



▶ LENT.

By featuring the purple blooms of the hyssop plant, we spotlight the liturgical colour for Lent, which represents Christ's sufferings and is associated with humility as well as repentance and penance. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of quiet reflection, and is typically a time for practising the spiritual disciplines of fasting and prayer.

Live-streamed; for all other service details, please refer to inside pages Heartbeat – 2.30pm (Shalom Hall & <u>online</u>) 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, 17 FEB 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) & **5pm (SES)** Radical Grace, Extraordinary Love (Ephesians 2:1–9; Luke 7:36–50), by Mr Allen Lim

SUN, 18 FEB 2024

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)* Radical Grace, Extraordinary Love (Ephesians 2:1–9; Luke 7:36–50), by Mr Allen Lim

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

God's Hospitality in the Gospel of Luke

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)

@14 rooms

Enquiries? Email richardkwan@sjsm.org.sq

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.sq

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

Combined Bilingual CNY Service https://vimeo.com/912002469

Vision Sunday 2024

https://vimeo.com/898844619

All/Other services

https://vimeo.com/channels/sismchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 20 Feb

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (5/10)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 22 Feb

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

<u>Fri, 23 Feb</u>

7.45pm Church Prayer Gathering (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sat, 24 Feb

2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on YouTube.

Email heartbeat@sism.ora.sa for more information or to ioin)

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

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

Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; email sismc@sism.org.sq for more information or to join)

Sun, 25 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.sq for more information or to join)

11am Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ C205;

email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sq for more information or to join)

11.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary: live-streamed via

(will change sjsm.online.church, SJSM Facebook, and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

to 10.45am Junior Church & Teen Encounter

from 03 Mar) (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 Rooms)

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

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

2pm Faith Foundations I (3/4) (Onsite @ B404/405)

Alpha Training-cum-Prayer (2/2) (Online via Zoom)

Misc. details

Sermons

HEARTBEAT

Mary and Martha (Leaders'

Commissioning)

(Luke 10:38–42), by Revd Calvin Tan

SES, E1 & E2

Mary and

Martha (Leaders' Commissioning)

(Luke 10:38–42), by Revd Victor Teo

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>

Youth Ministry

Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11– 13) and Heartbeat

(ages 14–20). To find out more, email 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).



NOTICES .

CHANGE OF E2 SERVICE TIMING

Do 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

From Sat, 17 Feb, the SJSM Library is open to users! Come by the Book Giveaway Table outside Christ Sanctuary before/after service this weekend (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/. Get more details at www.sjsm.org.sg/library.html.

MEN4MEN

Join us for an enriching time of fellowship, as we journey together towards deeper unity in our shared faith!

Date: Fri, 8 Mar

Time: 7pm (dinner; pre-event registration needed);

8pm (main programme) **Venue:** Bethel Auditorium

Register by Fri, 1 Mar via https://tinyurl.com/SJSMm4m. Need more information? Contact Paul Lee at 9819 7275, or visit www.sism.org.sg/men4men.html.

OVERNIGHT CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Let's gather for a time of intensive and intentional prayer to keep the fire burning! All SJSMers from all our various congregations, fellowships, and language streams are invited to this special overnight session.

Date: Fri, 22 Mar-Sat, 23 Mar

Time/Venue: 10pm-6am @ Shalom Hall

We will be praying over ourselves, our nation, and the world over four main segments (10pm, 12am, 2am, 4am); refreshments will be provided throughout, and we will end at 6am for fellowship over breakfast.

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.

Registration for the camp will open on Sat, 23 Mar. Keep

a lookout for more details coming soon!

LENT.

Hyssop (Hyssopus officinalis) is named 11 times in the Bible: nine times in the Old Testament and twice in the New, Because of its use in cleansing and purification rituals, for the application of blood, and its appearance at Calvary, it is associated with redemptive sacrifice. Purple dye/pigment was expensive and exclusive to royalty in Jesus' day, so it is no surprise that this colour has been tagged to the season of Lent. Let's make full use of this 40-day period, and seek God intently to discern His will for us — as individuals and as the body of Christ.



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.sa.

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.sq/recruitment for details.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Sat, 9 Mar 2024

Join us for dinner after SES on Sat, 9 Mar. For just \$8, you'll get a bento, drinks, and dessert! WhatsApp Esther at 9785 5414 to confirm attendance and arrange payment by Sun, 3 Mar.

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

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.

ANNUAL LEADERS' COMMISSIONING: 24/25 Feb

We are grateful for the leaders God has raised in our midst, who have willingly stepped forward to take on cell and/or ministry leadership responsibilities in SJSM. Let us support them in prayer as they are commissioned at Heartbeat, SES, E1, and E2 next weekend, 24/25 Feb 2024.

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.

BABY ARRIVAL - CONGRATULATIONS TO...

lan Lim and Deborah Tengara on the arrival of their firstborn daughter, Danielle Lim Zhen Qin, on Thu, 8 Feb 2024.

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 77; Exodus 34:1-10; Romans 10:8b-13

COLLECT: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- Lent. May the Lord graciously meet us where we are, and enlighten us to think His thoughts and to know His heart as His journey towards Calvary unfolds in our Lenten meditations. Pray for a refreshing experience of His radical love that invites a radical surrendering of our lives to Him. May we learn to let Christ live His life through us, manifesting His Person, instead of imitating holiness by the work of the flesh. (Gal 2:20)
- **Witnessing.** Continue to pray for our eyes to be open to see the harvest field around us, and envision the possible transformation of lives through the Son. Pray for many to invite guests to the coming Alpha course (Introductory Dinner on 1 Mar). (Ro 10:14-15)

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 these activities together (Zech 8:4–5; Lev 19:32); (b) for the NH residents and LSP children to be filled with joy and to forge positive bonds at the IG Chinese New Year celebration lunch (20 Feb); (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 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**. (a) Pray for a smooth premiership transition as it edges closer. May God empower Mr Lawrence Wong with strong leadership to meet every challenge that Singapore faces. (b) Pray for the upcoming Budget Debate to be constructive and fruitful. May every parliamentarian engage in political processes with utmost integrity, working towards serving the common good of the nation.

THE WORLD

• Iran Elections (1 Mar). Pray earnestly for religious freedom and revival to come to Iran, whose people group is one of the most receptive to the gospel in Central Asia. Pray for God's hand upon the elections on Fri, 1 Mar 2024 which will define both the composition of the parliament and also the Council of Experts, which is empowered to appoint the Supreme Religious Leader (currently Ali Khamenei). Pray that the elections will be held in a relatively transparent and democratic atmosphere, and that the outcome will contribute to the promotion of religious tolerance, and to the furtherance of peace and stability in the world. (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.sq.

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!



17/18 FEB 2024

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR

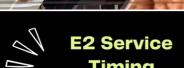
ENHANCED SERVICES!

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Timing
Change





FROM Sun, 03 Mar





CONFIRMATION COURSE



Sessions

07, 14, 21, 28 Apr & 05 May

1.30pm-3.30pm @ B405/B404

Confirmation Service Sun, 19 May (E2)

<u>Note:</u> This course is essential for baptised Christians who wish to be Confirmed in the Anglican Church.

Scan the QR code to sign up by Sun, 31 Mar.

Need more information?

- Email <u>ce@sjsm.org.sq</u>
- Visit www.sjsm.org.sg/courses



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