



#### **▶ 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), 10.45am\* (Christ Sanctuary & online) Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary) Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium & Chapel) Indonesian Fellowship – 10.45am (B402) Filipino – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

## Junior Church & Teen Encounter Details on pages 2–3

## THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 02 MAR 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Radical Righteousness (Matthew 21:12–13), by Mr James Cheong **5pm (SES)** A Story of Two Unnamed Ladies (Mark 5:22–42), by Ms Amy Lau

SUN, 03 MAR 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2) Four Questions to Ask in 2024 (Acts 9:1–16; Luke 9:18–20), by Ps Ross Paterson

#### **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)

@ B403, B404, B405, Prayer Loft C303

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 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

**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, 05 Feb

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (7/10)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 07 Mar

2pm Seniors' Fellowship (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

Fri, 08 Mar

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

Sat, 09 Mar

9am Marriage Preparation Course (2/7)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room & L4 rooms) Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

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

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

Sun, 10 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 sismc@sism.org.sq 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.sq/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)

\*No Heartbeat Svc on Sat, 9 Mar in view of the FOPx Conference

Misc. details

Sermons

SES, E2 & E2\*

Forgiving as God Forgives (Luke 10:25–37),

(Luke 10:25–37), by Revd Victor Teo

**Cell Groups** 

Looking for a group to grow and serve with? Join a cell group! For more information, write to cell@sism.org.sa

**Youth Ministry** 

Comprises Teen Encounter (ages 11– 13) and Heartbeat\* (ages 14–20). To find out more, email <u>richardkwan@sjsm.</u>

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 <a href="https://www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html">www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html</a>.

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).

#### **HOLY WEEK 2024 SERVICES**

Maundy Thursday - Thu, 28 Mar

• 8pm @ Christ Sanctuary Holy Communion Service

### Good Friday - Fri, 29 Mar

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

## Resurrection Sunday - Sun, 31 Mar

- 7.30am Easter Dawn Service @ Christ Sanctuary Holy Communion Service
- 10.30am Evangelistic Children's Programme @ Shalom Hall
- 10.45am Easter Gospel Service @ Christ Sanctuary & live-streamed online

Do prayerfully consider inviting your pre-believing loved ones and friends, especially for the Easter 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.

#### PRAYER JOURNEY: 15-31 Mar @ Shalom Hall 3

A Prayer Journey is a contemplative space where individuals can progress in an unhurried manner through a series of immersive installations where they are encouraged to linger, contemplate, pray, and listen to hear the Lord speak. SJSM has hosted various Prayer Journeys since the 2000s, of varying size and themes. This year, we are drawn to the powerful love story of Christ's Passion. We invite one and all to come and take time to remember, examine ourselves, and allow His love to transform us.

As part of the preparation and set-up, we are appealing for the loan of the following items for use in the installations:

Standing/Desk/Floor lamps that emit warm yellow light; medium-sized rugs; curtains/large pieces of fabric in solid colours: cushions: tablecloths.

If you can lend us any of the above, please fill in the form at https://forms.gle/ExirEcpt5Qi6FLyt5 and bring the items to the Concourse at the following dates/times:

- 2 Mar & 9 Mar (Saturdays) 4pm-6pm
  3 Mar & 10 Mar (Sundays) 9.30am-12pm

All items will be returned after the project is completed. We regret that we will be unable to store or dispose of them past the return dates (6/7 Apr).

Please write to *mingli@sjsm.org.sg* if you have guestions.

## **DIOCESAN DIGEST - February 2024**

Visit www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/ to download a copy, for the latest diocesan news and developments.

#### 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@sism.org.sg

Teen Encounter: richardkwan@sjsm.org.sq

## **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
- 3. Team Lead, Communications

To apply, visit www.sjsm.org.sg/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 dinner, 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 <a href="http://tinyurl.com/SJSMsvcfeedbak">http://tinyurl.com/SJSMsvcfeedbak</a>.

#### SENIORS' FELLOWSHIP

Building a community for the elderly to edify one another.

**Date/Time:** Thu, 7 Mar @ 2pm **Venue:** Bethel Auditorium

If you have queries or need more information, get in touch with Michelle at *mich@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

To secure your place at the Welcome Lunch, do sign up by Mon, 11 Mar at https://forms.gle/Viz9itoGETcYpi41A.

#### **OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...**

- Pamelia Chew and family (husband: Timothy Chew; children: Jasmine and Jeremiah). Pamelia's beloved mother, Mdm Margaret Eng Soo Cheng, was called home to the Lord on Thu, 22 Feb 2024.
- Jimmy Phoon (wife: Janice), Phoon Chee Meng (wife: Lily), Phoon Han Meng (wife: Sabrina) and their families; their beloved mother, Mdm See Ah Moi, was called home to the Lord on Sun, 25 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

#### **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 18:1–25; Jeremiah 38; Philippians 1:1–26

**COLLECT**: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

#### **OUR PARISH**

- Caring. May SJSM be a caring family. Pray for a deep work of spiritual and emotional healing to free us from encumbrances (unforgiveness, shame, guilt, fears, etc.) that hinder our receiving of God's overflowing grace, which naturally emanates care for others. May we serve as wounded healers to those who are struggling with mental and emotional stress. (Ps 34:18; 2 Cor 1:3–4)
- Lent. (a) Pray for the Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of SJSMers to desire a deeper intimacy with Him. Pray for SJSMers to respond to His call to enter the tent of meeting at the overnight CPG (22–23 Mar) to seek and behold Him who brought us the Good News at the cost of Calvary. May He ignite in each of us a holy desperation for personal and corporate revival, that we may grow to become His bride. (Lev 6:12–13; Is 56:7)
  (b) Pray anointing over Lau Ming Li and her team as they prepare and install the Prayer Journey (15–31 Mar). Pray that through this project, SJSMers will encounter God afresh, receive Christ's radical hospitality and love, be spiritually nourished and invigorated, and have their first love restored. Out of this intimacy with Christ, may this Lenten season of renewal and recommitment to Him see us motivated to extend love and hospitality to others, for His glory.

#### **OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY**

• St. John's - St. Margaret's Nursing Home (SJSM NH). Pray anointing upon Tang 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 serve the residents with a sense of calling.

#### **OUR NATION**

• Mental Health. As the government makes mental well-being a key priority, pray for wisdom to guide the forging and implementation of national strategies to reverse the deterioration of mental health in our nation. Pray for the right people from the health, social, and education sectors to serve in the National Mental Health Office (to be set up by 2025) to oversee this arena, including the shaping of social attitudes and behavioural patterns. Pray especially for parents, professionals, policy makers, and social media companies to devote efforts to helping youngsters use social media within healthy boundaries. (Jer 29:7; Pr 22:6)

#### THE WORLD

• United States of America. Pray for spiritual awakening and revival to come to the US. May her 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)

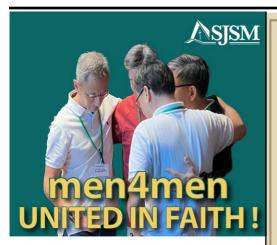
#### **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Download the latest file at www.anglican.org.sq.

#### PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

To join an intercession group, write to <a href="mailto:prayer@sjsm.org.sg">prayer@sjsm.org.sg</a>.

## **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 www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men *Ouestions? Contact Paul Lee (9819 7275)* 

## 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.



# ONFIRMATION



#### Sessions

07, 14, 21, 28 Apr & 05 May 1.30pm-3.30pm

@ B405/B404

**Confirmation Service** Sun, 19 May (E2)

Note: 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.sq/courses



# Annua Genera Meeting

Sun, 21 Apr 12.30pm **Christ Sanctuary** 

following a 10am Combined Service

More details coming soon!

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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