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## SAT, 02 DEC & SUN, 03 DEC 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**

Closed in Dec 2023; reopening in Jan 2024

### ➤ ADVENT.

We begin the new church year with the season of Advent, which is characterised by themes of longing, waiting, and anticipation of the coming of Christ – His birth as well as His second coming. The liturgical colour for this festive period, purple, symbolises penitence and preparation; this is why three of the five candles that Anglican churches often have in their Advent wreaths are purple.

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

## THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 02 DEC 2023

**2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)**

Be Alert! (Isaiah 64:1–9; Mark 13:24–37), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 03 DEC 2023

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

Be Alert! (Isaiah 64:1–9; Mark 13:24–37), by Revd Victor Teo

**2023  
ADVENT  
series**

## 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)

### Junior Church

- (Primary) ages 7–10
- (Preschool) ages 3–6

### No classes in Dec 2023

Families are strongly encouraged to attend the main/English congregation's services together.

## CLASSES RESUME 06/07 JAN '24

Email [richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg)  
for enquiries about Teen Encounter.

Email [juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg)  
for enquiries about Junior Church.

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>

### 25/26 Nov Baptism Svc

<https://vimeo.com/886052442>

### 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, 23 Nov

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

### Sat, 09 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, 10 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.org.sg/online.html), [SJSM Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjsm), and [www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html](https://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

##### HEARTBEAT

Gone Fishing (John 21:1–19)

##### SES

Rejoice! Your King is Here! (Zephaniah 3:14–21), by Ms Chua Kim Yien

##### E1 & E2

The Harvest is Plentiful (Luke 10:1–20), by Revd Dr David Harley

#### 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).

### RECRUITMENT NEEDS @ HEARTFRIENDS STUDENT CARE CENTRE

1. 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 [info@heartfriendsbasc.org.sg](mailto:info@heartfriendsbasc.org.sg) for details or to apply.



### Advent 2023 Pulpit series

**02 & 03 Dec** • Be Alert! • Revd Victor Teo

**09 Dec** • Rejoice! Your King is Here! • Ms Chua Kim Yien

**10 Dec** • The Harvest is Plentiful • Revd Dr David Harley

**16 & 17 Dec** • The Significance of Advent • Mr Julian Chin



# NOTICES

## CHRISTMAS WEEKEND: 23–24 DEC

ON SAT, 23 DEC:

### DOVER CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS 2023 (DCC23)

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

These cost \$8 each and will be on sale from Sat, 02 Dec at the Info Desk after each service.

### **DCC23 T-Shirts**

If you've ordered T-shirts, collect them at the Christ Sanctuary Foyer after service on the weekends of 02/03 Dec and 09/10 Dec. A limited selection is available for on-the-spot purchase on 02/03 Dec and 09/10 Dec, 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>.

After each performance, 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 our 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)

## BABY ARRIVAL – CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Gaius Ng Wing Eu and Chan Heng Wei on the arrival of their daughter, Gail Ng Yi Le, on Wed, 1 Nov 2023.

## ADVENT.

We begin the church year with the end in mind, reflecting on the need for Jesus' first coming and looking forward to His return as a conquering King and righteous Judge. Each Sunday of Advent, one additional Advent candle is lit, culminating in the lighting of the Christ candle on Christmas Eve/Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth and His coming as the light of the world. The five candles (three purple, one pink/rose, one white) typically symbolise prophecy/hope, the Way (out of darkness), joy, peace, and Christ Himself (prophecy fulfilled). Some churches also associate the candles with the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, the virgin Mary, and Christ, such that the four Sundays of Advent remind us of those who prepared the Lord's people for His coming.



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## 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.

## STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

1. Administrator, Admin & Events Mgt (Church Ops)
2. Administrator (Spiritual Formation)
3. Group Administrator, Church Operations
4. Team Lead, Facilities Management
5. Team Lead, Information Technology
6. Facility Officer, 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? 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](mailto:vicar@sjsm.org.sg).

## YEAR-END/COVENANT SERVICES

This year will be a little different: Intergenerational Covenant Services will be held during our usual weekend service timings. There will **not** be a late evening service on the night of 31 Dec.

### 2023 Covenant Services

**Dates/Times:** Sat, 30 Dec @ 5pm (SES) • Sun, 31 Dec @ 8.15am (E1) and 11.15am (E2)

**Speaker:** Revd Victor Teo

## WOMEN AT THE WELL

Have questions on mothering? Come listen to Sherlyn Lee share her thoughts on parenting, then participate in a 'Human Library' activity: chatting with 'human books' – SJSM ladies who are mothers of preschoolers, primary age kids, teens, and young adults... and even a grandmother!

**Date:** Sat, 27 Jan

**Time:** 9.30am (breakfast fellowship starts at 9am)

**Venue:** Bethel Auditorium

Sign up individually at <https://tinyurl.com/2p9wzak6> by 8pm on Mon, 22 Jan; all ladies aged 18 and up are welcome, even if you're not from SJSM!

## TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

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

# PRAYER @ SJSM

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**LECTIONARY READINGS:** Psalm 44; Isaiah 2:1–5; Luke 12:35–48

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

### OUR PARISH

- **Staff.** Uphold the staff team in prayer during this period of many festive events, outreach activities, and planning for 2024. May the Lord strengthen them in their fellowship with Him and with one another, and bless them with the joy of learning the ways of Jesus in ministry. Pray for more SJSMers to offer themselves to give support to the staff team, and to grow together through serving. (Col 3:14, 23; Heb 10:24)
- **Families.** As families spend time together during this season of school holidays and Christmas celebrations, pray for the nurturing of Christ-centred relationships that will keep them focused on Him and His kingdom purposes (Jos 24:15; Acts 1:8). May there be a deeper anchoring of their faith in His promises as they enter 2024. Pray for believing parents to look to the Lord to help them shepherd the next generation in this increasingly dark and complex world (Ps 78:4–7).

### 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 Concerts, and the Christmas Eve services. (Jn 3:16)

### OUR NATION

- **Marketplace.** Pray for a growing vision of the Church without walls, which God has planted in the vast harvest field in the marketplace. May the Lord redeem global economic uncertainties to usher in a spiritual revival that sees many coming into His Kingdom. Pray for spiritual preparation and equipping of God's people, that they may overcome challenges to their faith during hard times, and to touch the lives of others through their authentic relationship with Christ. (1 Pe 2:9)

### THE WORLD

- **Cyber Slavery.** Pray against the alarming increase in human trafficking for online scamming exploits, with thousands of victims held in captivity under threats of violence to ceaselessly perform digital scamming. Pray for systemic and coordinated efforts from governments and NGOs to combat these hideous networks, to rescue those in slavery, and to bring the criminals to justice. Pray for a sharpening of global awareness and counter-measures to help prevent potential victims from being trafficked, often through fake job recruitment. May God hear the cry of the victims and intervene divinely to set them free. (Ps 82:3–4. Ps 72:12–14)

### 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).

## UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

*We 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!



Free Admission

# Watoto



You're invited!

### WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN CONCERT

23 Dec 2023  
SJSM, Christ Sanctuary  
2pm & 5pm

### 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

*We in* Hope

**Bishop of Singapore**  
*Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung*

**Assistant Bishop**  
*Rt Revd Low Jee King*

**Archdeacon of Singapore**  
*Ven Daniel Wee*

**Vicar**  
*Revd Victor Teo*

**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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# Dover Celebrates Christmas!



23 December, 10am - 5pm



SJSM Village (30 Dover Ave)



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



Joining us:  
Ms Rachel Ong,  
Adviser to West Coast GRC  
Grassroots Organisations

*Join us at our Christmas carnival, all are welcome! Highlights include:*

- Games & Rides • Virtual Reality experience • Nerf Blaster Showdown • Family Art
- Food & Drinks • Workshops & Talks • Raffle draws • Parties for all ages

Organised by



# Fun, Food, and Festivity @ SJSM Village

## ❄️ CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL • 10am–5pm

With funfair staples like games stalls for kids and the young at heart, giant inflatables like a bouncy castle and an obstacle course, and a wide variety of party foods, desserts, and drinks. Look forward to a food truck, kaya toast and kopi, popcorn, ice cream, bubble tea, and more. We've also brought in 'animal rides' for children and the ever-popular trackless mini-train. We will even be launching our own Carnival Dance! Other fun things include: A Virtual Reality experience, a Nerf Blaster station (with all-out shootouts and Capture The Flag challenges), and family-friendly indoor activities like Family Art, terrarium-making\*, and flower arrangement\*. There'll also be talks on developmental disorders in children\* as well as advance legal-planning on wills and end-of-life matters\*. A booth will also be set up by the IMDA SG Digital Office to raise public awareness about online safety and the ScamShield App.

✂️ All foods contain no pork or lard \* Check our website for pre-event registration details

## ❄️ AMAZING RACE\* • 8.30am–10am

- Rediscover Dover while racing to solve clues and complete the set challenge!

## ❄️ PHOTO BOOTHS

- Take some fun snapshots with family and friends to remember the day.

## ❄️ RAFFLE DRAWS ON THE HOUR

## ❄️ PARTY FOR CHILDREN

- 10.30am–12pm @ Glory Sanctuary
- Christmas carols, goodie bags, crafts, prizes, and gifts for kids with December birthdays!

## ❄️ ZUMBA FOR SENIORS

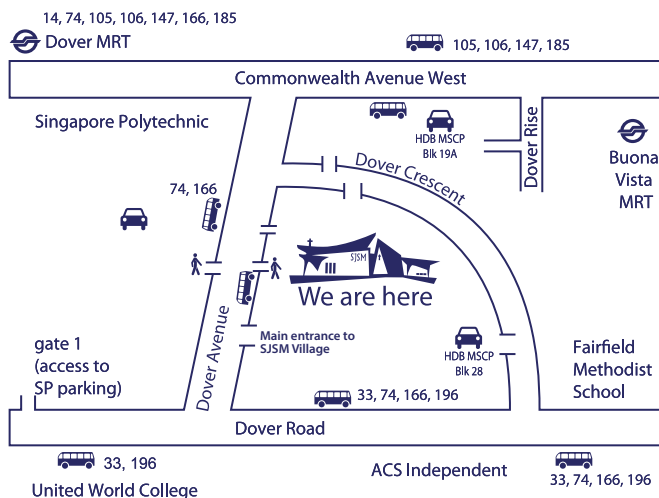
- 10.45am @ St. Andrew's Senior Care (Dover)
- A great chance to mingle and make friends!

Tickets at \$8 each are available from Dover CC (call 6777 1540 between 2 – 6pm), and also from SJSM Church (call 6777 0934 between 10am – 5pm, Tue – Fri; or email [info@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:info@sjsm.org.sg)).

For details and links, please visit [www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/dovercelebrates)

Carparks on our premises are accessible through the main entrance to SJSM Village along Dover Avenue, or via Dover Crescent.

Limited handicapped parking is available for permit holders. Additional parking can be found at HDB carparks at Blks 19A & 28 (parking charges may apply).



Free Admission



# Watoto



## You're invited!

**WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
IN CONCERT**

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23 Dec 2023  
2pm & 5pm  
SJSM, Christ Sanctuary

# Everyone's invited! Come join us!

## SAT, 23 DEC 2023

### 2pm & 5pm • Christ Sanctuary, SJSM Village

#### 'WE WILL GO'

The Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda has been travelling extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for some of Africa's most vulnerable women and children. Because of what God has done in their lives, these children are able to tell others, "It's possible to have joy, to laugh and to have hope, no matter what you're going through."

We're excited to have this Choir present 2 concerts at St. John's-St. Margaret's Church this Christmas season! They will be bringing us music from their latest album, 'We Will Go' as well as share their personal testimonies. It's free admission and free seating, so do come early!

**Be a part of this vibrant African celebration experience!  
Bring a loved one or a friend with you.**

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