



► 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.

Heartbeat - 2.30pm* (Shalom Hall) 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, 16 MAR 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) What Will You Do With the Seed? (Luke 8:4–15), by Revd Calvin Tan **5pm (SES)** The Inconvenience of Hospitality (Philippians 2:1–13; Luke 11:5–8), by Ven Wong Tak Meng

SUN, 17 MAR 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2) The Inconvenience of Hospitality (Philippians 2:1–13; Luke 11:5–8), by Ven Wong Tak Meng

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) & 10.45am (E2)

@ B403, B404, B405, Prayer Loft C303

Enquiries? Email richardkwan@sjsm.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 <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

Ps Ross Paterson: 03 Mar 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, 19 Mar

7.45pm KTW Ecclesiastes/Song of Songs (9/10)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

Thu, 21 Mar

2pm Seniors' Fellowship (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

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

Fri, 22 Mar

10pm Overnight Church Prayer Gathering (Onsite @ Shalom Hall)

Sat, 23 Mar*

9am Marriage Preparation Course (4/7)

(Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium)

5pm **English (IG + Baptism) Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sun, 24 Mar

8.15am **English (IG + Baptism) Svc** (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;

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

Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

email solomon@sism.org.sq for more information or to join)

10.45am English (IG + Baptism) Svc

(Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary: live-streamed via sism.online.church.

SJSM Facebook, and www.sism.ora.sa/online.html)

1.30pm **Filipino Svc** (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium;

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

Misc. details

Sermons

SES, E1 & E2

God's Hospitality Entering Jerusalem (Luke 19:28–38), 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.

Indonesian Fellowship

Joining the main English Service on 24 & 31 Mar; will resume on 7 Apr.



[^]There will not be a Healing Service on Thu, 28 Mar in view of the Maundy Thursday Service at Christ Sanctuary.

^{*}Junior Church, Teen Encounter & Heartbeat will not be running on the weekend of 23/24 Mar in view of the Intergenerational (IG) + Baptism Services. We encourage all families to attend service at Christ Sanctuary together.

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

Only Electoral Roll (ER) members may vote. Beginning on Sat, 23 Mar, check the ER list before/after service on weekends at the Christ Sanctuary Foyer. To be added to the ER, please email <u>sjsmmembership@sjsm.org.sg</u> as soon as possible.

ER members, please submit your lunch order(s) and childminding requirements, if any, by 3pm on Thu, 11 Apr at https://tinyurl.com/AGM2024RSVP.

Please submit all nominations for PCC Office Bearers at https://tinyurl.com/sjsmAGM2024PCCnom by 3pm on Thu, 11 Apr.

All AGM-related details, online forms, and updates are available at www.sjsm.org.sg/agm2024. Drop us a note via agm@sjsm.org.sg if you have any related queries.

BAPTISM SERVICES - Sat/Sun, 23/24 Mar

We welcome the following individuals into our family at SES, E1 and E2 on the weekend of 23/24 Mar:

Ang Ker Wee, Ashwini Sreenivasan, Charlize Quinn Ching, Chew Yan Kai Isaac, Chew Yan Yi Audrey, Chia Siew Foon, Ezra Wong Tian You, Gabriel Wong Yi Rui, Goh Kai Rong, Hana Han En Ci, Hoo Zhe Yi, Jenny Huang, Jonathan Lucas Ong Wei Zhe, Jophiel Cao, Lim Yuan Jing, Mira Sreenivasan, Natalie Huynh Thi An, Sadanand Pranav, Sadanand Prithvi, See Ah Bock, Sivadas Ramadas, Swee Lim Ann, Tan Boon Yew, Tim Tan Jia Jun, Vera Chan Qi'En, Verity Wong En Nian, Wong Jia Ying, Yeo Wai Hong

We rejoice with them and their families as they take this step of faith, and pray that they will shine as lights in the world to the glory of God.

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!

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@sism.org.sg by Wed, 20 Mar.

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 www.sjsm.org.sg/recruitment

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.

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.sism.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 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** is open from **9am–9.30pm daily** (**except on Mondays**) until 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.

| 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 |

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 107:1–22; Exodus 24:3–8; Hebrews 12:18–end **COLLECT:** Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of His victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Staff Team.** Uphold in prayer our vicar and his staff team during this intense period of planning and preparation for the many Lenten activities and the upcoming Annual General Meeting (21 Apr). Pray for individual and corporate breakthroughs in the posture and manner of serving Jesus from the place of rest (Mt 11:29–30). May their spiritual victory empower their equipping of SJSMers to serve Jesus, God's way (1 Cor 11:1).
- 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 as His dwelling place to bring Him pleasure.

 (a) Prayer Journey (15–31 Mar). Pray for SJSMers to enter the Prayer Journey with a reverential awe of walking on holy ground. May every segment of the Journey draw each one closer to the risen Christ. May the Spirit of truth and grace sensitise us to anything that displeases Him, and stay us in His presence for a divine exchange. (2 Cor 3:18)
 - (b) Overnight Church Prayer Gathering (22–23 Mar). Pray that the SJSM family will gather in one heart to be seech the Lord for His special visitation, that the fires of personal and corporate revival may come upon SJSM.
 - (c) Holy Week Services. Pray for strong presence of God to facilitate the Holy Week services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday). Pray for many to bring guests to the services, that they too may encounter the risen Lord.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• **Tea Terrace**. Give thanks to God for growing the Tea Terrace befriending ministry. May it serve as an oasis that brings refreshing to the Nursing Home residents, their next-of-kin, caregivers, and also others who may be lonely, depressed, and needing a touch from the hospitality offered by the befrienders. May SJSM continue to learn to steward well the resources that God has given (premises, facilities, manpower, etc.), guided by Kingdom principles. (Lk 6:38; Mt 25:29)

OUR NATION

• **Schools.** Pray for more believers who are God-fearing to join the education profession to make a positive difference in our school culture. Pray for all mission schools: May God send suitable personnel to meet the urgent need for chaplains, and may His anointing be upon all school counselling and chaplaincy work to transform young lives. (Pr 22:6)

THE WORLD

• Easter. May the true message of Good Friday and Easter be powerfully proclaimed around the globe in the midst of increasing darkness (1 Cor 2:12–13). May the Spirit redirect pain, fears, and discontent towards seeking the risen Lord. Pray also for divine protection over the Persecuted Church, especially during the Holy Week.

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

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Timor-Leste

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.



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

15 - 31 March 2024

@ Shalom Hall 3

Scan the QR code for more details at www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer-journey

Come and spend unhurried time with the Lord in this curated, contemplative space. The installations are designed to facilitate reflection, meditation, and prayer. Take time to remember Christ's Passion, and allow His love to transform you for His glory.

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.



Annua General Meeting

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

10am Combined Svc

Nomination of Office Bearers Deadline: 3pm on Thu, 11 Apr

https://tinyurl.com/sjsmPCCnomination

Please pray earnestly and seriously consider

- People's Warden (1-year term)
- Honorary Secretary (1-year term)
- Honorary Treasurer (1-year term)
- 7 PCC Members (1-yr term)

Lunch Orders/Childminding Requests

Deadline: 3pm on Thu, 11 Apr

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> Assistant Bishop Rt Revd Low Jee King

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> > Clergy

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Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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