

SAT, 18 MAR & SUN, 19 MAR 2023

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Saturday services w/ Holy Communion

Heartbeat – 2.30pm* (Shalom Hall & <u>online</u>) English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

Sunday services w/ Holy Communion

English – 8.15am (Christ Sanctuary), 11.15am* (Christ Sanctuary & <u>online</u>) Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary) Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium & Chapel)

Indonesian Fellowship – 11am (C205) Filipino Service – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter
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*Live-streamed; for all other service details, please refer to inside pages

The familiar reddish-purple fruit of

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.

the grapevine spotlights the liturgical colour for Lent, which represents

► LENT.

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 18 MAR 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES) Learning from the First Meeting: Samuel and David (1 Samuel 16:1-13 John 9: 1-7), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 19 MAR 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2) Learning from the First Meeting: Samuel and David (1 Samuel 16:1–13 John 9: 1–7), by Revd Victor Teo

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

Fri, 24 Mar

7.45pm Church Prayer Gathering (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sat, 25 Mar

9am Marriage Preparation Course (6/7)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

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

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

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Agape Hall & L4 rooms. Email <u>juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg</u> or

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

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary. Email sismc@sism.ora.sa for more information or to join)

Sun, 26 Mar

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms, Email juniorchurch@sism.ora.sa or

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

10am Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

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

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium.

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

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

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

Serving From a Changed Heart (1 Chronicles 13:9–14),

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@sjsm.org.sg

Youth Ministry

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

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.sg

Next meeting: 30 Mar



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 Sun, 23 Apr • 12.30pm • Christ Sanctuary

Notice is hereby given that the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of St. John's – St. Margaret's Church will be held at Christ Sanctuary on Sunday, 23 April 2023 at 12.30pm.

All are welcome to attend but it is crucial that Electoral Roll (ER) members be present to vote on matters that affect the church. Please also note the following:

- Nomination of Office Bearers. Online form available at <u>https://tinyurl.com/sjsmPCCnomination</u>. All nominations must be submitted by Thu, 13 Apr.
- 'Any Other Business' (AOB) items. If you wish to raise matters under AOB, please email the details to the Vicar via <u>agm@sism.org.sq</u> by Thu, 13 Apr.
- ER list. Available onsite for verification from Sat, 25 Mar. Only ER members are allowed to vote. To be on the ER, you must: be a Confirmed member; be at least 17 years old; have submitted an ER enrolment form. If you wish to be on the ER, write to sjsmmembership@sjsm.org.sg.
- RSVP. ER members, kindly RSVP for the AGM and submit your lunch and childminding requests by Thu, 13 Apr at tinyurl.com/AGM2023RSVP.
- Annual Report. Will be emailed to ER members on Fri, 14 Apr. If you require a hardcopy, please submit a request by Wed, 19 Apr via <u>agm@sjsm.orq.sq</u>.
- AGM webpage. All AGM-related forms, deadlines, and updates are available at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/agm2023</u>.
 Drop us a note via <u>agm@sjsm.org.sg</u> if you have any related queries.

In view of the AGM, there will only be ONE combined English service on Sun, 23 Apr at 10am. SES on 22 Apr will carry on as usual at 5pm.

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

ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) – Term 2 Registration Open

DCBS aims to bring Bible literacy to believers, helping them to know and apply God's Word to life. Participants may sign up for an OT or NT module each term. All first-time participants are recommended to attend Module 1A or 1B to receive background overview of the Bible. All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. Course information (e.g. dates, fees, etc.) and registration details are available at www.anglican.org.sg.

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.



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.ora.sa.

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

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.

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 <u>webpage</u> 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.sq/prayer.

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 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@sjsm.org.sq*.

DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE 1

This new course by St. Peter's Hall aims to equip participants with knowledge and skills to articulate compelling responses to intellectual obstacles in practical settings to our non-Christian friends. All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. Registration and course details can be found at www.anglican.org.sg.

INTERESTED TO WORK IN SJSM NURSING HOME?

Current vacancies include:

1. Finance Executive

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

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- Peggy Yeo and family (nephew: Abel Ang; niece: Abigail Ang; plus respective spouses and children). Peggy's beloved brother, Mr Danny Yeo Pao Chong, was called home to the Lord on Fri, 10 Mar 2023.
- James Lim and family (wife: Mok Ai Ling; children: Sophie, Levi, and Sarah). James' beloved father, Mr Lim Sip Li was called home to the Lord on Fri, 10 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

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 19; Isaiah 43:1-7; Ephesians 2:8-14

COLLECT: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive His glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- <u>Lent.</u> As we approach Holy Week (2–8 April), may the Spirit graciously meet us where we are and draw us into a deeper union with Christ, identifying with Him in His suffering, death, resurrection, and passion for the lost. Pray for many to bring guests to the Holy Week and Easter services, that they too may encounter the Risen Lord. (Jn 11:25–26)
- <u>Vicar Transition</u>. Give thanks to God for raising faithful vicars to shepherd SJSM through different seasons (1 Cor 3:6, 11). Continue to pray anointing upon Ven Daniel Wee as he prepares the way for a smooth transition of leadership to our incoming vicar, Revd Victor Teo. Pray for Revd Victor to adjust swiftly to this new community and, together with the staff team, enjoy the blessings of unity (Ps 133). May God bless him with divine grace to discern and to accomplish His will for SJSM (Phi 2:13).
- <u>Corporate Prayer Life.</u> Pray for SJSM to learn to cooperate with God in letting the Spirit lead and facilitate our prayer gatherings and intercession sessions. Pray for increasing attendance at church prayer gatherings (CPG) as SJSMers respond to the Spirit's invitation to join Him in intercession (Ro 8:26–27). Pray anointing upon Revd Victor Teo who is anchoring the coming CPG (Fri, 24 Mar; theme: Church Leadership). May the Lord change us as we pray in spirit and in truth.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• <u>Timor Leste Boys' & Girls' Brigades.</u> Pray for the local Brigades' officers who are serving at our Timor Leste mission station to be strengthen by the Lord. May they be fruitful in sowing into young lives and also in raising up officers for this harvest field.

OUR NATION

Young People. Pray for churches to be awakened to the urgency to seek God for His ways of meeting the spiritual void in the youths of this era. May churches work together to learn effective ways of reaching and discipling youths. Ask God to send a youth revival that will quicken the birth of a massive Joshua generation that fears God, and is fervent for the divine destiny of our nation and for the Great Commission. (Is 49:25; Ps 24:6)

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 prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

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!





Registration is now open!
Scan or click on the QR code
to sign up.

Closing date: 19th March 2023 For more information email: juniorchurch@sjsm.orq.sq

WELCOME TO BATAM

You asked, we deliver! Come join us for fun, games and potluck lunch.

Sat 1 April 2023

W@W Social

10.30am - 1pm Hospitality Lounge



Open to all SJSM ladies aged 18 and above. Please register individually by Sun, 26 Mar (6pm) via the QR code.

Women a Well 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

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Vicar

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

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