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➤ **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*

**SAT, 18 NOV
& SUN, 19 NOV 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 pages 2–3

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 18 NOV 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Our Good Good Father (Psalm 139:13–18), by Revd Calvin Tan

5pm (SES) I'm Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Even With the Thorn (Psalm 139:13–14; 2 Corinthians 12:7b–10; John 17:15–17), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 19 NOV 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2) I'm Fearfully and Wonderfully Made Even With the Thorn (Psalm 139:13–14; 2 Corinthians 12:7b–10; John 17:15–17), 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
or counselling@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

Nehemiah series

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10514278>

30 Sep/01 Oct Mr Stanley Tay

<https://vimeo.com/867588088>

Mental Health series

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10771589>

All/Other services

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

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 23 Nov

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

Fri, 24 Nov

7.45pm **Church Prayer Gathering** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sat, 25 Nov

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 Baptism Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

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

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;
email sjmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Sun, 26 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 sjmc@sjsm.org.sg 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 Baptism Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via [sjsm.online.church](https://www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html), [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)

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

Misc. details

Sermons

HEARTBEAT

by Mr Richard Kwan

SES, E1 & E2

To Live is Christ,
to Die is Gain
(Philippians 3:7–15),
by Mr Allen Lim

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 at [https://
form.jotform.com/
220376272517455](https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455).

CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Fri, 24 Nov • 7.45pm
@ Christ Sanctuary

Theme:

Hope in One:

Evangelism, Outreach, and Missions



NOTICES

DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2023 (DCC23)

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

Volunteers are still needed to help out in the following areas: **Welcomers** to greet and count visitors at the gates; **Roving Ambassadors** to befriend and provide information to young and old, servers to assist at the various talks, as well as helpers to **decorate** the church grounds, assist with **set up/tear down**, or to join the **sound/technical crew**.

Get the full list of activities, with details and time slots, at <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates.html>. Do sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/232840991472462> as soon as possible!

DCC23 T-Shirts

If you missed the deadline to place your T-shirt order(s), please email events@sjsm.org.sg for assistance.

CHRISTMAS IN SJSJ VILLAGE

Christmas is always a time when hearts are more open to the sharing of the Gospel, so let's be praying about who to invite – especially to our evangelistic/Gospel services!

[Watoto Children's Choir](#) concerts w/ **evangelistic sharing**
Hailing from Uganda, these children have wonderful testimonies of hope to share, so do invite your friends and loved ones to come and be blessed!

Date/Time: Sat, 23 Dec 2023 @ 2pm & 5pm

Speaker: Revd Victor Teo

Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

Date/Time: Sun, 24 Dec 2023 @ 9am

Speaker: Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Christmas Eve Gospel Service

Date/Time: Sun, 24 Dec 2023 @ 9pm

Speaker: Revd Victor Teo

BAPTISM SERVICES – 25/26 Nov

We welcome the following individuals into our SJSJ family on the weekend of 25/26 Nov 2023.

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.

Sat, 25 Nov (SES)

Seah Yi Xin Jemima, Seah Yi Heng Ashriel, Vera Tan Ting Xin, Vernon Tan Yao Xin, Alecia Ho Zi Ning, Eythan Duhlian, Jeremy Siah De En, Jonas Fan Xuan Peng, Tan Yuan Xin, Liu Guoyi, Tengara Juliana, Chai Chee Leong

Sun, 26 Nov (E2)

Lim Junkai John, Lim Li En Avalyna, Soh Xin Hui Stacy, Fong Tat Wai, Tan Sheau Ling, Ho Sheng Rong

CHARITY CRAFT SALE on 11/12 & 18/19 NOV



CHARITY CRAFT SALE – 11/12 & 18/19 NOV

A selection of beautiful art and handicrafts (mostly made by SJSJers) 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 SJSJ 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.

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 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 are welcome to speak to any of our pastors or drop our vicar, Revd Victor Teo, an email at vicar@sjsm.org.sg.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS MONTH (DMM) – Nov 2023

It's important to remember that every contribution helps missions work to grow. Let us give generously so as to reap a bountiful harvest in time to come.

Giving is via the SJSM General Fund – please use the details in the column on the left. If you would like to contribute directly to this cause, please also remember to use the reference code “DMM2023” in the Comments/Remarks field.

WEDDING NOTICE

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

JOEL YEOW EN KAI & RACHEL LOY HUI YING

Date/Time: **Sat, 25 Nov @ 9.30am**

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...

Koh Seng Leong and family (wife: Jeanette Leong; children: Jeremy and Joshua). Seng Leong's beloved mother, Mdm Cheng Hwai Lin Gloria, was called home to the Lord on Sun, 12 Nov 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Oct 2023 (\$)	Oct 2023 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	6,671,606	667,161
General Fund (Actual collections)	6,363,288	706,157
Excess / (Shortfall)	(308,318)	38,996

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 98; Daniel 10:19–end; Revelation 4

COLLECT: Lord God our Redeemer, who heard the cry of Your people and sent Your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and, by the leading of Your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Church Prayer Gathering (CPG).** Pray for a newfound yearning in SJSMers to enter the corporate presence of God at CPGs, that together as a family we may seek the face of our Father and pray His heart. May the Spirit invigorate our prayers at the coming CPG (24 Nov; Theme: Hope in One), interceding for a mighty harvest of souls, and may we become the answers to our prayers to fulfil the Great Commission. (Mt 9:37; 1 Jn 5:14–15)
- **Mental Distress.** May the Spirit minister to us powerfully through the sermons on mental distress. May we grow in discerning the root causes of mental distress and know the Father's heart for His struggling children. Pray for SJSM to be a healing community where we can find acceptance and healing in God's love, and learn to walk in His truth that sets us free. (Jn 8:31–32)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Christmas in our Village.** Continue to pray for the smooth running of the Dover Celebrates Christmas (DCC) event, and for the organising team to serve from the place of rest. May the Spirit prepare the hearts of the SJSM Extended Community (Doverites, nursing home residents and staff, nurses and caregivers, preschool students and parents, etc.) to come and see what God has in store for them at DCC, the Watoto Concerts, and the Christmas Eve services. May God's irresistible love be magnified in their hearts by the Holy Spirit, ushering them into a deeply personal relationship with Jesus. (Jn 6:44)

OUR NATION

- **Social Media.** In light of the influx of fake videos and misleading content about the Middle East conflict that is circulating through social media, attempting to evoke hateful sentiments that can have dangerous repercussions for the people in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore, PRAY for (a) the Ministry of Communications and Information to take effective countermeasures; (b) social media platforms to be diligent in stepping up content moderation efforts in view of local sensitivities; (c) the public to be vigilant in fact-checking, and not circulate information if unsure of its credibility. Continue to pray for the people in Singapore to stay united in keeping racial and religious harmony, and for God's sovereign protection over our nation against acts of terrorism. (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); (d) peaceful resolution, for God's mercy to be shown and His rule to be manifest over the nations.

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.



Dover Celebrates Christmas! 23 Dec 2023 at SJSM Village



#DoverCelebratesChristmas
www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates



Join us at our Christmas carnival for games & rides, Amazing Race, virtual reality immersion, Nerf Blaster Showdown, family art, food stalls & snacks, workshops & talks, raffle draws, parties for both seniors & children, and more! All are welcome.

Christmas Eve Services 2023

- ✦ **Holy Communion Service**
Sun, 24 Dec 2023 @ 9am
Speaker: Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah
- ✦ **Gospel Service**
Sun, 24 Dec 2023 @ 9pm
Speaker: Revd Victor Teo



SJSM

One in Hope

Free Admission

Watoto



You're invited!

WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN CONCERT

23 Dec 2023
SJSM, Christ Sanctuary

KNOW THE WORD

Dig deeper, uncover treasures

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 <http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/55/public>



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