



> ORDINARY TIME.

This period between two major festive seasons of the church year focuses on the life of the people of God, and is a time to focus on spiritual maturation. It should come as no surprise that its liturgical colour is green, symbolising life and growth! The evergreen Lebanese cedar, mentioned several times in Scripture, graces our cover during this period.

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

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, 03 FEB 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & 5pm (SES)

He Calls Sinners (Isaiah 55:1–3; Luke 5:27–39), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 04 FEB 2024

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

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*From 03 Mar, Sunday service times will change to 8.15am & 10.45am

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

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

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 <u>pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sg</u> or <u>counselling@sjsm.org.sg</u>

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







CATCHIT AGAIN

Radical Hospitality: God's
Hospitality in the Gospel of Luke
https://vimeo.com/showcase/10908415

Vision Sunday 2024

https://vimeo.com/898844619

2023 Covenant Services

https://vimeo.com/895445015

All/Other services

https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 06 Feb

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (3/10)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 08 Feb

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

Sat, 10 Feb

Church office closed – Chinese New Year (Day 1) Public Holiday; no services will be running on this day

Sun, 11 Feb

10am Combined Bilingual CNY Svc* (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

email solomon@sjsm.org.sq for more information or to join)

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

email <u>juanita@sjsm.org.sq</u> for more information)

*Junior Church & Teen Encounter will not be running at this service; families are encouraged to attend the Combined Bilingual CNY Service together

Misc. details

Sermon

COMBINED BILINGUAL CNY SVC

The Glorified Blessing (2 Kings 2:1–12; Mark 9:2–9), by Revd Thong Tang Hiong

Cell Groups

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write to <u>cell@sjsm.org.sg</u>



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: by 9 Feb)

 C Come on board; host an Alpha group, or be a Server or Companion (host team registration: by 4 Feb)
- T Train early; learn the Alpha mindset and some skills (training registration: by 14 Feb)

Questions? Email alpha@sism.org.sg.

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



NOTICES

CHANGE OF E2 SERVICE TIMING

Please note that **from Sun, 03 Mar 2024**, our E2 service timing will change to **10.45am**.

There will no longer be an 11.15am service.

SJSM LIBRARY REOPENING - Sat, 17 Feb

The SJSM Library will once again be welcoming users **from Sat, 17 Feb!** Come by the Book Giveaway Table outside Christ Sanctuary before and after services on the weekend of 17/18 Feb.

PARENTS IN JUNIOR CHURCH: E2 attendees

If you are a parent who attends E2, and your child is aged 3–10, come find out about our exciting plans for 2024! **Date:/Time/Venue** Sun, 04 Feb • 10.10am • Agape Hall

If you missed the SES and E1 briefings on 27/28 Jan, come join us or email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sq for information.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS @ COMMUNITY HALL

As we dive into the new year, we acknowledge and thank all the lovely sponsors and contributors who have been a part of our shared journey so far!

Come and be a part of our 2024 hospitality effort! Sign up individually, with friends, or mobilise your cell. Get in touch with Chwee Ling at chweeling@hotmail.com or 9623 0415 for details and to find out what works for you.

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:** <u>sjsmcamp@sjsm.org.sg</u>

Ps Andrew Gardener is Senior Pastor of The Vine Church, a multicultural and multi-generational international church in Hong Kong. He oversees its executive leadership team and is devoted to creatively telling the Gospel story.

ALPHA SJSM: 1st Run of 2024

In this new season of radical hospitality, let's pull together and provide opportunities for the many pre-believers around us to encounter God through Alpha.

Dates: 01 Mar-17 May

The Introduction and Celebration Dinners, as well as Alpha Day, will be at SJSM. Let's start planning and preparing!

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

C – Come on board (host team registration: by 4 Feb)

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

Get details at https://www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html. Questions? Email alpha@sjsm.org.sg.

ORDINARY TIME.

Cedar (Cedrus libani) was a highly prized building material in Iron Age Israel, and was used in the construction of both the First and Second Temples. This stately tree with magnificent evergreen foliage is also a slow grower known for deep roots that efficiently seek out hidden water. How apt for this season, whose liturgical colour, green, reminds us to prioritise our spiritual life and development! In this new season of Radical Hospitality, let us seek to grow in knowledge and discernment so as to follow God's leading in practical ways.



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 <u>info@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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@sism.org.sq.

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 cheaues

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. Group Administrator, Church Operations
- 2. Team Lead, Information Technology

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

STAFF APPOINTMENT

We welcome **Kelvin Mok** to the SJSM staff team (w.e.f. Thu, 1 Feb 2024) as Pastoral Staff, Heartbeat (NextGen).

STAFF MOVEMENT

- We thank the Lord for Thomas Lim (Team Lead, Facilities Management), who has moved on after 2 years of service with us. His last day with us was 31 Jan 2024. May God bless him as he enters a new season of life and ministry.
- Jonathan Huang has taken over as Team Lead, Facilities Management, w.e.f. Thu, 1 Feb 2024.

PROVINCIAL SUNDAY: 4 FEB 2024

We thank God for the work He has been doing through the dioceses in the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia. If you wish contribute to the work of our Province, you may do so via our church (see Giving information on the left). Please remember to indicate 'Provincial Sunday 2024' as a reference code.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL 2024 –

Ever Changing World, Never Changing Word

Get softcopies of the Bible Society of Singapore's Lenten devotional at \$\$3.15 each (excluding GST) from the Bible Society website, at https://payhip.com/b/TXz0d.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- Elena Chen Meiyi and family (husband: David Chong; sons: Caleb, Isaac, and Solomon). Elena's beloved grandmother, Mdm Ng Sok Kheng, was called home to the Lord on Sun, 28 Jan 2024.
- Catherine Wang and family (sons: Glenn and Glavin), on the loss of Catherine's beloved husband, Mr Soh Khar Hoe on Tue. 30 Jan 2024.
- Angela Leow Chuan Yun and family (mother: Lim Mui Kian; husband: Paul Wong Weng Yi; sons: Elijah and Ezekiel).
 Angela's beloved father, Mr Leow Ah Sai, was called home to the Lord on Thu, 1 Feb 2024.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Dec 2023 (\$)	Dec 2023 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	8,005,927	667,161
General Fund (Actual collections)	7,726,668	794,037
Excess / (Shortfall)	(279,259)	126,876

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalms 29, 67; Deuteronomy 8:1–10; Matthew 6:25–end **COLLECT:** Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by Your healing power make whole both men and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

• Chinese New Year (CNY). May God bless all SJSMers with a joyful and meaningful CNY season as families and friends gather for celebrations. May we learn to practise radical hospitality that welcomes others with God's love. Pray for the strengthening of relationships. May we be ready to engage meaningfully with seekers, and invite them to Alpha (Introductory Dinner on Fri, 1 Mar). (Jn 4:34–36)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• SJSM Nursing Home. (a) Pray anointing upon Mun Leong (Director of Nursing). Pray for good team spirit amongst the NH staff, for patience and wisdom to manage challenging situations and smooth adjustment to changes due to new nursing managers. May they enjoy doing their best to serve the residents with a sense of calling. (b) Pray for a joyful time at the CNY celebration lunch (Tue, 20 Feb) for the NH residents and Little Seeds Preschool children. May God's presence facilitate intergenerational interaction through the various ongoing programmes at the NH, bringing warmth to the lonely residents, and inspiring the young to learn compassion and respect for the elderly. (Zech 8:4–5; Lev 19:32)

OUR DIOCESE

• Clergy. Let's join our clergy in their ministry struggle by praying to God for them (Ro 15:30). Pray that they will make prayer and intimacy with God their first priority before ministry, and that the Church would recognise these as the Lord's priorities for their wholeness. Pray that their identity in Christ would be the source of their ministry, and that out of their abiding in Christ they shepherd His people in His ways.

OUR NATION

• **Government**. May supreme wisdom guide our government in all key decisions concerning foreign affairs and our national security. Pray for divine protection over the sovereignty of Singapore. Pray that the proposed royal inquiry by Malaysia to revisit the handling of territorial disputes regarding Pedra Branca will not undermine the relationship between the two nations. May the Lord work out His good purposes through healthy bilareral relations.

THE WORLD

• **State Leaders.** May nations be blessed by the installation of leaders of integrity, fairness, and wisdom. Pray for God's hand over these upcoming elections: (a) National Assembly Election in Pakistan (8 Feb); (b) Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Indonesia (14 Feb). May the outcome of the elections contribute to the promotion of religious freedom and tolerance, and to the furtherance of peace and stability in the world.

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*.



LENT 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Wed, 14 Feb
- 8pm
- Glory Sanctuary

Speaker:

Mr Richard Lau





culture, and chat with and pray for our missionaries and the work God has called them to do. Light refreshments will be provided.

BIBLICAL PARENTING

Note: Parents who wish their children to undergo infant baptism are required to attend.

Thu, 29 Feb 6.45pm-10pm @ B405 Come find out what the Bible says about the purpose, principles, and practice of biblical parenting.



Please sign up by Sun, 11 Feb via the QR code on the left

Bishop of Singapore The Most 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 Perivanavakam Revd Calvin Tan Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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