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# SAT, 19 AUG & SUN, 20 AUG 2023

## **Saturday services**

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

## **Sunday services**

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 – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

> Junior Church & Teen Encounter Details on pages 2–3

### > ORDINARY TIME.

Running from 29 May through 2 Dec in 2023, this season focuses on the life of the people of God, and is a time to focus on spiritual growth and maturation. No surprise, then, that its liturgical colour, green, speaks of growth. The immature green wheat and tares (see Matthew 13) above remind us to prioritise developing knowledge and discernment in our individual Christian walks.

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

# WELCOME TO SJSM

# THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 19 AUG 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Does the Love of Christ Compel You? (Matthew 5:13–16), by Ps Ronny Heyboer | 5pm (SES) Rebuilding Despite Inside Trouble (Nehemiah 5:1–13: Matthew 15:21–28), by Revd Victor Teo The

# SUN, 20 AUG 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2) Rebuilding Despite Inside Trouble (Nehemiah 5:1–13; Matthew 15:21–28), 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): @ 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 OR code below or visiting https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3

IG Svc / Stewardship Weekend https://vimeo.com/847687764 **All/Other services** https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch **HEARTBEAT** services https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr



# CATCH IT AGAIN

# Nehemiah series

https://vimeo.com/showcase/10514278 1 Corinthians: Oneness series https://vimeo.com/showcase/10457716



NEHEMIAH

series



# SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

## <u>Thu, 24 Aug</u>

## 8pm Healing Svc (Onsite @ Chapel; email <u>thssjsm@gmail.com</u> for more info)

## Fri, 25 Aug

7.45pm Church Prayer Gathering (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

## Sat, 26 Aug

- 9am Marriage Preparation Course (2/7) (Onsite @ Community Hall)
- 2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on <u>YouTube</u>. Email <u>heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg</u> for more info)
- 5pm English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Agape Hall & L4 rooms)

**Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email <u>sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg</u> for more information or to join)

## Sun, 27 Aug

8.15am	English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)		
	Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms)		
10am	<b>Mandarin Svc</b> (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email <u>sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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 more information or to join)
- 11.15am English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via sjsm.online.church, SJSM Facebook, and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms)

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

# Misc. details

### Sermons

SES Rebuilding Despite Conspiracy (Nehemiah 6) by Mr Michael Tan

### Heartbeat, E1 & E2

Rebuilding Despite Conspiracy (Nehemiah 6) by Mr Allen Lim

## **Cell Groups**

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write to <u>cell@sjsm.org.sg</u>

## Youth Ministry

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

# Alpha Course

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



# - JOIN A MINISTRY -

To discover service opportunities, and sign up with a ministry or fellowship group, scan the QR code or visit <u>https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455</u>. Need details? The Stewardship Booklet is available at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/pdfs/Stewardship270723.pdf</u>.



# NOTICES

# LEADERS' GATHERING (LG) – Sat, 9 Sep

Leaders, please block out Sat, 9 Sep in your calendars and plan to be with us. Details will be provided soon via email.

# **BIBLICAL PARENTING COURSE**

Come and learn what the Bible has to say about the purpose, principles, and practice of Biblical Parenting! Whatever age your children or grandchildren are, the gospel can guide and empower your parenting.

Do note that this course is a requirement for all parents who wish for their children to undergo infant baptism.

Date/Time: Thu, 14 Sep • 7.30–9.30pm Venue: Agape Hall

Sign up at <u>https://tinyurl.com/BPCSep2023</u> by **Tue, 30** Aug. Enquiries? Please email <u>flm@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (CE) COURSE – SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Oct 2023 (5 Tuesdays) Time: 7.45pm–9.45pm Venue: Bethel Auditorium Instructor: Revd Peter Chen

More details and the registration link are available at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/courses</u>. Do sign up by **Sun, 24 Sep**. For enquiries, please write to *ce@sjsm.org.sg*.

# **PSW DONOR APPRECIATION DINNER**

All who donated to Project Spring-Winter funds are invited to an appreciation dinner where updates on the current status of the Nursing Home, Senior Care Centre, and Childcare Centre in SJSM Village will be provided.

**Date:** Wed, 13 Sep 2023 **Time:** 7.30pm

Venue: Community Hall

While attendance is complimentary for donors, registration is required – please sign up by **Sun, 3 Sep** at *https://form.jotform.com/sjsm.communications/donor-appreciation-dinner*.

# DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2023 (DCC23)

This year sees the return of our large-scale community Christmas celebration, Dover Celebrates Christmas! Happening on **Sat, 23 Dec**, DCC23 comprises:

- An Amazing Race in Dover
- A Christmas Carnival
- Parties for seniors and children
- Concerts by the <u>Watoto Children's Choir</u>

...all happening right here in SJSM Village. Mark your calendars, and invite your family members and friends to join in the Fun, Food, and Festivity!

# Join our Telegram Channel!

For our Telegram channel, scan the QR code and tap 'Join'.

https://t.me/SJSMChurch





For our Instagram channel, scan the QR code for our profile and click 'Follow'.



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# NOTICES

### 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. Technical Resource Officer (Music Ministry)
- 2. Team Lead, Admin & Events Mgt (Church Ops)
- 3. Administrator, Admin & Events Mgt (Church Ops)
- 4. Administrator (Spiritual Formation)
- 5. Group Administrator, Church Operations

To apply, visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment</u> for details.

# **STAFF MOVEMENT**

We thank God for **Cynthia Tan** (Group Administrator, Church Operations), who is moving on after close to 1.5 years of service with SJSM. Her last day with us is 19 Aug 2023. May the Lord bless her as she enters a new season of life and ministry.

# A WEEK OF FILM AND PHOTOGRAPHY

From 2-9 Sep (Sat-Sat), look forward to:

- 1. Screening of Once Upon a Time in Mongolia (2 Sep)
- 2. An evening talk on Visual Storytelling (6 Sep)
- 3. A 3-day documentary filmmaking course (5-7 Sep)
- 4. Screening of Children of Shanghai (9 Sep)

Head over to <u>https://www.sjsm.org.sg/film.html</u> for all the exciting details and to sign up!

# **MEDICAL & KIDS' MINISTRY MISSION**

We're looking for about 15 adults and 10 youth to answer this call to serve in Timor Leste from **19–26 Nov 2023**.

For more information or to join the team, drop us an line at <u>sjsm.healthtouch@gmail.com</u> (placement is on a first-come, first-served basis).

# **CFDC CHURCH CAMP 2023**

Our Chinese congregation's church camp is happening in early December, and registration is open to SJSMers from the English congregation who are keen to attend.

Dates: Sun–Wed, 3–6 Dec Theme: Restored and Ready to Go Speaker: Revd Luke Ting Ding Ing

Registration closes on **Sun, 1 Oct**. If you have enquiries or would like to attend, please contact brother Terence at 9855 8557 in advance of that date.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)				
	Jan–Jul 2023 (\$)	Jul 2023 (\$)		
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	4,670,124	667,161		
General Fund (Actual collections)	4,535,012	676,179		
Excess / (Shortfall)	(135,112)	9,018		

# 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 92; Jonah 1; 2 Peter 3:14-end

**COLLECT**: Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that You were in Christ reconciling men to Yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to You; through Him who died for us and rose again and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

## **OUR PARISH**

- <u>Men</u>. Bless the Men's Breakthrough Weekend (15–17 Sep) and men4men (SJSM's men's ministry) with fruitfulness. Pray for men in SJSM to: (a) discover God's heart for them, and His purposes for their life, work and family; (b) learn emotional authenticity before God as King David did, and be empowered to lead other men to find healing and restoration in the place of brokenness (Ps 139:1–6); (c) be convicted of their divine role in spiritual headship, that they may become godly mentors to those they lead.
- <u>Prayer Life</u>. (a) May God stir the hearts of SJSMers with Spirit-fuelled passion to pray and seek Him persistently for personal and corporate revival. Pray for revival that bears clear fruits of true humility, repentance, and service. (Is 57:15; Lk 3:4–6). (b) May the Spirit move our intercession at CPG (25 Aug; Theme: Family Life & Mental Health), that our hearts may deeply identify with that which concerns God, and that our prayers may make a difference in the spiritual landscape in our land.

# **OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY**

• <u>Missions.</u> Pray for the work of the Heartfriends Christian Centre and the Agape Christian Community Foundation in Timor Leste to touch many lives through good works, godly modelling, and the teaching of God's word (Ps 107:35–38). May God prepare those He is calling to serve on the Medical & Kids' Ministry Mission to Timor Leste (19–26 Nov 2023). Pray for missional passion to spread amongst our youngsters, and for their believing parents to be supportive of them responding to God's call.

## **OUR NATION**

- <u>Presidential Election (1 Sep)</u>. Continue to keep the upcoming election in prayer for the person of God's choice to be elected.
- <u>Terrorism.</u> Pray for God's sovereign protection over our nation. May God mercifully expose the schemes of terrorist activities, and grant our authorities success in clamping down on such networks. Pray for the people in Singapore to be alert against attempts at radicalisation, especially of youngsters through social media platforms. (Ps 127:1)

# THE WORLD

**The Afflicted.** Pray for God's merciful restraint of El Nino, which is inflicting the multitudes with unprecedented devastation. Pray for the rescue, recovery, resettlement, and rebuilding efforts. May the afflicted communities look to the One who is in sovereign control of all elements (Mt 8:27), and who is the Giver of eternal life. Pray for revival and purification of the Church, that she may understand the times and know what she should do to prepare the world for the return of the Lord. (1 Ch 12:32; Mt 24:14)

# **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

### PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY To join an intercession group, write to prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

# UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

# CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Fri, 25 Aug • 7.45pm @ Christ Sanctuary

Church, let's gather to pray together!

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Screening of SAT, 2 SEP: Once Upon a Time in Mongolia (meet the Director after the show)

WED, 6 SEP: Talk on Visual Storytelling TUE-THU, 5-7 SEP: Ocumentary filmmaking course (3-day intensive)

SAT, 9 SEP: Screening of Children of Shanghai

Scan the QR code for more details or visit www.sjsm.org.sg/film



Date: Sat, 28 Oct Time: 9am – 5pm Venue: Agape Hall, SJSM Cost: \$30/pax Speaker: Brenda Goh



For more details, visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer</u> Register now at <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMQD23</u> or via the QR Code above

This is a day planned and set aside for a time of reflection on your journey with God and what it looks like to converse with Him.

The highlight of the day will be some time spent in doing prophetic art. It's rightly been said that a picture speaks a thousand words; art is a creative and potent avenue of expression — of the emotions, of the imagination, and even of the more subtle workings of our inner man.

Come as you are, with a heart seeking God. No painting experience or skill is needed.

Places are limited, so do note that that registration will close on 24 Sep or when full capacity is reached.

# CONFIRMATION COURSE



**Classes** 3, 10, 17 & 24 Sep 2–4pm @ B404/B405

**Retreat** Sat, 30 Sep (onsite)

> Confirmation Service Sat, 14 Oct

<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, 27 Aug. Need more information?

- Email <u>ce@sjsm.org.sg</u>
- Visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/courses</u>



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# **Sermon on the Mount:** Kingdom Values for the 21st Century

# Course Instructor: Revd Peter Chen 3-31 Oct (5 Tuesdays) • 7.45pm-9:45pm @ Bethel Auditorum

The course will examine the purpose of Jesus' teachings and the relevance of His moral expectations in this time and age, the secret of Christian joy, etc.

Registration closes on **Sun, 24 Sep**. Scan the QR code below to sign up!



# **Sermon on the Mount:**

Kingdom Values for the 21st Century

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said that renewal and revival of the Church will come only if all believers are to come together to pledge uncompromising allegiance to the Sermon on the Mount and to live by the standard Jesus set.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is the code of conduct expected of believers throughout the ages. In Matthew 5–7, Jesus sets the standard for Christian conduct, ambitions, lifestyle, relationships and, most of all, devotion to God. He highlights the distinctive qualities and values that those who profess faith in Christ are expected to live by.

The course will look at the purpose of Jesus' teachings and the relevance of His moral expectations in this time and age. It will examine:

- The distinction between true and false spirituality.
- Jesus' warnings against self-righteousness.
- The need to cultivate persevering trust in God and to finish well.
- The secret of Christian joy and how to stand against temptation and worldly influences that lure us away from God.

# **About Revd Peter Chen**

Revd Peter Chen and his wife Rosalind were members of SJSM for some 25 years prior to his posting to St. Andrew's Cathedral after his ordination.

Revd Peter is concerned with the dangers of shallow faith in believers today. His passions are to challenge and equip believers to be faithful witnesses both in the Church and in the world. He firmly believes that in a plural society like Singapore, it is critical to build in all believers the right doctrinal foundation and to help them live distinctively for Christ.

During his time in pastoral service, he initiated and developed a holistic Christian Education Ministry and a Discipleship Programme for both new and mature believers for each of the churches that he has served in.

Revd Peter is convinced that God has called every believer to be a disciple and a disciple-maker.







Scan the QR code for details and registration <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/film</u>

An evening talk

**Registration** 

# VISUAL STORYTELLING with Donald Leow

Learn to use your camera to tell stories (even with your phone camera!)

How do you use your camera or mobile phone to tell compelling stories with pictures? Can you motivate involvement or interaction with your pictures? Do your pictures tell a story? Do they encourage others to get involved with what they are doing? Do they feel compelled to share your pictures with others? If not, WHY?

The main reason is that these pictures don't tell a story - they are mostly what every tourist takes. This evening talk will take you on a quick journey to introduce you to how to MAKE pictures and not just TAKE pictures. TAKING pictures is simply holding up your camera and pressing the shutter. MAKING pictures requires one to be purposeful. It needs to be planned and sometimes, even scripted.

Professional photojournalists are great storytellers and you will learn the principles of narrative and visualization that are used to successfully document the world around us. In this talk, you will learn to understand your camera and begin to master your camera. We will show you how to see the world like a photographer and how to capture compelling images with a good understanding of proper lighting, exposure and composition. Registration closes 1 Sep 2023 or when places are full.

GET IN TOUCH:

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🖳 www.sjsm.org.sg

# Sign up for the Visual Storytelling talk now!

Name:		
Mobile no.:	Email address:	
	– – – tear here to submit your registration – -	

# PAYMENT DETAILS

Please note that registration is only confirmed when proof of payment has been received. Two (2) payment options are available:

# 1. Transfer via Internet Banking

Name of bank account: St John's - St Margaret's Church UOB Bank account number: 360-303-092-1 | Bank Code: 7375 | Branch Code: 030

Please complete the process by sending the following i-banking/ PayNow transaction details to <u>communications@sjsm.org.sg</u>

1. Date of payment ; 2. Name as per bank account; 3. Amount (S\$); 4. Bank, e.g. DBS, OCBC, UOB; 5. Transaction number

# 2. PayNow (banking app)

UEN: T08CC4080B (Note: DBS users must add "SJM" at the end, i.e. T08CC4080BSJM)

In the Comments/Remarks field, indicate "VStalk" followed by your name, e.g. VStalk Jane Doe

Please complete the process by emailing a screenshot of the completed transaction to *communications@sjsm.org.sg* 

# About Donald Leow

Producer, Director Founder, StoneTable Films

Donald Leow is an internationally recognised, experienced, and multi-award-winning Film Producer and Director with over 35 years of experience. He has produced/directed feature films, dramatic videos, and documentaries. His films have won awards from International Crown Awards (ICVM), Christian WorldView Film Festival (CWVFF), Creation Arts Films Festival (Canada), Pan Pacific Film Festival (Los Angeles), and CEVMA (Europe). He has appeared in international publications and been interviewed about his works.