



### > 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 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 pages 2–3

# THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 28 OCT 2023

**5pm (SES)** Witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:7–8), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 29 OCT 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2) Witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:7–8), 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 <u>richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3">https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3</a>





# Nov 2023 Pulpit series: Mental Health

04 & 05 Nov • Mental Distress: Is it Because of a Lack of Faith?
11 & 12 Nov • Mental Distress: Is it Because of Sin or Demonic Activity?
18 & 19 Nov • Mental Distress: We are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

# **SCHEDULE** FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 31 Oct

7.45pm CE course: Sermon on the Mount (5/5)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 02 Nov

2pm Seniors' Fellowship (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

8pm Healing Svc (Onsite @ Chapel; email thssjsm@gmail.com for more info)

Fri-Sun, 03-05 Nov

Teen Encounter Camp (@ Girls' Brigade HQ, Singapore)

Marriage Enrichment Retreat (@ Grand Paragon, Johor Bahru)

Sat, 04 Nov

1pm Rummicube Interest Group (Onsite @ Concourse)

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

Email <u>heartbeat@sjsm.org.sq</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 sismc@sism.org.sq for more information or to join)

Sun, 05 Nov

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 rooms)

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

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

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

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

11am Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ C205;

email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sq 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.sq for more information)

2pm Faith Foundations (4/4) (Onsite @ B405)

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

Mental Distress: Is it Because of a Lack of Faith? (Psalm 102:1–

12), by Revd Victor Teo

**Cell Groups** 

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

to *cell@sism.ora.sa* 

**Youth Ministry** 

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

org.sq.

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

Come serve the community with us! Find out more about the opportunities available at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455">https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455</a>.

You may also scan the QR code below:



# NOTICES \_

# DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE: NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SEEK HOLY ORDERS

Notice is hereby given that Revd Tan Jin Kiat Calvin intends to offer himself a Candidate for the Holy Order of Priest within the limits of the Diocese of Singapore at the Ordination to be held by the Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon, Bishop of Singapore at 5pm on Sun, 12 Nov.

If any person knows any just cause or impediment for which he ought not to be admitted into Holy Orders for the Diocese aforesaid, he is now to declare the same or to signify the same to the Bishop.

# **DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND FAST (DDPF)**

This year's DDPF theme is Holding Fast, Forging Ahead. Let's come together to fast and pray as one Diocesan family, seeking God's guidance to uphold our values and mandate, and deepening our relationship with Him through discipleship.

**Date/Time:** Sat, 4 Nov 2023 @ 9.30am–11am **Venue:** Cathedral New Sanctuary, St. Andrew's Cathedral

# **DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2023 (DCC23)**

Happening on **Sat, 23 Dec**, DCC23 promises plenty of Fun, Food, and Festivity in SJSM Village.

# Volunteers Needed!

The full *list of service opportunities* is available on the <u>DCC23 webpage</u>. Download it, discuss it with your family/cell, and sign up for what you feel led to contribute in at <u>https://form.jotform.com/232840991472462</u>.

### DCC23 T-Shirts

As part of the Christmas Carnival festivities, let's all come dressed in the official DCC23 T-shirts on 23 Dec! They cost just \$10 each and are on sale until Sun, 29 Oct at https://form.jotform.com/232843622139456.

Samples of the various T-shirt sizes are available for viewing at the booth in the Concourse on service days.

Bookmark <a href="https://www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates.html">https://www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates.html</a> for all the latest event details and links!

## **CHARITY CRAFT SALE: 11/12 & 18/19 NOV**

A selection of beautiful art and handicrafts (mostly made by SJSMers) will be on sale at the Concourse before and after all services. They include hand-drawn paintings, hand-crafted gift bags/frames, floral wreaths/arrangements, decoupage, and hand-made gift cards/gift tags. All proceeds from the sales will be channelled to supporting SJSM Nursing Home to fund medical care, therapy, and operational expenses, as well as to Little Seeds Preschool (Dover)'s Seeds of Hope fund for children from needy families.



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'.



FOLLOW US ON Instagram!

# 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.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@sism.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 cheaues

Cheques and cash may be placed directly into the offering boxes at the exits. Tithing does not require an accompanying member's stewardship number.

### STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

- 1. Administrator, Admin & Events Mgt (Church Ops)
- 2. Administrator (Spiritual Formation)
- 3. Group Administrator, Church Operations

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

# IS THERE A PASTORAL CALLING ON YOUR LIFE?

Are you considering serving as a pastoral staff in SJSM?
Opportunities are available in various areas such as
Worship, Family Life, NextGen (Youth, Young Adults, Junior
Church), Zone Pastors, and in Outreach and Missions.
Those interested to explore these and other possibilities

Those interested to explore these and other possibilities are welcome to speak to any of our pastors or drop our vicar, Revd Victor Teo, an email at <u>vicar@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

# RECRUITMENT NEEDS @ HEARTFRIENDS STUDENT CARE CENTRE

- Programme Staff (responsible for daily teaching and development activities of Student Care Programme;
   5-day work week with shifts during school holidays)
- 2. Cook (in-house catering duties for 60 students and teachers; 5-day work week)

Call **6776 4906** or email <u>info@heartfriendsbasc.org.sg</u> for details or to apply.

### WEDDING NOTICE

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

# **CHEONG KAH PENG VICTOR & THAM WEI TING VANESSA**

Date/Time: Sat, 18 Nov @ 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...**

Hwang Phek Hoon and family (husband: Swee Tham), on the loss of her beloved mother, Mdm Yeo Liu, on Thu, 19 Oct 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Sep 2023 (\$)	Sep 2023 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	6,004,445	667,161
General Fund (Actual collections)	5,657,131	535,879
Excess / (Shortfall)	(347,314)	(131,282)

# LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY / BIBLE SUNDAY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 119:137-152; Isaiah 59:9-20; Luke 14:1-14

**COLLECT**: Merciful God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as pass man's understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

### **OUR PARISH**

• **SJSM 2024.** Pray for the staff team to be guided by God-pleasing principles as they work towards concretising the plans for SJSM 2024. May this be an enriching process that will deepen their knowledge of God, and enlarge their hearts for one another and for His Kingdom visions.

# **OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY**

• Missions. Pray for (a) every SJSM mission station to be exceedingly fruitful in the harvest field, transforming the local communities in ways that will impact the generations to come; (b) our cross-cultural workers to thrive in their spiritual walk with God and in their missional calling; (c) SJSMers to appreciate the aspirations and challenges of our cross-cultural workers, and to root for their success for the glory of God (Phi 1:3–6); (d) the formation/reinforcement of home-support groups for our mission stations in Korat, Laos, and Timor Leste; (e) families and cells to be excited at the prospect of experiencing spiritual breakthroughs on mission trips, and to seek God for missions engagement for 2024. (Jn 4:34–36)

### **OUR DIOCESE**

• Diocesan Day of Prayer & Fast (DDPF). Pray for many to join this prayer gathering (4 Nov; Theme: Holding Fast, Forging Ahead) with a desperate desire for God's heart to fill ours, that the Holy Spirit may move our prayers and intercessions to bring about a change in ourselves, the Diocese, and the spiritual realm over Singapore and the nations. May the Lord guide our Diocese to uphold His values and mandate, and deepen our relationship with Him through discipleship.

# **OUR NATION**

• **Shalom Singapore**. Pray for (a) the people in Singapore to stay united in keeping racial and religious harmony; (b) God's sovereign protection over our nation against acts of terrorism; (c) wisdom to guide the governments in this region towards maintaining peace in their nations and with one another. (1 Ti 2:1–2; Ps 127:1)

## **THE WORLD**

• Israel-Gaza War. Pray for (a) divine restraint over all alliances on each side of the conflict so as to avoid an all out war in the Middle-East; (b) acceleration of adequate humanitarian aids to reach the refugees, healing of those afflicted, and the release of all hostages; (c) Arab and Jewish believers in all nations to be united in their love for the Lord and for one another, that they may inspire others to release forgiveness and to seek the Way that leads to true peace (Jn 13:34–35).

# **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

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

# **PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY**

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



DETAILS/ENQUIRIES: DROP US AN EMAIL AT MICH@SJSM.ORG.SG



### Look forward to:

- An Amazing Race in Dover (8.30am-10am)
- A Christmas Carnival (10am–5pm
- · Parties for seniors and children
- · Food, drinks, and snacks (with low-GI options)
- Indoor/outdoor activities including the beloved choo-choo train



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Info / Sign-up / T-shirt sales: Booth is open at the Concourse before/after services on 28 / 29 Oct 2023

https://www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates.html

# DEMYSTIFYING CALLING



Join us in the next YAGUI workshop and learn how to discern God's calling for our lives.

Nick is currently a student at ETC Asia studying to become a full-time pastor.

11 Nov 2023, 7pm @ comm hall



# men4men

UNITE US!



Friday, 10 November

@ Bethel Hall

7pm • dinner (registration required)

8pm • programme

Towards deeper fellowship, freedom, and victory vision • roadmap • unity Bring a brother with you!

Scan the QR code to register by 5 November to *chope* your seat and dinner! More details at <a href="https://www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men">www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men</a>

Questions? Contact Paul Lee (9819 7275)



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> Vicar Revd Victor Teo

> > Clergy

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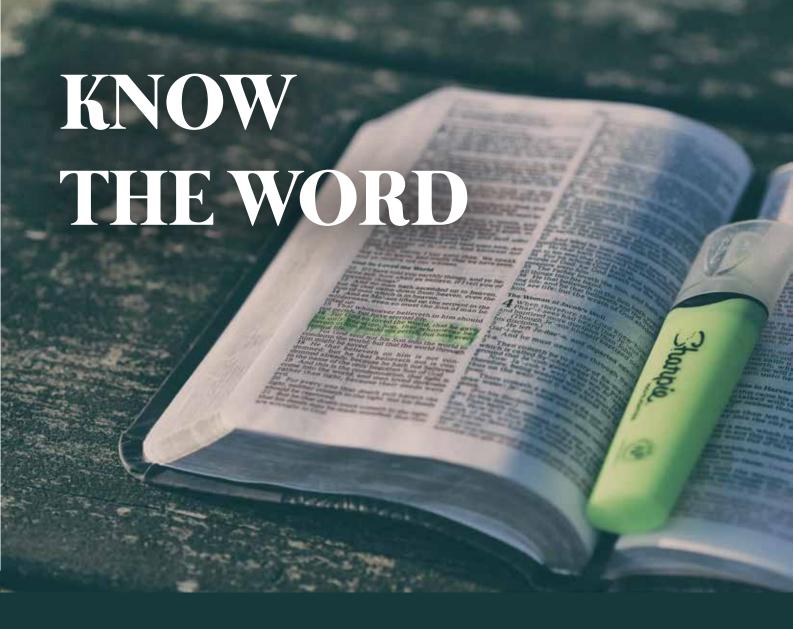
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# **ECCLESIASTES & THE SONG OF SONGS**

Jan 23-Mar 26, 2024

(10 Tuesdays)

7.45pm–9.45pm @ Bethel Auditorium Instructors: Dr Lee Chien Earn & Mr Julian Chin

Registration is open until Sun, 14 Jan 2024.

To sign up, scan the QR code or visit <a href="http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/55/public">http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/55/public</a>



# Dig deeper, uncover treasures

The Know the Word (KTW) series is SJSM's very own systematic book study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

Each course/study typically runs for 8–12 weeks and is held at Bethel Auditorium, from 7.45pm–9.45pm on Tuesday evenings.

Come, join us as we dig deeper into the Word of God together, uncovering treasures and deepening our devotion to Him.

# ECCLESIASTES & THE SONG OF SONGS Jan 23–Mar 26, 2024



# **Ecclesiastes**

Instructor: Dr Lee Chien Earn Dates: Jan 23, 30, Feb 6, 13, 20, 27

# Song of Songs

Instructor: Mr Julian Chin Dates: Mar 5, 12, 19, 26

Following this, we will embark on a study of the book of Matthew, for which details will soon be available. Stay tuned!

SJSM – a community of learners who are continually growing together ce@sjsm.org.sq