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SUN, 11 Feb 2024

Sunday services

Combined Bilingual

Chinese New Year Service – 10am*

(Christ Sanctuary & [online](#))

Tamil – 10am

(Bethel Auditorium & Chapel)

Filipino – 1.30pm

(Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

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► **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*

THIS SUNDAY'S SERMON

SUN, 11 FEB 2024

10am • Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Service

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

Please note: From 03 Mar, Sunday service times will change to 8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

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 on 11 Feb 2024

Families are encouraged to attend the Combined Bilingual Chinese New Year Service together.

CLASSES RESUME 17/18 FEB '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

**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/sjsmchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

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



SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 13 Feb

7.45pm **KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (4/10)**
(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Wed, 14 Feb

7.30pm **Tamil Ash Wednesday Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

8pm **Ash Wednesday Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary)

Thu, 15 Feb

2pm **Seniors' Fellowship** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

Sat, 17 Feb

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 @ Chara Room, Charis Room & L4 rooms)

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

Sun, 18 Feb

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 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
(will change to 10.45am from 03 Mar) [sjsm.online.church](https://www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html), [SJSM 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 Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;
email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

2pm **Faith Foundations I (2/4)** (Onsite @ B404/405)

Alpha Training-cum-Prayer (1/2) (Onsite @ Agape Hall)

Misc. details

Sermons

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent on Heart of Transformation
(Joel 2:12–16;
John 1:35–39),
by Mr Richard Lau

SAT & SUN

He Forgives the Sinner
(Luke 7:36–50),
by Mr Allen Lim

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! 1st Run of 2024: 1 Mar–17 May. Find out more at www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html.



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.

Visit <http://tinyurl.com/SJSMlibrarypatron> and apply to become a library member today so that you can start borrowing books! Our online catalogue is also available for browsing at <https://17847.rmwebopac.com/>.

MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP TEA: CENTRAL AND EAST ASIA

Date: Sat, 17 Feb 2024

Time/Venue: 9am–12pm @ Bethel Auditorium

Come join us at the first Missions Fellowship Tea (MFT) of the year! We'll be sharing ministry updates from the field, learning about culture, and chatting and praying with our missionaries about the work God has called them to do. Light refreshments will be provided.

Sign up at <https://form.jotform.com/240228202447044> by **Sun, 11 Feb** to let us know you'll be coming.

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 if you'd like to contribute food, or **Wendy** at 9137 0033 if you'd like to serve in one of the teams.

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

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.

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 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. Group Administrator, Church Operations
 2. 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 SJSJ? 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.

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL 2024 –

Ever Changing World, Never Changing Word

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

SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

This group, which meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, aims to provide a community for the elderly to edify one another.

Date/Time: Thu, 15 Feb @ 2pm

Venue: Bethel Auditorium

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

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan 2024 (\$)	Jan 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM
General Fund (Actual collections)	912,178	912,178
Excess / (Shortfall)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalms 27, 150; Exodus 24:12–end; 2 Corinthians 3:12–end

COLLECT: Merciful Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace: that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 1 Mar). (Jn 4:34–36)
- **Lent (starts 14 Feb – Ash Wednesday).** May this be a season of soul-searching for SJSMers, as we meditate on the heart of Christ which led Him to Calvary. May our meditations bring us to the place of self-awareness, humility, and deep repentance, that we may experience personal revival and far deeper intimacy with the Lord, and identify with His passion for the lost.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Intergenerational (IG) Integration.** Pray for (a) seamless integration of IG activities into the Little Seeds Preschool (LSP) curriculum; may the SJSM Nursing Home (NH) residents and LSP children enjoy the activities together (Zech 8:4–5; Lev 19:32); (b) the IG CNY celebration lunch (20 Feb) for the NH residents and LSP children to be filled with joy, and to forge positive bonds; (c) God's hand over the production of the CNA docuseries on IG activities, which will focus on six NH residents and six LSP children. Pray for smooth filming, and for an excellent presentation that will inspire Singaporeans to appreciate the importance of healthy IG interaction, shaping social values and our nation's character. May the series bring glory to God!

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 Singapore's sovereignty. 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 bilateral relations.

THE WORLD

- **Indonesia.** Pray for wise counsels to guide the state leaders of Indonesia, that righteousness may reign in the land, aligning her for His blessings of peace and prosperity. Pray for God's hand over the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections (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.

Q1 & Q2 2024 theme: Church Life



SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP



Seniors Fellowship
WhatsApp community



Thu, 15 Feb • 2pm •
Bethel Auditorium

We're building a community for the elderly to edify one another! Scan the QR code to join our online community and receive regular updates!

Come join us!

Queries?
Email mich@sjsm.org.sg

LENT 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

- Wed, 14 Feb
- 8pm
- Glory Sanctuary

Speaker:
Mr Richard Lau



CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Fri, 23 Feb
7.45pm @ Christ Sanctuary

Prayer focus:
Marketplace & Education

Jesus says:
"My house shall be called
a house of prayer."

Church, let's continue to
keep the fire burning
through fervent, united prayers!



Library Reopening

17/18 FEB 2024

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR

ENHANCED SERVICES!

www.sjsm.org.sg/library



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

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Revd Calvin Tan
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