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#### ► EPIPHANYTIDE.

White, which represents purity, innocence, holiness, and joy, is the liturgical colour for the season of Epiphany — hence the white almond blooms featured.

This season, churches around the globe celebrate the revelation of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world, whether by commemorating the visit of the magi, Christ's baptism, or Jesus' first miracle in Cana, Galilee.

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

## **SAT, 06 JAN & SUN, 07 JAN 2024**

### **Saturday services**

**Heartbeat – 2.30pm\*** (Shalom Hall)

**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, 06 JAN 2024

**2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)** Radical Hospitality  
(Genesis 15:1–12; Luke 4:14–19), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 07 JAN 2024

**8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)** Radical Hospitality  
(Genesis 15:1–12; Luke 4:14–19), by Revd Victor Teo

*Vision  
Sunday*

## 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

Enquiries? Email [richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg)

### Junior Church (ages 3–10)

**Sat – 5pm (SES)**

(Primary) ages 7–10 • (Preschool) ages 3–6  
@ Charis Room @ Chara Room

**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

Enquiries? Email [juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg)

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>



## CHRISTMAS WEEKEND: MISSED ANYTHING?

WATOTO CHILDREN'S  
CHOIR CONCERTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10875941>

<https://vimeo.com/899121100>



# SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

## Thu, 11 Jan

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

## Fri, 12 Jan

7pm **men4men** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

## Sat, 13 Jan

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 information or to join)

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

**Junior Church & Teen Encounter**  
(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room & L4 rooms)

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

6.45pm **Post-SES Fellowship Dinner** (Onsite @ Community Hall)

## Sun, 14 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](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))

**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](mailto:juanita@sjsm.org.sg) for more information)

## Misc. details

### Sermons

#### SAT & SUN

Favour on the Lowly  
(Luke 1:46–53),  
by Revd Calvin Tan

### 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).

### Join a Ministry

Volunteer with us in serving the larger church community! Find out more about the opportunities available [here](#) (or scan the QR code below).



## 2024 Jan-Mar Pulpit Series: The Gospel of Luke

Favour on the Lowly • Jan 13/14  
The Year of the Lord's Welcome • Jan 20/21  
His Outstretched Hand Heals • Jan 27/28  
He Calls Sinners • Feb 03/04  
He Forgives the Sinner • Feb 17/18  
Mary and Martha (Leaders' Commissioning) • Feb 24/25  
Forgiving as God Forgives • Mar 09/10  
The Inconvenience of Hospitality • Mar 16/17  
God's Hospitality into Jerusalem • Mar 23/24



# NOTICES

## CHINESE NEW YEAR (CNY) BLESSING 2024

Join us in blessing our community through the CNY Blessing distributions from **Thu–Sun, 25–28 Jan**. We will be reaching out to the HDB units in the Dover, Ghim Moh Valley, and Ghim Moh Edge neighbourhoods.

Sign up – as an individual, a family, a cell or a group of friends – for your preferred slot(s) **by Sun, 21 Jan** at <http://tinyurl.com/CNYblessing2024>.

We'll meet for a short briefing and for you to collect the items for distribution; we estimate that you'll need to commit about two hours to completing the task. For enquiries, write in to [heartfriends@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:heartfriends@sjsm.org.sg).

## CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING (CPG) – Fri, 26 Jan

**Time/Venue:** 7.30pm–8.30pm @ Christ Sanctuary

It's the first CPG of the year, so do set aside this time to come together to pray! We're ending at 8.30pm so we can join in the CNY Blessing happening that same night.

## SAVE THE DATES – CHURCH CAMP 2024

**Dates:** Mon–Thu, 10–13 Jun 2024

**Venue:** Courtyard Melaka & The Pines Melaka, Malaysia

**Speaker:** Ps Andrew Gardener

**Contact:** [sjsmcamp@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:sjsmcamp@sjsm.org.sg)

Our speaker will be Ps Andrew Gardener, who is currently Senior Pastor of The Vine Church, a multicultural and multi-generational international church in Hong Kong. Andrew oversees the executive leadership team at The Vine, and is devoted to creatively telling the Gospel story.

## KNOW THE WORD (KTW) – ECCLESIASTES & THE SONG OF SONGS

**Dates:** 23 Jan–26 Mar 2024 (10 Tuesdays)

**Time/Venue:** 7.45pm–9.45pm @ Bethel Auditorium

**Instructors:** Dr Lee Chien Earn & Mr Julian Chin

Come, dig deeper and uncover treasures in the Word of God with us! Sign up by **Sun, 14 Jan** at <http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/55/public>.

If you have questions, please write to [ce@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:ce@sjsm.org.sg).

## FAITH FOUNDATIONS (I)

Come explore the key foundations of the Christian faith! This course is a pre-requisite for those seeking baptism in SJSM, and is open to Christians aged 14 and above.

**Dates:** 04, 18, 25 Feb & 03 Mar

**Time:** 2pm–4pm

**Venue:** Conference Room B405/404

Sign up **by Sun, 28 Jan** at <http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/59/public>.

Questions? Write to us at [ce@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:ce@sjsm.org.sg).

## EPIPHANYTIDE.

The Lectionary readings over Epiphanytide highlight by degrees Christ's earthly mission as well as our mission as His church. God the Son came to dwell among men as the glory of Israel and the light to the Gentiles; the Incarnation is directed towards the Passion. Thus we close the festivities of Christmastide and look toward the mysteries of Easter. It's an apt season to be praying for and over the worldwide mission of the church: To know Him and to make Him known, and to do so in ways that represent Him rightly.



## 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](mailto:kerineau@sjsm.org.sg)

Teen Encounter:

[richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg)

## 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

To apply, visit [www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment) for details.

## STAFF APPOINTMENT

We welcome Seah Poh Chye to the SJSM staff team (w.e.f. Mon, 1 Jan 2024) as Facilities Officer/Facilities Management.

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL – Sat, 13 Jan

The monthly SES dinners are back! Join us for **after SES on Sat, 13 Jan**. For just \$8, you'll get a bento, drinks, and dessert! **WhatsApp Esther at 9785 5414** to confirm your attendance and arrange payment **by Sun, 7 Jan**.

If you're a newcomer, your meal is on the house if you sign up via <http://tinyurl.com/SJSMsvcfedback>.

## BIBLICAL PARENTING COURSE

Come and learn what the Bible has to say about the purpose, principles, and practice of Biblical Parenting! Whatever age your children or grandchildren are, the gospel can guide and empower your parenting.

Do note that this course is a requirement for all parents who wish for their children to undergo infant baptism.

**Date:** Thu, 29 Feb 2024

**Time:** 6.45pm–10pm

**Venue:** Conference Room B405

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/bpcFeb2024> by **Sun, 4 Feb**. Enquiries? Please email [flm@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:flm@sjsm.org.sg).

## 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:** 9.30am, 13 Jan 2024 | **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.

## TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Dec 2023 (\$)	Dec 2023 (\$)
<b>General Fund (Budgeted collections)</b>	8,005,927	667,161
<b>General Fund (Actual collections)</b>	7,726,668	794,037
<b>Excess / (Shortfall)</b>	(279,259)	126,876



## 1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

**LECTIONARY READINGS:** Psalm 89:19–29; 1 Samuel 16:1–3, 13; John 1:29–34

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son: inspire us, Your children, who are born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to Your service, that we may rejoice to be called the sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

### OUR PARISH

- **Radical Hospitality.** Pray anointing over the sermon series and cell word time on the theme of radical hospitality. May the Spirit open our hearts to catch God's heart behind His call for SJSM to become a church that manifests radical hospitality – an outworking of our passion for God and for people. May radical hospitality be sustained by our devotion to God, and bear abundant fruits for His Kingdom.
- **Cells.** As cells re-gather for the new year, may we give thanks for the gift of God's community, which is life giving. May we mature in our interactions, stirring one another to seek God in all that we do, individually and as cells. Pray for a keen awareness of His presence and power in our midst, and a greater attentiveness and responsiveness to what He is calling us to be and to do. (Ro 12:1–3)
- **Schools.** Pray for those in our midst who are educators and parents with school-going children. May they be spiritually refreshed in their roles in nurturing the young, and be given the wisdom to guide and encourage them without the yoke of the performance trap. Pray for the students to enjoy learning, and to grow in emotional wholeness as well as character. (Pr 22:6).

### OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Befrienders.** May God's love, compassion, and joy sustain those who are serving in the various befriending ministries. May they bring comfort and consolation to those whom they serve (Dover residents, nursing home residents, etc.), and be a Gospel bridge to the pre-believers.

### OUR NATION

- **Government.** Give thanks to God for His merciful shielding of Singapore from a recession in 2023. Pray that, while the global environment is expected to be less favourable to our nation's security and prosperity for 2024, the Lord's wisdom and favour shall be upon our government to navigate us through challenging terrain. Pray for the 4G transition, and bless the 4G team with good bonding with the population. Pray that unity in social diversity will make us a better people, and strengthen our resilience in difficult times.

### THE WORLD

- **State Leaders.** As national elections of state leaders await many nations in 2024, continue to ask God to install as state leaders people of integrity, fairness, wisdom, and competence, who are peace-loving and altruistic in pursuing the common good of humanity. Pray especially for nations whose governmental actions carry significant impact on world peace. May their leaders be God's instruments for His higher purposes. Uphold in prayer the upcoming general election in Taiwan (13 Jan), and pray for peace in the South China Sea. (Pr 29:2; Dan 2:21).


## 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





# 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>

# men4men

## UNITE US!


—2024—

 **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](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men).

Questions?  
Contact Paul Lee (9819 7275)




**Alpha**  
**Alpha SJSM**  
**1st Run of 2024:**  
**1 Mar-17 May**



## BE ALPHA READY!

It's a new season of radical hospitality! Let's pull together and provide opportunities for the pre-believers around us to encounter God through Alpha. It's not 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; learn the Alpha mindset and some skills (training registration: 6 Jan-14 Feb)

Questions? Email [alpha@sjsm.org.sg](mailto:alpha@sjsm.org.sg).

Developing strong foundations  
for a lasting marriage

# The Marriage Preparation Course



**02 Mar – 20 Apr**

- 7 sessions
- \$70 per person

Registration deadline:  
**Sun, 28 Jan 2024**

Sign up/Get info by scanning the QR code or visiting:  
[www.sjsm.org.sg/mpc.html](http://www.sjsm.org.sg/mpc.html)



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**Assistant Bishop**  
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*Ven Daniel Wee*

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# *The Marriage Preparation Course*

**Developing  
Strong  
Foundations  
for a Lasting  
Marriage**



A strong foundation is essential for a strong marriage. SJSM is committed to helping couples who are looking at the possibility of marriage, or preparing for marriage, understand and build such a foundation.

The Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) aims to do this by equipping couples with the tools and skills needed for a healthy and lasting marriage. This course is compulsory for members who intend to get married in and by SJSM.

## **MPC 2024.1**

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

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

**Venue:** Onsite at Bethel Auditorium unless otherwise advised

**Fee:** \$70 per person

**Registration closes Sun, 28 Jan 2024**

## What is the MPC?

The course traces God's plan for a fulfilling marriage, the fundamental roles expected of husband and wife, and deals with essential tools every marriage needs.

Through videos, lectures, discussions and the use of a psychometric tool (PREPARE & ENRICH), you will be able to discuss, explore and practise these tools.

You will look at:

- Biblical Perspective of Marriage
- The Art of Communication
- Importance of Commitment
- Resolving Conflict
- Keeping Love Alive
- Sharing Goals and Values
- Financial Planning

The couple will also be required to serve in the SJSM Children's Ministry for an approximate period of two (2) months during or after the MPC. This duty must be completed as part of the Marriage Preparation Process to prepare couples for parenthood, even if parenthood is not something settled yet for a couple intending to be married.

## Who should attend?

The Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) is for you if you are a courting couple and would like to know more about each other before considering marriage. Couples should attend MPC before they make a decision to get married.

## What couples say about the MPC

*"Very practical. Very objective. Very applicable. The content was relevant, not abstract, weaving biblical principles into the fabric of marriage life. It helped set the mental, emotional and spiritual orientation for the journey to come."*

— S & S

*"... going for the MPC made us talk about different issues that affect our relationship, issues that we would otherwise not have discussed at such lengths."*

— P & A

## IMPORTANT NOTE

All sessions of the MPC are compulsory for participants. The course will run with a minimum of four (4) couples, and priority is given to SJSM members.

Payment to be made by digital bank transfer to "St John's-St Margaret's Church".

**Bank:** UOB | **Account no.:** 360-303-092-1 | **Branch code:** 030 | **Bank code:** 7375 |

**Via PayNow (by bank app)** UEN: T08CC4080B (add "SJSM" at the end for DBS).

Please indicate "Name of Couple/MPC Date, MPC 96103-04-B13" in your payment notification.