

► EASTERTIDE.

The Easter season spans 50 days from Resurrection Sunday through the

remembrance of Christ's ascension

40 days later, to the commemoration

The liturgical colour of the season is white; we feature the white flowers of

Commiphora myrrha, the plant from

which myrrh is obtained. (Read more on *Facebook*.)

of the Holy Spirit's descent at Pentecost.

SAT, 20 APR & SUN, 21 APR 2024

Saturday services

Heartbeat – 2.30pm* (Shalom Hall & <u>online</u>) English – 5pm (Christ Sanctuary) Mandarin – 5pm (Glory Sanctuary)

Sunday services

English – 10am* (Christ Sanctuary & <u>online</u>) Mandarin – 10am (Glory Sanctuary) Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium & Chapel) Indonesian Fellowship – 10am (B402) Filipino – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

Details on pages 2-3

*Live-streamed; for all other service details, please refer to inside pages

WELCOME TO SJSM

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

<u>SAT, 20 APR 2024</u> **2.30pm (Heartbeat)** God's Relentless Pursuit (Luke 15:11–32), by Mr Kelvin Mok | **5pm (SES)** God's Relentless Pursuit (Luke 15:11–32), by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 21 APR 2024

10am (Combined Svc) God's Relentless Pursuit (Luke 15:11–32), 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) @ B403, B404, B405, Prayer Loft C303

Sun – 10am (Combined Svc) @ Shalom Hall

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 – 10am (Combined Svc)

- (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 <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCare3</u>

CATCH IT AGAIN

Radical Hospitality: God's Hospitality in the Gospel of Luke https://vimeo.com/showcase/10908415 Ps Ross Paterson: 03 Mar 2024 https://vimeo.com/916371286 Holy Week 2024 Services https://vimeo.com/showcase/11070355 All/Other services https://vimeo.com/channels/sjsmchurch HEARTBEAT services https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr



God's

Hospitality

in the Gospel of Luke



SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

<u>Thu, 25 Apr</u>

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

Fri, 26 Apr

7.45pm Church Prayer Gathering (Onsite @ Christ Sanctuary)

Sat, 27 Apr

2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Onsite @ Shalom Hall; live-streamed on <u>YouTube</u>. Email <u>heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg</u> 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 <u>sismc@sjsm.org.sq</u> for more information or to join)

Sun, 28 Apr

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

> Tamil Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email <u>solomon@sjsm.org.sg</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)

Indonesian Fellowship (Onsite @ B402; email sallyho@heartfriends.org.sg for more information or to join)

1.30pm Filipino Svc (Onsite @ Bethel Auditorium; email juanita@sjsm.org.sg for more information)

Confirmation Course (4/5) (Onsite @ B405/404)

Misc. details

Sermons

HEARTBEAT

Zacchaeus: A Radical Welcome (Luke 19:1–10), by Mr Amos Tan

<u>SES</u>

Zacchaeus: A Radical Welcome (Luke 19:1–10), by Mr Low Kee Hwa

<u>E1 & E2</u>

Zacchaeus: A Radical Welcome (Luke 19:1–10), by Mr Allen Lim

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.

2024 Pulpit Series: A Study on Hospitality in Luke & Acts Zacchaeus -- a Radical Welcome • Apr 27/28 The Last Supper - a Table of Welcome • May 04/05 Sharing the Good News of God's Hospitality • May 11/12 Empowered to the Hospitable • May 18/19 Hospitality in Action • May 25/26 Healing and Hospitality in Acts • Jun 01/02 Challenges of Hospitality • Jun 08/09 Facing Persecution with Radical Hospitality • Jun 15/16

NOTICES

FELLOWSHIP MEAL & INTERGENERATIONAL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2024 – Sat, 11 May

Join us for dinner after SES on 11 May! Just **\$8** will get you dinner, drinks, and dessert. WhatsApp Esther at **9785 5414** to confirm attendance/arrange payment by **Sun, 5 May**.

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

After dinner, from 7.30pm, we're kicking off this year's intergenerational table tennis tournament. It's a mixed-generation doubles event, so sign up with your child, godchild, niece/nephew, or grandchild... or someone from your parents' or grandparents' generation!

Visit <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMtabletennis2024</u> to get details and to sign up .

MENTAL WELLNESS SERIES

The Family Life Ministry is kicking off this programme with two courses that will both run from **9am–1.30pm** at **Bethel Auditorium**. Registration costs just \$5 and closes on Sun, 21 Apr; sign up soon at <u>https://tinyurl.com/FLMMentalSeries</u>.

1. Living Well Across the Ages Understanding Mental Health & Development Date: Sat, 4 May Instructor: Dr Chan Lai Gwen

2. Nurturing Mental & Emotional Wellness Understanding Mood, Anxiety, & Stress-Related Disorders Date: Sat, 18 May Instructor: Dr Christl Yong

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COURSES

Sessions for both courses will run from 7.45pm–9.45pm. Sign up via links below; registration closes on Sun, 28 Apr.

1. Christianity and Modern Thought 7, 14, 21 & 28 May (Tuesdays) • Bethel Auditorium Instructor: Ms Khaw Siew Ping <u>http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/61/public</u>

2. Spiritual Friendship 8 & 10 May (Wed & Fri) • Shalom Hall Instructor: Revd Dr Tan Soo-Inn http://chms.sjsm.org.sg/equipping/registration/63/public

MEN4MEN – Fri, 10 May

Join us at **Bethel Auditorium** as we journey together towards deeper unity in our shared faith!

Time: 7pm (dinner; pre-event registration needed); 8pm (main programme)

Register **by Sat**, **4 May** via <u>https://tinyurl.com/SJSMm4m</u>. Need more information? Contact Paul Lee at 9819 7275, or visit <u>www.sjsm.org.sg/men4men.html</u>.

EASTERTIDE.

The Great 50 Days of Faster are a celebration of Christ's Resurrection and everything that it means. It runs from **Resurrection Sunday** through Ascension Day (Thu, 9 May) to Pentecost (Sun, 19 May); the nine-day gap between the latter dates is meant to be kept as a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This season, we feature the white blooms of Commiphora *myrrha*, which many scholars believe is the source of the myrrh that is mentioned so many times in scripture (Commiphora habessinica is another contender).



STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

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

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

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 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@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.

CHURCH PRAYER GATHERING

Let's come together to pray for families and the upcoming church camp, as our Heavenly Father works through the prayers of His people.

Fri, 26 Apr • 7.45pm • Christ Sanctuary Afterwards, stay on for fellowship over light refreshments.

FUNDRAISING: ST. MARGARET'S SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

SMS(P) has been raising funds for its PERI Upgrading project, which is nearing completion. However, another \$500,000 needs to be raised by June 2024.

Do consider coming alongside St. Margaret's School in its mission to sow Christ's love into young lives by supporting the construction work financially. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$100 and up.

You may give via cheque – made payable to "**St Margaret's School (Primary)**" – or PayNow to UEN **T07GS5013E** (please leave your name and contact number under as the Bill Reference).

If you have queries, direct them to St. Margaret's School (Primary) via <u>stmargaretps@moe.edu.sg</u> or 6339 4247.

SJSM BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADE: 2024 FUNDRAISER

SJSM is the sponsoring church for the BB 24J Company and the GB 14th Company at Fuhua Primary School. Their mission is to develop youths to their fullest potential, and to nurture servant leaders based on Christian values.

Do support our annual fundraising effort! The collection will help us in our efforts to provide quality programmes for our boys and girls. To donate, please use the SJSM PayNow details in the column on the left; and use "**BBGB**" as your reference code.

COURSES BY TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (TTC)

This lay training initiative is open to all. Courses running in the 3rd quarter of this year include:

- 1. The Drama of the History of Christianity (via Zoom)
- 2. Theology of Mission (via Zoom)
- 3. New Testament Survey (via Zoom)
- 4. Moral Character of a Christian Leader (via Zoom)
- 5. Mobilising Churches for Mission (onsite @ TTC)

More information and registration details can be found at <u>https://anglican.org.sg/events/</u>.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)		
	Jan-Mar 2024 (\$)	Mar 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	To be approved at AGM	To be approved at AGM
General Fund (Actual collections)	2,217,230	798,248

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 119:89–96; Nehemiah 7:73b–8:12; Luke 24 10:25–32 *COLLECT*: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in Him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

• Annual General Meeting (Sun, 21 Apr). May SJSMers rejoice in the Father's welcome to this family assembly! Pray for unity as we move together under the lordship of Christ. May the Lord work through the AGM to further advance His vision for SJSM. Give thanks for each member of the Parochial Church Council (PCC), and pray that their faith journey on the PCC be a spiritually enriching experience that enlarges their hearts for the Lord and His church.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

• Little Seeds Preschool (SJSM). Pray for seamless integration of Intergenerational (IG) activities into the Preschool curriculum. Pray for the CNA production of the docuseries on IG activities: (a) for the filming to proceed smoothly; (b) for the Preschool children involved in the filming to last the course, and their parents to also catch the IG vision; (c) for the series to inspire the appreciation of healthy IG interaction, shaping social values and our nation's character. (Zech 8:4–5; Lev 19:32).

OUR NATION

Shalom Singapore.

(a) Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Give thanks to God for PM Lee, who has consistently exemplified whole-hearted devotion to serving Singapore sacrificially. Pray special blessings over him and his family.

(b) PM-Designate Mr Lawrence Wong. Pray for smooth transition of premiership to Mr Wong. May God anoint him mightily to fulfil his calling with distinction, and bless him with supreme wisdom and moral courage to lead Singapore. Pray for excellent team spirit within his Cabinet and the government. May God bless his stature on the world stage, and grant him political astute concerning international relations in these treacherous times. (c) Government. Pray that the core values of integrity, social justice, good ethics, reasonableness, and moral courage will continue to undergird the foundation of our government.

(d) The People. May the people of Singapore mature in political discernment, and stay united in keeping peace and social harmony in spite of differences in opinions. (Pr 14:34; Jer 29:7)

THE WORLD

• **Middle East.** Pray for divine intervention in the escalating conflict between Israel and Iran. Pray for parties to exercise restraint, that an all-out war may be avoided. Continue to pray for God to pour out His Spirit upon all sons of Abraham, be they Arabs or Jews. Pray for miraculous numbers of communities to turn to the Prince of Peace, and that their true worship and love for one another will testify to the power of Christ to bring healing, reconciliation, and lasting peace. (2 Cor 5:17–21)

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





(1) LIVING WELL ACROSS THE AGES Understanding Mental Health & Development Sat, 4 May Speaker: Dr Chan Lai Gwen



(2) Nurturing Mental & Emotional Wellness

Understanding Mood, Anxiety, & Stress-Related Disorders Sat, 18 May Speaker: Dr Christl Yong

Fee: \$5 (for 1 or both sessions)

9am-1.30pm | Bethel Auditorium Sign up by Sun, 21 Apr via the QR code or *https://tinyurl.com/FLM MentalSeries*



South Asia

MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP TEA SAT, 27 APR

1PM-4PM @ ROOM B405 Get ministry updates; learn about culture; chat with and pray for short-term mission trippers and volunteers about experiences in Nepal and

serving local Tamil-speaking guest workers. Light refreshments will be provided.



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Sat, 11 May 2024

Intergenerational Table Tennis Tournament



7.30pm @ The Square (outside Community Hall)

> Elimination rounds: Sat, 11 May Semifinal & Final: Sat, 13 Jul



Format: Mixed-generation doubles e.g. child + parent/ grandparent/aunt/uncle (Limited to the 1st 16 teams to sign up)

For details and/or to register, scan the QR code on the right or visit https://tinyurl.com/SJSMtabletennis2024.



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

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Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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