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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, 25 NOV  
& SUN, 26 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, 25 NOV 2023

**2.30pm (Heartbeat)** Heroes of Faith (Hebrews 11:17–19, 31), by Mr Richard Kwan

**5pm (SES)** To Live is Christ (Philippians 3:7–15), by Mr Allen Lim

SUN, 26 NOV 2023

**8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)**

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

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg)  
or [counselling@sjsm.org.sg](mailto: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/3dvvbbmr>

# SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

## Thu, 30 Nov

- 2pm **Seniors' Fellowship** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)  
 8pm **Healing Svc** (Onsite @ Chapel; email [thssjsm@gmail.com](mailto:thssjsm@gmail.com) for more info)

## Sat, 02 Dec

- 2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Email [heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg) for more info)  
 5pm **English Svc\*** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)  
**Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email [sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg) for more information or to join)

## Sun, 03 Dec

- 8.15am **English Svc\*** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)  
 10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email [sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg) for more information or to join)  
**Tamil Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email [solomon@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:solomon@sjsm.org.sg) for more information or to join)  
 11am **Indonesian Fellowship** (Onsite @ C205; email [sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg](mailto:sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg) for more information or to join)  
 11.15am **English 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](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html))  
 1.30pm **Filipino Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email [juanita@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:juanita@sjsm.org.sg) for more information)

\*Junior Church (for ages 3–10) and Teen Encounter (for ages 11–13) will not be running in Dec 2023. Classes will resume in Jan 2024.

## Misc. details

### Sermons

#### SAT & SUN

Be Alert!  
 (Mark 13:24–37),  
 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@sjsm.org.sg](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html).



**Watoto**  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
**IN CONCERT**

**SAT, 23 DEC**  
**2pm & 5pm**  
**Christ Sanctuary, SJSM**

*Everyone's invited!*

**FREE ADMISSION**



**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

*Hope*  
 ASJSM

# NOTICES

## STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

1. Administrator, Admin & Events Mgt (Church Ops)
2. Administrator (Spiritual Formation)
3. Group Administrator, Church Operations
4. Team Lead, Facilities Management

To apply, visit [www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment](http://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? 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](mailto:vicar@sjsm.org.sg).

## BAPTISM SERVICES – 25/26 Nov

We welcome the following individuals into our SJSM 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

## 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 right. If you would like to contribute directly to this cause, please also remember to use the reference code “DMM2023” in the Comments/Remarks field.

## JUNIOR CHURCH (JC) & TEEN ENCOUNTER (TE)

### No classes in Dec 2023

We encourage families to attend service together in Christ Sanctuary.

## CONNECT WITH US

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Write to [info@sjsm.org.sg](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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

## SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

**LECTIONARY READINGS:** Psalms 29, 110; Isaiah 4:2–5:7; Luke 19:29–38

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, who spoke to the prophets that they might make Your will and purpose known: inspire the guardians of Your truth, that through the faithful witness of the few the children of earth may be made one with the saints in glory; by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone redeemed mankind and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

### OUR PARISH

- **Heartbeat Youth Camp (15–18 Dec).** (a) Campers. Pray for the Spirit to prepare the hearts of the campers for genuine encounters with the Lord that will reinforce their sense of ownership for personal spiritual growth. (b) Leadership. Bless the leadership team that is steering this camp. May they be filled with the power of the Word and the Spirit to shape the lives of our young people. May God sow the seeds of His calling in our youths, and raise a good crop of future leaders who will fervently pursue Him. (Ps 78:5–7)

### OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Christmas in our Village.** Continue to pray for (a) the smooth running of the Dover Celebrates Christmas (DCC) event; (b) SJSMers to be excited to own and to participate in the hosting of this event, and to invite guests; (c) all guests, including the SJSM Extended Community (Doverites, nursing home residents and staff, nurses and caregivers, preschool students and parents, etc.), to discover the true meaning of Christmas as they come and see what God has in store for them at DCC, the Watoto Children's Choir Concerts, and the Christmas Eve services. (Jn 3:16)

### OUR NATION

- **Shalom Singapore.** As the world enters into a precarious season of global shaking (political, military, climate, economy, etc.), pray for (a) our government to exhibit excellence of wisdom, moral courage, and political astuteness, especially concerning international relations and the preparation of our nation to meet challenges; (b) the Spirit to impassion the people of God to serve His redemptive purposes in difficult times. May churches recognise the *kairos* moment for a mighty harvest, and move in the Spirit to reach the multitudes especially during this Christmas season. (Eph 5:15–17; Jn 9:4)

### THE WORLD

- **Military Conflicts.** Remember in prayer the multitudes that are experiencing prolonged, extreme sufferings as a result of military conflicts (Israel-Gaza, Russia-Ukraine). May this Christmas season see a move of the Spirit that redirects the pains of humanity towards seeking the true and living God. Pray especially for the Spirit to reveal to the people in the Middle East the Prince of Peace, who alone can reconcile the fractured community with the God of Abraham and bring healing to the land. May the Lord protect and strengthen believers who are caught in conflicts, and grant them grace to bear His light in times of darkness (2 Thes 3:1–5).

## DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Download the latest file at [www.anglican.org.sg](http://www.anglican.org.sg).

## PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

To join an intercession group, write to [prayer@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:prayer@sjsm.org.sg).



# CHRISTMAS WEEKEND: 23–24 DEC

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Christmas is always a time when hearts are more open to the sharing of the Gospel. Let's be praying about who to invite to the events coming up on our campus!

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ON SAT, 23 DEC:

## DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2023 (DCC23)

DCC23 promises plenty of Fun, Food, and Festivity in SJSM Village!

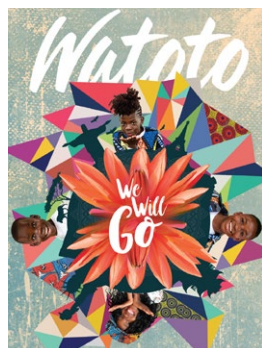
### Call for Servers

While online registration for servers is now closed, more volunteers are very welcome! Get in touch with us at [events@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:events@sjsm.org.sg) and we'll help you find your place.

### DCC23 T-Shirts

If you've ordered T-shirts, they'll be ready for collection after each service on the weekends of 02/03 Dec and 09/10 Dec.

If you need T-shirts but missed the order timing, a limited selection is available for on-the-spot purchase on 02/03 Dec and 09/10 Dec – first-come, first-served, while stocks last.



ON SAT, 23 DEC:

## WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR CONCERTS

Hailing from Uganda, the children who make up the choir have wonderful testimonies of hope to share, so do invite your friends and loved ones to come and be blessed. You can find out more about them at <https://www.watoto.com>.

At the end of each performance, our vicar Revd Victor Teo will also give a short evangelistic message titled "Hope in One", based on Psalm 113:7–9, so make the most of this opportunity!

Concert times: **2pm & 5pm**

Venue: Christ Sanctuary

ON SUN, 24 DEC:

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Let's celebrate Holy Communion together on the morning of Christmas Eve. The Gospel Service is at 9pm to facilitate the sharing of hospitality with invited friends and family members – host them for a meal and then bring them to church to learn more about Jesus, the reason for the season.

### CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

**Time:** 9am

**Speaker:** Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

**Title/Texts:** "Behold, I Am Making All Things New"  
(Revelation 21:1–5; Luke 1:67–79)

### CHRISTMAS EVE GOSPEL SERVICE

**Time:** 9pm

**Speaker:** Revd Victor Teo

**Title/Text:** God With Us (John 1:14)



## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

One in Hope

### Dover Celebrates Christmas! 23 Dec 2023 at SJSM Village



#DoverCelebratesChristmas  
[www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates](http://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.



25/26 November & 2/3 December  
@ Concourse  
Before and after ALL services

## Sale of Crochet items!

This is a fund raising sale  
for Dover Celebrates  
Christmas.

All items are handmade with  
Love! ♥  
Come and be amazed!



## Biblical Perspectives on MOTHERHOOD

9.30am\* on Sat, 27 Jan 2024

@ Bethel Auditorium (L3)

\*Join us for breakfast & fellowship at 9am!

Have questions on mothering?  
Come listen to Sherlyn Lee  
share her thoughts on parenting.  
Then, participate in a 'Human  
Library' activity where you get  
to chat and ask questions of 'Human Books' - other  
SJSMers who are mothers of pre-schoolers, primary  
school children, teens and young adults (and even a  
grandmother!).



Open to all ladies (age>18) including non  
SJSMers. Please register individually by  
8pm on Mon 22 Jan. Registration may close  
earlier if capacity is reached.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9wzak6>

## 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](http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/55/public)



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