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SAT, 20 MAY & SUN, 21 MAY 2023

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 – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Details on pg 2

➤ EASTERTIDE.

The Easter season spans 50 days from Resurrection Sunday through the remembrance of Christ's ascension 40 days later, to the commemoration of the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost. The liturgical colour of the season is white; *Lilium longiflorum*, commonly known as the Easter lily, is pictured above. More on page 3 and [Facebook](#).

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

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 20 MAY 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

The Alabaster Jar (Luke 7:36–47; Romans 12:10–13), by Ven Daniel Wee

SUN, 21 MAY 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

The Alabaster Jar (Luke 7:36–47; Romans 12:10–13), 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):

@ L4 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.sg
for enquiries or to join.

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

Good Friday Svc

<https://vimeo.com/815556035>

Easter Gospel Svc

<https://vimeo.com/815518597>

Covenant Series

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10148673>

All/Other services

<https://vimeo.com/channels/sjismchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 25 May

- 6.45pm **Biblical Parenting** (Onsite @ L4 Office Conference Room; if you have registered and not heard from us, please call Francina at 8499 8412)
- 8pm **Healing Svc** (Onsite @ Chapel; email thssjsm@gmail.com for more info)

Fri, 26 May

- 7.30pm **Church Prayer Gathering/Diocese Youth Prayer Night** (@ St. Andrew's Cathedral New Sanctuary)

Sat, 27 May

- 2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). 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 sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Sun, 28 May

- 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 sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)
- 11am **Indonesian Fellowship** (Onsite @ C205. Email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg for more information or to join)
- 11.15am **English + Tamil Congregation Confirmation Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via [sjsm.online.church](https://www.sjsm.online.church), [SJSM Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SJSM), 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

HEARTBEAT

Close Encounters – Broken Vessels (John 12:1–11), by Revd Calvin Tan

SES & E1

by Ven Daniel Wee

E2

by Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng

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

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.

*No Tamil service on Sun, 28 May; the Tamil congregation will be joining the English Congregation at 11.15pm for the Confirmation Service.



— JOIN A MINISTRY —

Discover service opportunities in one or more areas of ministry, and come serve with us! Scan the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455>.



NOTICES

CPG ON FRI, 26 MAY – DIOCESE YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT

In place of our usual CPG at Christ Sanctuary, this month's meeting will be a show of support for Diocese Youth Prayer Night. Let's all come together to pray in unity for revival and spiritual growth among our nation's youth!

Date/Time: Fri, 26 May @ 7.30pm

Venue: St. Andrew's Cathedral New Sanctuary

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – 28 May 2023 @ E2

Let's keep the brothers and sisters listed below in prayer as they take this step in their faith journey. We also welcome Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng to the pulpit for the occasion.

ENGLISH & TAMIL CONGREGATIONS: Andrea Chu Yen Ling, Broadstock David Clive, Caitlin Tan Wen Sze, Cheng Sher-Mae, Chit Su Wai, Chong Jin Min Jasmine, Edward Wee Zi Jun, Elliot Tan Kai Tyan, Han Xin Yi, Huang Huiping, Huang Xuefeng, Jessintha d/o Jason, Kan See Liong, Koh P-Chong, Kuan Weng Yue Julian, Kumar Nandhini Kumari, Letchumy Devi d/o S Subramaniam, Mark Tan Jia Ren, Ong Jun Heng, Ooi Suan Eng Ivy, Patrick Chua Kim Mong, Preethi Sheeba d/o Jason, Shauna Ng En Qi, Sabelle Ashley Kee Jen, Sherri Ong Huei Min, Teo Sock Hui, Ting Chew Thai

APPRECIATION NITE FOR VEN DANIEL WEE

We are grateful to God for Ven Daniel, who has put so much of his heart, soul, and strength into pastoring our church in the past few months. To thank him for all the ways he has been a blessing to us, we are organising a thanksgiving dinner at **7pm on Fri, 23 Jun** at the Community Hall.

One meaningful way to participate is to contribute dishes for the potluck portion of the dinner.

To find out more, let us know you're coming, or inform us of what you're bringing, scan/click/tap the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/231249322404447>. Places are limited, so sign up quickly!



PRAYER TRAINING RETREAT 2023

Fri–Sun, 28–30 Jul • Forest City Golf Hotel, Johor Bahru
Instructor: Brenda Goh

Prayer is crucial to the Christian life, but it doesn't come naturally or easily to everyone. Join us to experience a prayer revival in conversing with and encountering God!

Visit www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer.html for the registration link and more information on the Retreat!

EASTERTIDE.

The Great Fifty Days of Easter take us from Resurrection Sunday through Ascension Day to Pentecost/Whit Sunday; the nine-day gap between Ascension Day and Pentecost is meant to be a time of prayer and preparation before the church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Depicting this season's liturgical colour, white – which represents purity, holiness, joy, and triumph – is *Lilium longiflorum*, a trumpet-shaped bloom that is popularly known as the Easter lily. Find out more about this on our Facebook page!



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.

COME LEND A HAND AT KOPI STOP!

Kopi Stop serves about 80+ seniors from the Dover community every Saturday at Block 4, Dover Road. Our efforts to reduce disposable and plastic waste, however, mean we need more hands to help with the washing up – cups, saucers, plates, bowls, utensils, pots and pans, etc. Get in touch with **Julia Loy** at **9066 9463** if you're moved to join us in getting your hands wet and soapy from **9.30am–11.30am** on Saturday mornings!

THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE

Get equipped to handle the reality of the day-to-day challenges of parenting! The good news is that we do not have to navigate this intricate phase of life's journey by ourselves.

Dates/Times: 6 Jul–3 Aug (5 Thursdays); 7.30pm–9.30pm

Venue: Agape Hall | Fee: \$35 (course materials + dinner)

Get details/Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2023TPCForm>.

SEASONS OF LIFE MAGAZINE

Pick up a copy of 'Passing the Baton', the first 2023 issue of this biannual SJSM publication, from our hosts after the service. Alternatively, download it or read it online at <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/publications.html>.

WEDDING NOTICE

We want to rejoice with these members who have filed their notice with the Registry of Marriages, Singapore:

**KEITH RUSSELL PANG YEO
& CHAN YUE LING CHRISTABEL**

Date: 27 May 2023 @ 10am | Venue: Glory Sanctuary

If anyone knows of any reason why they may not lawfully marry, please inform the Vicar (SJSM) or the Registrar of Marriages before the wedding date.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Dr Soh Kok Kee and family (wife: Lisa Soh E Ching). Dr Soh's beloved mother, Mdm Chia Swee Yar, was called home to the Lord on Fri, 12 May 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Apr 2023 (\$)	Apr 2023 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	2,668,642	667,161
General Fund (Actual collections)	2,687,836	690,415
Excess / (Shortfall)	19,194	23,254

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 104:26–35; Isaiah 65:17–end; Revelation 21:1–8

COLLECT: Eternal God, the King of Glory, You have exalted Your only Son with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven. Leave us not comfortless, but send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where Christ is gone before, and where with You and the Holy Spirit He is worshipped and glorified, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Vision Casting.** Pray for Revd Victor Teo as he envisions together with the staff team and lay leaders how Christ would want SJSM to become in the years to come. May the Spirit shape the vision, anoint its impartation to SJSMers, invoke church-wide ownership of the vision, and invigorate every SJSMer to contribute to the transformation and growth of SJSM. (Pr 29:18)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **SJSM Boys' & Girls' Brigade Companies @ Fuhua Primary School.** Pray for: (a) this ministry to enjoy abundant fruitfulness in developing youths to their fullest potential and in nurturing servant leaders; (b) more volunteers (especially Christian teachers) to join the Brigades to help mentor the students; (c) strong working relationships between the Brigades and the school principals, teachers, students, and their parents; (d) the students and their parents to appreciate these expressions of Christian values and open their hearts to Christ.
- **Kopi Stop Block Party Outreach (26 May).** Pray for the fragrance of Christ to fill this event, which is organised for the seniors living in the vicinity of Block 4, Dover Road. Pray for a joyous atmosphere, excellent weather, and a good turnout of Doverites. May our service rendered in love draw them to praise God. (Mt 5:16)

OUR DIOCESE

Diocese Youth Prayer Night (26 May). May God move our hearts to pray with urgency and in unity for our nation's youth, that they be redeemed for the Lord's glorious purposes in an increasingly dark world. Pray for an overwhelming turnout of youths for this gathering, and that they be joined by parents and adults supporting them in prayer. May our young people pray with boldness, with all their hearts and might, and with a simple faith for revival to come upon the youth in this nation. (Mt 17:20; Acts 2:17)

OUR NATION

Government. Pray for God's sovereign hand over the upcoming Presidential Election (scheduled to be held by 13 Sep). May Singaporeans mature politically and make wise choices to elect leaders who can be trusted to take the nation forward. (1 Ti 2:1–2)

THE WORLD

AI Technology. Pray for God's hand in the fast-breaking development of artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Pray that governments, industry leaders, and all those involved in furthering the advancement of this technology will weigh the ethical issues, carefully consider ways to limit the potential risks to humanity and put in place effective systems of checks and balances so that this technology will be stewarded to serve the good of humanity rather than exploited at its expense.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

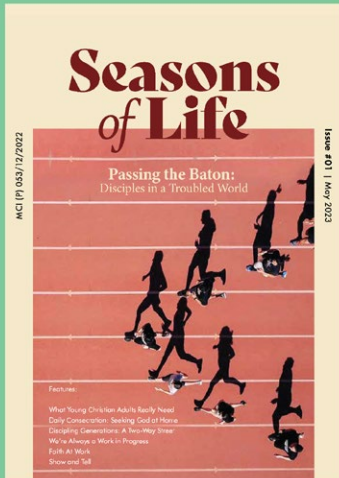
To join an intercession group, write to prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (MAY 2023)

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

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

Passing the Baton, the 1st 2023 issue of *Seasons of Life*, is now available online at <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/publications.html>



Feel free to pick up a hardcopy from our hosts onsite, or download an e-copy to read at leisure!

This in-house publication of SJSM's Family Life Ministry largely features stories of SJSMers and friends whose lives have been touched by God's hand. Usually built around families, these stories serve to show that regardless of season or station of life, God's light can shine through each of us when we journey with Him in faith and love.

SJSM PRAYER TRAINING RETREAT

28 - 30 July 2023

@ Forest City Golf Resort
JB, Malaysia

Speaker: Brenda Goh

Registration Closes
on 25 June

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

Find out more & register at
www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer

If you've ever wished your kid came with a manual...

THE PARENTING CHILDREN COURSE

6 Jul–3 Aug (5 Thursdays)

7.30–9.30pm

@ Agape Hall

\$35/pax (includes course materials
+ dinner at all 5 sessions;
spouse attends FOC!)

For parents/caregivers of kids aged 0–11

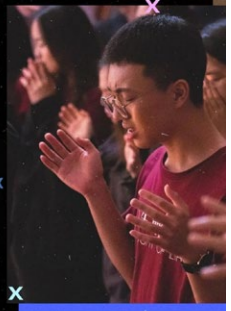


Get details/Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/2023TPCForm>

DIOCESE YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT

26 MAY 2023 7:30PM
AT ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
NEW SANCTUARY



This month, we're doing CPG differently. We'll gather with the larger body to pray in unity for revival and spiritual growth among our nation's youth!

See you there!

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 Periyamayakam
Revd Calvin Tan
Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

Deaconesses
Ds Bessie Lee
Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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PRAYER is crucial to our Christian life.

It is our lifeline to God for growing in intimacy with Him, that we may have the spiritual vitality for engaging in His work in the world. Yet this one thing we need to do the most, quite often ends up being the thing we do the least, often because prayer does not come naturally or easily to most of us.

Do come and join us, and experience prayer revival for yourself, through the avenue of conversing with and encountering God.

THIS RETREAT WILL FOCUS ON 3 MAIN ASPECTS:



Character Formation. In order to listen well to the Lord and pray His will with His anointing, we need to be clean vessels.



Spiritual Restoration. Participants will be given the opportunity to be prayed for (infilling of the Spirit, healing, etc).



Skills Impartation. Participants will be introduced to different expressions of prayer (meditative, petitionary, intercessory, warfare, healing etc) with practicums in small groups.

POST-RETREAT

9-MONTH PRAYER TRAINING (F.O.C.)

Developing an effective prayer life takes a process.

After the Retreat, participants will have the *option* to sign up for further training for nine months (twice monthly) to facilitate further development of what they have learnt from the Retreat.

REGISTER NOW at

www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer

Retreat fees:

Twin/double sharing, inclusive of meals:

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

Single room, inclusive of meals:

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

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the day of the Retreat. Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes on 25 June 2023 or when full registration is reached. Your registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

For enquiries, email Charis Ng at prayer@sjsm.org.sg



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**SJSM
PRAYER
TRAINING
RETREAT**

28 - 30 July 2023

**Forest City Golf Resort
JB, Malaysia**

Speaker: Brenda Goh

*For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul
He fills with good things.
Psalm 107:9*

All Glory to God!

SET FREE TO PRAY!

Michelle Choo

I signed up for the Prayer Training Retreat in 2019, thinking I could retreat to somewhere in JB to spend time with God and just talk to Him. Little did I know that it was a training retreat! What a surprise! Hitherto, I never knew that Christians had to learn to pray. But having gone through it, I realize there is so much to learn!

In the past, whenever I had to pray with others, I would pray things that pleased men instead of trying to hear what the Holy Spirit was prompting me to pray to God. I was also fearful of praying aloud as I was always conscious of what others would think of me and my prayers – no depth, no substance, no power, no eloquence, ... and many more. Driven by low self-esteem, and being easily hurt

and embarrassed, I was probably praying out of my insecurities. But by the grace of God, all that changed as my “retreat” journey continued. After the Retreat, I went on to attend the one-year (twice-monthly) prayer training. I was drawn back to repeat the training two more times as my relationship and intimacy with God deepened slowly, but surely.

In my third year attending the training, I experienced a spiritual awakening. The anointed teaching based on Scriptures set me free, healing me of my painful past. It was such a blessing for me! I was also blessed with an extraordinary loving and caring practicum group leader. Together with the group of very encouraging ladies, we learned, prayed and grew together in our intimacy with God. Not only did we learn how to express our prayers in various forms to God in our practicum sessions, our friendship grew as we learned to intercede for others and fellowshiped even outside the training sessions.

God has given me courage to pray for my loved ones, friends and even acquaintances in private or in public. I am set free to pray! I no longer fear praying, or fear being “judged” by others in the way I pray as I learn to be led by the Holy Spirit. May the Heavenly Father empower me to live my life worthy of His calling!

GOD IS NO LONGER A VENDING MACHINE

Carol Au

In my many years as a Christian, I used to think that my identity was tied to what I did for a living. Consequently, I put all my effort in working very hard in my banking job for decades. However, all my worldly aspirations crumbled down one day a few years ago when my health took a hit. After my resignation, I felt insecure, lost and questioned who I was. That was when I started my desperate journey to seek God more intentionally. Prior to this, my walk with God was superficial, mainly just to fulfill my Christian responsibility by serving in church and seeking people’s approval rather than God’s will. My prayer life too was just a one-way communication with God, as if I was inserting requests into a vending machine and expecting Him to answer them.

Then one day last year, my sister told me about the 3-day Prayer Training Retreat (PTR 2022). I decided to accompany her. Little did I know that God would change my prayer life forever. On the second day of the retreat however, my sister experienced headaches, and I, headaches and nightmares that would not go away. We almost gave up but I felt God nudging me to persevere, no matter what it took. I obeyed. Once I acted in faith, the headaches just disappeared. Others like the PTR Team were also praying for us.

Having learnt so much at the PTR, I wanted more. This spurred me to join the 8-month Prayer Training (PT), conducted twice monthly. Through our small group practicum, my group leaders prayed for me, and God healed me of vertigo. Through their prayers, He has also delivered me from persistent nightmares, fear and oppression. All glory to Him! I am very grateful for my leaders’ loving encouragement and great dedication to God’s cause in PT.

God was also so gracious in allowing me to witness His marvelous works for other participants at PT. At the end of the course, I believe I am no longer the same compared to what I was before. My faith in Jesus has grown and I am no longer living in fear. Prayer is no longer a daunting task, or like inserting requests into a vending machine. Now I see prayers as means to build a deeper relationship with God. Jesus has given me victory over my sickness and fear. Through Him, I am set free and He made me His own. I am a child of the Most High God. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, is my exceedingly Great Reward.

