary

Speaker: Ds Bessie Lee Easter Gospel Service\*

Sun, 9 Apr • 10am • Christ Sanctuary & online

Speaker: Ven Daniel Wee

#### Outreach

If you have ideas for and/or would like to partner us in organising any outreach events and/or activities, both in the lead up to and during Holy Week, do get in touch with our service teams via <a href="mailto:info@sjsm.org.sg">info@sjsm.org.sg</a>.

\*Refreshments will be available after the service.

#### 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

More details and the registration link are available at <a href="https://www.sism.org.sg/courses">www.sism.org.sg/courses</a>. Do sign up by Sun, 26 Mar.

Recordings of the teaching sessions will be available after the course. For enquiries, please write to *ce@sjsm.org.sa*.

#### 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.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 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.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023: Save the Date!

Sun, 23 Apr • 12.30pm • Christ Sanctuary

Nominations for the full Parochial Church Council slate will be open from **Sat, 18 Mar to Thu, 13 Apr**.

This year's AGM will be fully onsite, and no online option will be available. A simple lunch will be provided for ER members who register to attend, and will be served after the 10am Combined Service concludes.

Note: The CFDC AGM will be held on Sun, 16 Apr 2023.

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

Current vacancies include:

1. Finance Executive

Details and how to apply at www.sjsmnh.org.sg/careers/

#### WOMEN AT THE WELL (W@W) SOCIAL

We're meeting up for fun, games, and a potluck lunch!

Date/Time: Sat, 1 Apr @ 10.30am-1pm

Venue: Hospitality Lounge

All SJSM ladies aged 18 and above are welcome. Sign up individually by 6pm on **Sun**, **26 Mar** by clicking *here* or visiting *https://www.sjsm.org.sg/well.html*. See you there!

#### JUNIOR CHURCH MISSION TRIP: BATAM

Children benefit from early exposure to the mission field, and day trips like this one can give the whole family a taste of what being Christ's hands and feet is like! SJSM's Junior Church is working with one of Batam's local churches to provide meals and share the gospel to 250–300 children living in the nearby shanty town.

**Date:** Fri, 2 Jun (Vesak Day public holiday) **Venue:** GSJA Bethesda Ministry Church

Theme: Hope and Strength to People, Through People Registration is open from 2–19 Mar at <a href="https://forms.gle/aWHDoerK2YvkLtdu7">https://forms.gle/aWHDoerK2YvkLtdu7</a>. Limited places are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions? Please email <u>juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

#### **OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...**

Kok Fong Yit and family (son: Jason Chan daughter-in-law: Tan Isoo; granddaughter: Justine Chan). Fong Yit's beloved husband, Mr Chan Yooi Khuen, was called home to the Lord on Thu, 2 Mar 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS* (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Feb 2023 (S\$)	Feb 2023 (S\$)
General Fund (Budgeted)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM
General Fund (Actual)	1,213,938	559,949

#### **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 46; Amos 7:10-end; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

#### **OUR PARISH**

- <u>Revival.</u> Pray for increasing presence of the Spirit at our corporate gatherings. May every heart respond to every one of His precious visitations with reverential awe, and seek Him wholeheartedly for personal renewal (1 Thes 5:19–22; Zech 1:3). Pray for an outpouring that culminates in corporate revival, yielding long-lasting fruits of scriptural transformation that will impact generations.
- <u>Baptism Service (11 Mar)</u>. Give thanks to God for His gift of salvation and His leading in the lives of the 18 baptism candidates. Pray for the candidates to experience the baptism of the Spirit and to grow in their love for God and His word (1 Cor 2:9–14). May their lives testify to the faithfulness of God and bring Him glory.
- <u>Alpha.</u> Pray for (a) every guest to gain clarity in his or her understanding of God, and to hunger for a personal relationship with Him (Mt 7:7–8); (b) the Spirit to guide the planning for the Alpha Weekend/Alpha Day (Ps 127:1); (c) protection over all the participants and their loved ones.

#### **OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY**

• <u>Missions</u>. Pray protection and anointing for Patrick Lai, who is currently on a pastoral mission trip to Timor Leste (returning on 20 Mar) to conduct training and an enrolment service for the Boys' & Girls' Brigade ministries. May the local Brigade officers serve with passion, for the nurturing of the next generation. Pray for many children to participate regularly in the Brigades' activities and to grow to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

#### **OUR NATION**

**Domestic Helper Abuse.** Stand in the gap for our nation and confess to God the sins of mistreating foreign workers in our land, as evidenced by the recent cases. Pray for oppressors to be conscience-stricken and to turn from their wicked ways. Pray for victims to be delivered from oppression and be restored. Pray divine wisdom to guide our government in devising and executing policies for the protection of the vulnerable foreign workers. (Zech 7:9–10; Deut 24:14)

#### THE WORLD

**World Peace.** Pray for wise counsel to influence the heads of China and the US towards improving their relationship. May the heads of state relate with other nations in righteousness (Pr 14:34; Pr 21:1), and move towards altruistic efforts to provide global leadership to serve the greater good of a world that is facing many crises. Pray for believers in these states to intercede for their nations and governments, that spiritual awakening may come upon their leaders and their land.

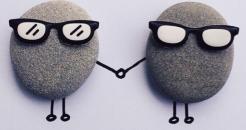
#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (MAR 2023)**

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

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

To join an intercession group, write to <a href="mailto:prayer@sjsm.org.sg">prayer@sjsm.org.sg</a>.

## Seniors' Fellowship



## Thu, 16 Mar

2pm @ Bethel Auditorium Speaker: Revd Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Details/queries: Email aiyee@sjsm.org.sg



Speaker: Brenda Gob

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

# CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Fri, 24 Mar • 7.45pm @ Christ Sanctuary

<u>Theme:</u>

Church Leadership
Anchored by Revd Victor Teo

When leaders are strong, there'll be an overflowing of life into the community.

Come! Let's pray for our church leaders and staff

this coming CPG!

Holy Week Services

6 - 9 April 2023

MAUNDY THURSDAY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Thu, 6 Apr • 8pm • Christ Sanctuary

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** 

Fri, 7 Apr •10am • Christ Sanctuary

EASTER DAWN HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Sun, 9 Apr • 7am • Christ Sanctuary

EASTER GOSPEL SERVICE (live streamed)
Sun, 9 Apr • 10am • Christ Sanctuary

Find out more by scanning the QR code or visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/holy-week</u> today!



#### Bishop of Singapore Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop Rt Revd Low Jee King

Archdeacon of Singapore
Ven Daniel Wee

Vicar

Ven Daniel Wee (Acting Vicar) Revd Victor Teo (Vicar-designate)

### Clergy

Ven Wong Tak Meng Revd Dino Thangamany Revd Thong Tang Hiong Revd Solomon Periyanayakam Revd Calvin Tan Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

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