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**SAT, 09 DEC
& SUN, 10 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)

➤ **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*

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Closed in Dec 2023; reopening in Jan 2024

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 09 DEC 2023

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Come and Have Breakfast (John 21:1–19)

5pm (SES) Rejoice! Your King is Here! (Zephaniah 3:14–20),
by Ms Chua Kim Yien

SUN, 10 DEC 2023

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)

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

**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
for enquiries about Teen Encounter.

Email 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
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>

Mental Health series

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

Advent 2023 series

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10832205>

All/Other services

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

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 14 Dec

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

Fri–Mon, 15–18 Dec

Heartbeat Youth Camp (@ Majodi Campsite, Johor Bahru)

Sat, 16 Dec

5pm **English Svc*** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

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

Sun, 17 Dec

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

10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;
email sjsmc@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 Svc*** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via
sjsm.online.church, [SJSM Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjsm), and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

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

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

The Significance of Advent (Isaiah 61:1–7; Luke 4:16–30),
by Mr Julian Chin

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.

**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.*

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 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! Volunteers are very welcome! Get in touch with us at events@sjsm.org.sg and we'll help you find your place.

DCC23 Tickets

These cost \$8 each and will be on sale 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 this weekend, 09/10 Dec. A limited selection is available for on-the-spot purchase as well, 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)

REFRESHMENTS @ CHRISTMAS EVE SVCS

9am Holy Communion Svc	No refreshments served
9pm Gospel Svc	Post-svc refreshments

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 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
4. Team Lead, Facilities Management
5. Team Lead, Information Technology
6. Facility Officer, Facilities Management

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

STAFF APPOINTMENT

We welcome Yang Fulin Adeline to the SJSM staff team
(w.e.f. Fri, 1 Dec 2023) as Pastoral Staff (Junior Church).

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.

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

SEASONS OF LIFE MAGAZINE

Pick up a copy of 'Larger Than Life: The Love That Compels',
the second 2023 issue of this biannual SJSM publication,
after service. Alternatively, download it or read it online at
<https://www.sjsm.org.sg/publications.html>.

BABY ARRIVAL – CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Samuel Tee Jun Hao and Isabelle Seto Wai Ping on the
arrival of their firstborn son, Ethan Tee Jia Le, on Thu, 30
Nov 2023.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Nov 2023 (\$)	Nov 2023 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	7,338,767	667,161
General Fund (Actual collections)	6,932,631	569,333
Excess / (Shortfall)	(406,136)	(97,828)

PRAYER @ SJSM

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 80; Zephaniah 3:14–end; Luke 1:5–20

COLLECT: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Heartbeat Youth Camp (15–18 Dec).** May God prepare the hearts of the campers for genuine encounters with Him that will reinforce their sense of ownership for personal spiritual growth. Pray for the fostering of Christ-centred relationships amongst our youths. May they learn from one another's life experiences, and spur one another on towards pleasing Him. May God raise a good crop of future leaders who will fervently pursue Him and His Kingdom purposes. (Ps 78:5–7)
- **Staff.** Continue to pray for the staff team during this period of many festive events, outreach activities, and planning for 2024. Pray for more SJSMers to offer themselves to give support to the staff team, and to grow together through serving. (Heb 10:24)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Christmas in our Village.** Pray for (a) the smooth running of the Dover Celebrates Christmas (DCC) event, excellent weather, divine protection, and great joy to fill the atmosphere; (b) SJSMers to turn up as one to host the event with enthusiasm, and to bring many guests; (c) good bonding with our extended community (Doverites, nursing home residents and staff, nurses and caregivers, preschool students and parents, etc.). May our radical hospitality draw them to the One who extends the greatest gift of hospitality, promising eternal life to those who discover the true meaning of Christmas.
- **Missions.** Pray blessings of Christmas tidings over all our mission stations (cross-cultural workers, their local teams, and the local communities they are serving). May festive joy strengthen relationships and open doors for the sharing of the Christmas message. Pray for fruitfulness in making and nurturing local disciples.

OUR NATION

- **Marketplace.** Pray for believers to bring the Christmas message to the marketplace in a manner that finds relevance in the everyday challenges. May the Lord redeem global economic uncertainties to usher in a spiritual revival that sees many coming into His Kingdom. Pray for the accelerated 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.** Continue to pray earnestly 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 coordinated efforts from governments and NGOs to combat these 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. May God hear the cry of the victims and intervene divinely to set them free. (Ps 82:3–4; 72:12–14)

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



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.



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>

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

One 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
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Revd Dino Thangamany
Revd Thong Tang Hiong
Revd Solomon Periyamayakam
Revd Calvin Tan
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