

SAT, 09 MAR & SUN, 10 MAR 2024

Saturday services+

English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

Sunday services

English – 8.15am (Christ Sanctuary), 10.45am* (Christ Sanctuary & <u>online</u>) 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

⁺No Heartbeat Svc on Sat, 09 Mar in view of the FOPx Conference *Live-streamed; for all other service details, please refer to inside pages

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 guiet

reflection, and is typically a time for practising

the spiritual disciplines of fasting and prayer.

► LENT.

WELCOME TO SJSM

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 09 MAR 2024 5pm (SES) The Good Neighbour (Luke 10:25–37), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 10 MAR 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2) The Good Neighbour (Luke 10:25–37), by Revd Victor Teo

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) & 10.45am (E2) @ B403, B404, B405, Prayer Loft C303 Enquiries? Email richardkwan@sism.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) & 10.45am (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 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 **Combined Bilingual CNY Service** https://vimeo.com/912002469

Ps Ross Paterson: 03 Mar 2024 https://vimeo.com/898844619 **All/Other services** https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch **HEARTBEAT** services https://tinvurl.com/3dvvbbmr











SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Tue, 12 Feb</u>

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (8/10) (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

<u>Thu, 14 Mar</u>

8pm Healing Svc (Onsite @ Chapel; email <u>thssism@gmail.com</u> for more info)

<u>Fri, 15 Mar</u>

5pm Launch of Prayer Journey 2024 (Onsite @ Shalom Hall 3; all are welcome! Details at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer-journey.html</u>)

Sat, 16 Mar

- 9am Leaders' Convention* (Onsite @ Community Hall) Marriage Preparation Course (3/7) (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.sg</u> for more information or to join)

Sun, 17 Mar

- 8.15am English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary) **Junior Church & Teen Encounter** (Onsite @ Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall, L4 Rooms & Prayer Loft) Mandarin Svc (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary; 10am email sismc@sism.org.sg for more information or to join) Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email solomon@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join) English Svc (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via 10.45am sism.online.church. SJSM Facebook. and www.sism.ora.sa/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.sg for more information or to join)
- 12.30pm SJSM Welcome Lunch (Onsite @ Community Hall; for registered attendees who have joined SJSM within the past 1 year)
- 1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

*Leaders, please note that LC will start at 9.30am in the Community Hall. Breakfast will start at 9am. Please check your email for details.

Misc. details

Sermons

SAT & SUN

The Inconvenience of Hospitality (Luke 11:5–8), by Ven Wong Tak Meng

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.

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 <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/</u>

alphacourse.html.

Join a Ministry

Volunteer with us in serving the larger church community! Find out more about the opportunities available <u>here</u> (or scan the QR code below).



NOTICES

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 Sun, 21 Apr • 12.30pm • Christ Sanctuary

Notice is hereby given that the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the members of St. John's – St. Margaret's Church will be held at Christ Sanctuary on Sunday, 21 April 2024 at 12.30pm.

All are welcome to attend, but it is crucial that Electoral Roll (ER) members be present to vote on matters that affect the church. Please also note the following:

- Nomination of Office Bearers. Online form available at <u>https://tinyurl.com/sjsmAGM2024PCCnom</u>. All nominations must be submitted by Thu, 11 Apr.
- 'Any Other Business' (AOB) items. If you wish to raise matters under AOB, please email the details to the Vicar via <u>agm@sjsm.org.sg</u> by Thu, 11 Apr.
- ER list. Available onsite for verification from Sat, 23 Mar. Only ER members are allowed to vote. To be on the ER, you must: be a Confirmed member; be at least 17 years old; have submitted an ER enrolment form. Write to <u>sjsmmembership@sjsm.org.sg</u> if you wish to be added to the ER.
- **RSVP** ER members, please remember to submit your lunch and childminding requests by **Thu**, **11** Apr at <u>https://tinyurl.com/AGM2024RSVP</u>.
- Annual Report. Will be emailed to ER members on Fri, 12 Apr. If you require a hardcopy, please submit a request by Thu, 11 Apr via <u>agm@sjsm.org.sg</u>.
- AGM webpage. All AGM-related forms, deadlines, and updates are available at <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/agm2024</u>.
 Drop us a note via <u>agm@sjsm.org.sg</u> if you have any related queries.

In view of the AGM, there will only be ONE combined English service on Sun, 21 Apr at 10am. SES on 22 Apr will carry on as usual at 5pm.

Note: The CFDC AGM will be held on Sun, 14 Apr 2024.

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 <u>http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/</u> <u>equipping/registration/60/public</u>, after which information on required documents will be provided; enquiries can be emailed to <u>ce@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

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.



STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

1. Group Administrator, Church Operations 2. Team Lead, Information Technology 3. Team Lead, Communications

For details and to apply, visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment</u>

NOTICES

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 <u>flm@sjsm.org.sg</u>.

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.

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 for His glory and His name's sake. His love is what roots us, stirring and inspiring our hearts toward radical hospitality.

This year's **Prayer Journey starts at 5pm on Fri, 15 Mar** and is open from **9am–9.30pm daily (except on Mondays)** until Sun, 31 Mar at **Shalom Hall 3**. Admission is free. Do come and tarry here with the Lord!

Visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer-journey.html</u> for more details and a map.

2024 EASTER EVE MEMORIAL SERVICES

Services will be held on **Sat, 30 Mar** at the following Christian cemeteries/columbaria:

- Choa Chua Kang Christian Cemetery @ 3pm Priests i/c: Revd Eric Yong & Revd Lew Kiat Lern
- All Saints Memorial Chapel, Poh Huat Road @ 3pm Priests i/c: Revd Lui Choo Huat & Revd Dino V Thangamany

If you wish to commemorate the death of a member of the Anglican Church at any one of these services, please email his/her name to *info@sjsm.org.sg* by **Wed**, **20 Mar**.

CHURCH CAMP: Mon-Thu, 10-13 Jun 2024

Registration will be open from **Sat**, **23 Mar–Sun**, **14 Apr**. Keep a lookout for more details coming soon!

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

- Vincent Tan and family. Vincent's beloved mother, Mdm Wee Tong Bwai, was called home to the Lord on Fri, 01 Mar 2024.
- Yvonne Tay Su-Lin and family (father: Jimmy Tay; husband: Cheen Hsien Hong; children: David, Sarah, and Joy). Yvonne's beloved mother, Mdm Jennifer Tay Peng Hee, was called home to the Lord on Sun, 03 Mar 2024.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Feb 2024 (\$)	Feb 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM
General Fund (Actual collections)	1,418,981	506,803
Excess / (Shortfall)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 27; 1 Samuel 16:1–13; John 9:1–25

COLLECT: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive His glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with Him and be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

Lent. May God pour out His Spirit upon SJSM to do that which only He can do in our hearts, so that SJSM may be fashioned to bring Him pleasure as His dwelling place.
(a) Prayer Journey (15–31 Mar). Pray for SJSMers to respond to the Lord's invitation to enter this contemplative journey with Him. Pray for fresh encounters with Jesus to hasten His work of healing, deliverance, purification, and restoration. May our meditations bring forth fruits of repentance and revival (Is 57:15)

(b) Overnight Church Prayer Gathering (22–23 Mar). Pray that the SJSM family will gather in one heart at this CPG to seek and behold Him who brought us the Good News at the cost of Calvary. Pray for a special visitation of the Lord to ignite the fires of personal and corporate revival. (Lev 6:12–13; Is 56:7)

(c) Holy Week Services. Pray anointing upon Revd Victor Teo and the staff team as they make plans for the Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday) and outreach initiatives. Pray that SJSMers will bring guests to the services, including those conducted by our Chinese, Tamil, Filipino, and Indonesian congregations.

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) 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

• **Mental Health**. As the government makes mental well-being a key priority, pray for wisdom to guide the forging and implementation of national strategy 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

• **Gaza.** Pray for God's merciful intervention to hasten the cessation of war. May the Spirit reveal the Prince of Peace, who alone can reconcile the fractured community with the God of Abraham. May the Lord protect and strengthen believers who are caught in conflicts, and grant them grace to bear the message of Easter in times of darkness (2 Thes 3:1–5).

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

Download the latest file at <u>www.anglican.org.sg</u>.

PRAYER & INTERCESSION MINISTRY

To join an intercession group, write to prayer@sjsm.org.sg.

UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS

ASISM

SUN, 17 MARCH, 2024

come

For all who've joined us in the last 12 monnths!

Time: 12.30pm | Venue: Community Hall, L3 SJSM Village Lunch is provided; come join us! Sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting https://forms.gle/Viz9itoGETcYpi41A







MISSIONS FELLOWSH TEA **SUN, 24 MAR**

2PM-5PM @ CONFERENCE RM B405

Get ministry updates from the field, learn about culture, and chat with and pray for our missionaries and the work God has called them to do. Light refreshments will be provided.



MAUNDY THURSDAY, 28 Mar

8pm • Christ Sanctuary (with Holy Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY, 29 Mar

8.15am • Christ Sanctuary 10.45am* • Christ Sanctuary

(Junior Church runs concurrently) streamed at sism.online.church and on SJSM Facebook

Please sign up by Sun, 17 Mar via the QR code on the left

ASJSM

OVERNIGHT **CHURCH PRAYER** GATHERING

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

Jesus savs: "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.



HOLY WEEK SERVICES 28 - 31 March 2024

All are welcome



Scan the QR code for more details at

www.sism.org.sg/holy-week

RESURRECTION SUNDAY, 31 Mar Easter Dawn Service 7.30am • Christ Sanctuary (with Holy Communion) Evangelistic Children's Programme 10.30am • Shalom Hall Easter Gospel Service 10.45am* • Christ Sanctuary

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 Periyanayakam Revd Calvin Tan Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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The prayer journey is accessible at Hall 3 at Shalom Hall, from 9am to 9:30pm every day except Mondays. It opens on 15 March at 5pm.