



▶ 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, 24 FEB 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Mary and Martha (Leaders' Commissioning) (Luke 10:38–42), by Revd Calvin Tan | 5pm (SES) Mary and Martha (Leaders' Commissioning) (Luke 10:38–42), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 25 FEB 2024

8.15am (E1) & 11.15am (E2)* Mary and Martha (Leaders' Commissioning) (Luke 10:38–42), by Revd Victor Teo *From next Sun. 03 Mar. E2 service will start at 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)

@14 rooms

Enquiries? Email richardkwan@sism.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@sism.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 pastoralcare@sjsm.org.sq or counselling@sjsm.org.sq

If you are **homebound** and require Holy Communion, please fill in a form by scanning the OR 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

Combined Bilingual CNY Service

https://vimeo.com/912002469

Vision Sunday 2024

https://vimeo.com/898844619

All/Other services

https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch

HEARTBEAT services

https://tinvurl.com/3dvvbbmr

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 27 Feb

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (6/10)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 28 Feb

7pm **Biblical Parenting** (Onsite @ B405)

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

Fri, 01 Mar

7pm Alpha Intro Dinner (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sat, 02 Mar

9am Marriage Preparation Course (1/7)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sq 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 sismc@sjsm.org.sq for more information or to join)

Sun, 03 Mar

8.15am **English Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall, L4 Rooms & Prayer Loft)

10am Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

email <u>sismc@sism.org.sq</u> for more information or to join)

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium:

email <u>solomon@sjsm.orq.sq</u> for more information or to join)

10.45am English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

(Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall, L4 Rooms & Prayer Loft)

Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ B402;

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

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

email juanita@sjsm.org.sq for more information)

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

Misc. details

Sermons

HEARTBEAT

by Mr James Cheong

SES

A Story of Two Unnamed Ladies (Mark 5:22–42), by Ms Amy Lau

E1 & E2

Four Questions to Ask in 2024 (Acts 9:1–16), by Mr Ross Paterson

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 <u>richardkwan@sjsm.</u> 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).

CHANGE OF E2 SERVICE TIMING

Note: From next Sun, 03 Mar 2024, our E2 service timing will change to 10.45am.

There will no longer be an 11.15am service.

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 this weekend.

Below is the list of newly appointed leaders in the adult congregation for 2024:

Cell Leaders: Angeline Wee, Caleb Goh, Daryl Ho, Delci Lau, Emmaline Thor, Erica Lee, Goldman Ng, Jadyn Teo, Karen Goh, Matthew Tay, Rachael Kwan, Regina Chua, Rodney Chin, Sheun Li Yen, Tan San San, Wee Chow Hou

Alpha: Tammy Choo, Pearly Huang, Karen Tay

Hospitality: Chessa Tan

Junior Church: Peter Chutatape, Katie Goh, Chong Weeting, Alexia Quek, Amy Low, Alicia Lim, Sharon Mok,

Michelle Thor, Chang Ti Ling, Joyce Chao Lay Readers: Yip Chee Hung, Mok King Wee

Missions: Andrew Chen, Abigail Wong, Chan Kin Keong,

Jane Goh, Goh Juan Hui

HOLY WEEK 2024 SERVICES - Save the Dates!

Maundy Thursday - Thu, 28 Mar

• 8pm @ Christ Sanctuary Holy Communion Service

Good Friday - Fri, 29 Mar

- 8.15am @ Christ Sanctuary
- 10.45am @ Christ Sanctuary
 Junior Church runs concurrently @ Chara, Charis,
 and Agape Hall

Resurrection Sunday – Sun, 31 Mar

- 7.30am Dawn Service @ Christ Sanctuary Holy Communion Service
- 10.30am Evangelistic Children's Programme

 @ Shalom Hall
- 10.45am Gospel Service @ Christ Sanctuary

Do prayerfully consider inviting your pre-believing loved ones and friends, especially for the **Resurrection Sunday Gospel Service**.

Details on all Holy Week Services, including those run by our Chinese, Tamil, Filipino and Indonesian congregations, are available at www.sjsm.org.sg/holy-week.html.

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.sq.

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
- 3. Team Lead, Communications

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

CONFIRMATION COURSE

If you wish to be confirmed in the Anglican Church and become a member of SJSM, registration for the Confirmation Course is now open.

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 Apr & 5 May

Time/Venue: 1.30–3.30pm @ B405/404 Confirmation Service: Sun, 19 May (E2)

Register by Sun, 31 Mar at http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/60/public, after which information on required documents will be provided; enquiries can be emailed to ce@sism.org.sg.

SJSM WELCOME LUNCH

If you joined our church within the last year or so, come have lunch with us so we can properly welcome you! Our vicar, Revd Victor Teo, will be there to give you an introduction to SJSM, the structure of the Anglican church, our ministries, and our Village.

Date: Sun, 17 Mar

Time/Venue: 12.30pm @ Community Hall

Sign up today at https://forms.gle/Vjz9itoGETcYpi41A.

SAVE THE DATES – CHURCH CAMP 2024

Dates: Mon-Thu, 10-13 Jun 2024

Venue: Courtyard Melaka & The Pines Melaka, Malaysia Camp Speaker: Ps Andrew Gardener, The Vine Church Children's Programme Speaker: Ps Raymond Sim,

St. Andrew's Community Chapel Contact: sjsmcamp@sjsm.org.sq

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

a lookout for more details coming soon!

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Ricky Teo and family (wife: Audrey Cheang; children: Hannah and Nathanael). Ricky's beloved father, Mr Teo Boon Chin, was called home to the Lord on Tue, 20 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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 105:1–6, 37–end; Isaiah 51:1–11; Galatians 3:1–9, 23–end **COLLECT**: Lord God Almighty, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- Leaders. Give thanks for those who have willingly stepped forward to take on ministry leadership responsibilities. May God help them to keep spiritual disciplines, and greatly increase their sensitivity to discern between His voice and the voices of man, that they may serve according to His will and with restedness. May they be as John the Baptist, making disciples who follow after Jesus. (Jn 10:27; 1 Co 11:1)
- Alpha. Pray for all hosts and guests to have an enjoyable experience and to bond well at the Alpha Introductory Dinner (1 Mar). Pray for more guests to join the Alpha course, and for the Spirit to prepare their hearts to receive God's redeeming love (Jn 6:44). Pray for the joy of salvation to move SJSMers to live a Spirit-empowered lifestyle of evangelism (2 Co 5:18).

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- St. Andrew's Senior Care (Dover). Pray for SASC (Dover)'s successful application to the relevant authorities to lease the void deck of Block 2, Dover Road. This is so that its daily activities for seniors can be moved from Block 4 to Block 2 by the end of March 2024, when its Active Ageing Programme transits into an Active Ageing Centre. Pray that this will greatly enhance SASC (Dover)'s capacity to serve the seniors.
- Little Seeds Preschool (St. John's St. Margaret's). Pray for the 24 children who have recently enrolled into LSP (SJSM), that they will settle in seamlessly. May God quicken their hearts to respond to the sowing of Gospel seeds. Ask God to refresh the staff team daily with a renewed sense of His calling. Pray for more teachers who love God and children to join the school. May they enjoy serving as a team, and encourage one another to see the potential in each child and to sow into these young lives. (Col 3:23; Ps 133)

OUR NATION

• **Budget 2024.** Pray for wisdom to guide our government in stewarding the nation's resources and in bolstering support for Singaporeans from all walks of life. May God reign over the parliamentary process for Budget 2024 and bring about what is best in His perspective for Singapore. Pray for Singaporeans to exhibit fairness and respect when engaging in political discourse. (1 Ti 2:1–2; Tit 3:1–2)

THE WORLD

• United States of America. Pray for spiritual awakening and revival to come to the US. May its people, especially those who are believers, rise above the noises of political propaganda and choose their state leaders wisely. Pray for God's hand upon the processes running up to the presidential and congressional elections in November. May the leaders of His choice be installed, that this nation may serve God's purposes. (Dan 2:21; Pr 14:34)

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.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS





Friday, 8 March 2024 @ Bethel Auditorium



- 7pm, Dinner (registration needed)
- · 8pm, Programme

Register by 1 March to chope your seat & dinner! More details at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men</u> Questions? Contact Paul Lee (9819 7275)

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Sat, 09 Mar (dinner)

 purchase voucher(s) by Sun, 03 Mar
 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/SJSMsvcfeedbak or scan the OR code above)

OVERNIGHT

CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Fri-Sat, 22-23 Mar 10pm-6am Shalom Hall

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

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



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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Dover Celebrates Christmas 2023 — Looking Back, to Look Ahead

A Quick Look at Statistics

In the month or so that has passed since Dover Celebrates Christmas 2023 (DCC23), we've gathered feedback and inputs from the various parties who were involved, and are glad to be able to now provide a brief round-up of the event as we set notes and records in order for the benefit of the next planning team. If you were among those who offered comments, please rest assured that they have been noted.

All in all, 5,000 individuals were here in SJSM Village on Sat, 23 Dec 2023 (we thank God for the pleasant weather!). They were hosted by about 470 volunteers from SJSM, SJSM Nursing Home, and Dover CCMC. It was truly an amazing turnout; more than 3,600 of the 4,000 tickets printed were sold (and more than 900 of those were purchased and then given away by SJSMers). We're extremely heartened





by the fact that SJSMers bought 1,076 DCC23 T-shirts and are even continuing to wear them after the event.

And while the two Watoto Children's Choir concerts were not part of DCC23, they were very much a part of SJSM's Christmas celebrations that weekend, and we're very glad that they were attended by about 970 individuals that same afternoon.

God's Grace and Radical Hospitality in Action

We're so proud of our SJSM family — many stories have come in from DCC23 that have shown how our people have taken hold of the call to radical hospitality and made a genuine effort to live it out. And also, how God's hand of provision was very obviously over all the plans and proceedings.



From how God brought in exactly the right servers who would be able to run the Watoto concerts independently (to the relief of all when the main coordinator caught COVID the day before!), to visitors who happened to meet SISMers at the right time and right place to direct them to where they needed or wanted to go, and even the multiple accounts of SJSMers who went around giving away tickets to visitors who looked like they needed or would benefit from them... the list goes on. Not to mention the "happy chaos" at Glory Sanctuary during the Children's Party, at which we saw a larger turnout than expected — and the blinding speed at which the entire place was cleaned up and re-set for the next event!

There were also visitors who were so touched by the warm welcome they received that they came for one of the Christmas Eve Services the next day.

A Platform for Community Building

One beautiful result from this mass effort was the forming of new friendships, the strengthening of existing ones, and the camaraderie that many cells and families experienced as they came together to serve. Members who attended different services had opportunity to get to know one another, and present a unified welcome to our neighbours, families, and friends.

It was a glimpse of how, when we come together as the body of Christ to be His hands and feet, we can truly be a beacon of light and a channel of His blessing to our community and beyond.



To view all the DCC23-related videos and clips, Scan the QR code or visit https://vimeo.com/showcase/10831154

