



**SAT, 30 DEC
& SUN, 31 DEC 2023**

Saturday services

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)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Closed in Dec 2023; reopening in Jan 2024

➤ **CHRISTMASTIDE.**

Christmas Day (25 Dec) is Day 1 of a 12-day season, Christmastide, which ends on Epiphany Eve (5 Jan). While Advent is traditionally a more solemn observation, Christmastide is associated with festivity; its liturgical colours are white and gold, which together symbolise celebration, peace, joy, and the triumph of God's great work of salvation. During this period, we celebrate the miracle of the incarnation of Christ.

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

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 30 DEC 2024

5pm (SES) Staying Rooted in Christ (Jeremiah 17:5–8; Matthew 5:13–16), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 31 DEC 2024

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2) Staying Rooted in Christ (Jeremiah 17:5–8; Matthew 5:13–16), by Revd Victor Teo

**2023–2024
Covenant
Services**

NEW TO SJSJ?

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

Advent 2023 series

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

Christmas Eve Holy Comm. Svc

<https://vimeo.com/660034795>

Christmas Eve Gospel Svc

<https://vimeo.com/897683578>

All/Other services

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

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 04 Jan

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

Sat, 06 Jan

- 2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)
5pm **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)
Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Agape Hall & L4 rooms)
Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Sun, 07 Jan

- 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.sg for more information or to join)
Tamil Christmas Eve 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, [SJSJ 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 Christmas Eve Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

Vision Sunday:
Radical Hospitality
(Genesis 15:1–12;
Luke 4:14–19),
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

Youth Ministry

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



— Join a Ministry —

To discover service opportunities, and sign up with a ministry or fellowship group, scan the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/220376272517455>.
Need details? The Stewardship Booklet is available at www.sjsm.org.sg/pdfs/Stewardship270723.pdf.



NOTICES

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Building a community for the elderly to edify one another.

Date/Time: Thu, 4 Jan @ 2pm

Venue: Bethel Auditorium

If you have queries or need more information, get in touch with Michelle at mich@sjsm.org.sg.

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/Venue: Sat, 27 Jan @ Bethel Auditorium

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

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!

ALPHA SJSM: 1st Run of 2024

Alpha is open to anyone interested in exploring the meaning of life and the Christian faith. As we enter a new season with radical hospitality as our focus, let's pull together and provide physical as well as heart spaces for the many pre-believers around us to encounter God through Alpha!

Dates: 01 Mar–17 May

Format: 10 weekly sessions, decentralised into cells and small groups

The Introduction and Celebration Dinners, as well as Alpha Day, will be centralised at SJSM. It's never too early to start planning and preparing!

A – Ask God who to invite (guest registration: 6 Jan–9 Feb)

C – Come on board; host an Alpha group, or be a Server or Companion (host team registration: 6 Jan–4 Feb)

T – Train early to learn the Alpha ethos and pick up some skills (training registration: 6 Jan–14 Feb)

Questions? Email alpha@sjsm.org.sg.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Dates: 2, 9, 16 & 23 Mar; 6, 13 & 20 Apr (7 Saturdays)

Time: 9am–2pm (2 Mar–13 Apr); 9am–6pm (20 Apr)

Venue: Bethel Auditorium

Fee: \$70 per person

Registration closes on **Sun, 28 Jan 2024**.

This course will be held onsite unless otherwise advised.

For queries, please email flm@sjsm.org.sg.

More details and the registration link are available at

www.sjsm.org.sg/mpc.

CHRISTMASTIDE.

After Advent comes the 12-day season of Christmastide, during which we move from preparation for and expectation of the Messiah, into celebrating the miracle of God the Son entering our world as one of us. The customs and liturgy of this season are meant to remind us of, and refocus us on, the central truth of the Word made flesh to bring about our salvation. He came as the light of the world – may we each receive fresh revelation about what this means!



NextGen Servers Wanted!

Get in touch with us if you're keen to help disciple little ones!

Junior Church
(Preschool & Primary):

kerineau@sjsm.org.sg

Teen Encounter:

richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg

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

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?

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.

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.

WEDDING NOTICE

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

LIM MING EN IAN & CANDICE CHONG XIANLI

Date: 9.30 am, 13 Jan 2023 | **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...

- Richard Lau and family (wife: Yuen Kit; daughter: Delci; son-in-law: Daryl Ho; grandsons: David, Darius, and Daniel). Richard's beloved sister, Ms Jemima Lau, was called home to the Lord on Fri, 22 Dec 2023.
- Ong Gek Kuan and family (husband: Yap Chuen Kong; children: Kai Xing and Kai Herng), on the loss of Gek Kuan's beloved brother, Mr Ong Hock Beng, on Sat, 23 Dec 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)

1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 105:1–11; Isaiah 63:7–9; Ephesians 3:5–12

COLLECT: Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in Your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through Your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as He came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of His divinity; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Thanksgiving.** May we find space for quiet reflection on the hand of God in our lives over the past year, and gain understanding of His heart towards us. Give thanks for all His manifest and hidden blessings, and His faithfulness in shepherding us through our peaks and valleys (Jer 29:11; Ro 8:28). May daily remembrance of His goodness fortify our hope in His promises, that our faith may not be shaken even as we enter 2024 in anticipation of global shaking.
- **Covenant Renewal.** May the Spirit enable sincere and joyful renewal of our commitment to live as true disciples of Christ and to finish the race well (Ps 90:12; Phi 3:13–14). Pray for a fresh move of God to empower godly responses to His voice in good times or bad, that we may experience spiritual breakthroughs in the coming year, and that others may see the living Christ in us.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Radical Hospitality.** Pray that, following the recent Dover Celebrates Christmas event, the spirit of radical hospitality will continue to glow in SJSM Village. Pray for increased awareness of God’s Presence in our midst as we welcome one another as Christ welcomes us. May the warmth of the SJSM Village community usher every visitor towards discovering Christ, the living hope (1 Pe 1:3).

OUR NATION

- **Mental Health.** As political and economic uncertainties worsen globally, pray for God’s providence to reach those who are struggling financially and emotionally. Pray for wisdom to guide the Interagency Taskforce in developing a national strategy to strengthen the mental well-being of the population, to promote early detection of suicidal tendencies, and to encourage a culture of seeking help and watching out for one another (especially those who are socially isolated and lonely). Pray for believers to know the *kairos* time for harvest, and bring God’s light to those living in hopelessness and fear. (2 Cor 1:3–4; Lk 4:18)

THE WORLD

- **World Peace.** Continue to pray for God to rule in the hearts of state leaders that they may have the resolve and wisdom to work towards world peace (Pr 21:1). Pray for (a) the war in Gaza not to spill into an all-out war in the Middle-East, but to come to an end swiftly; (b) de-escalation of geopolitical tensions in Northeast Asia, the South China Sea, and other regions; (c) God to install as state leaders (especially of the superpowers), those who are righteous, reasonable, and altruistic in pursuing the common good of humanity (Pr 29:2; Dan 2:21).

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.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Sat, 13 Jan (dinner)

- purchase voucher(s) by Sun, 7 Jan
- WhatsApp Esther at 9785 5414 to confirm your voucher(s) and arrange payment.

\$8/pax: dinner + drinks + dessert



- FOC for newcomers who register via the Visitors' Form (visit <http://tinyurl.com/SJSMsvcfedbak> or scan the QR code above)

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>



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

FAITH FOUNDATIONS (I)

Explore the key foundations of the Christian faith! Attendance is a prerequisite for baptism in SJSM.

4, 18, 25 Feb & 3 Mar
2pm–4pm @ B404/405
Register by Sun, 28 Jan

Upcoming Baptism Services:
23/24 Mar 2024

For more info or to sign up, scan the QR code or visit www.sjsm.org.sg/courses.



men4men

UNITE US!
2024

Dinner

Fri, 12 Jan
@ Bethel Auditorium
7–8pm • 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 7 Jan to *chope* your seat and dinner! More details at www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men.

Questions?
Contact Paul Lee (9819 7275)



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