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SAT, 18 MAY & SUN, 19 MAY 2024

Saturday services

Heartbeat – 2.30pm* (Shalom Hall & [online](#))

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

► PENTECOST.

The Great 50 Days of Easter culminate in the Day/Feast of Pentecost, which celebrates the Holy Spirit's coming on the disciples and empowering them for the Great Commission (Acts 2). The liturgical colour for this day is red, hence the red mulberries featured on our cover.

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

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 18 MAY 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat) Empowered to be Hospitable (Acts 2:1–21), Revd Calvin Tan

5pm (SES) Power from on High (Acts 2:1–21; Mark 16:15–20), by Mr Richard Lau

SUN, 19 MAY 2024

8.15am (E1) Power from on High (Acts 2:1–21; Mark 16:15–20), by Mr Richard Lau

10.45am (E2) Worship God! (Revelation 13:1–10; Matthew 2:1–11), by Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng

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 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>

Ps Ross Paterson: 03 Mar 2024

<https://vimeo.com/916371286>

Holy Week 2024 Services

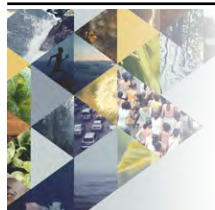
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All/Other services

<https://vimeo.com/channels/sjismchurch>

HEARTBEAT services

<https://tinyurl.com/3dvvbbmr>



SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tue, 21 May

7.45pm **Christianity & Modern Thought (3/4)** (Bethel Auditorium)

Wed, 22 May

Church office closed: Vesak Day Public Holiday

Thu, 23 May

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

Fri, 24 May

7.30pm **Diocese Youth Prayer Night / Church Prayer Gathering** (COOS Auditorium, 130 Margaret Drive)

Sat, 25 May

2.30pm **Heartbeat Svc** (Shalom Hall; live-streamed on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter
(Chara Room, Charis Room & L4 Rooms)

Mandarin Svc (Glory Sanctuary;
email sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

6.30pm **Church Camp 2024 Briefing** (Christ Sanctuary)

Sun, 26 May

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

Junior Church & Teen Encounter
(Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 Rooms)

9.45am **Church Camp 2024 Briefing** (Christ Sanctuary)

10am **Mandarin Svc** (Onsite @ Glory Sanctuary;
email sjsmc@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

Tamil Svc (Bethel Auditorium;
email solomon@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

10.45am **English Svc** (Christ Sanctuary; live-streamed via [sjsm.online.church](https://www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html), [SJSJ Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sjsm), and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter
(Chara Room, Charis Room, Agape Hall & L4 Rooms)

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

12.15pm **Church Camp 2024 Briefing** (Christ Sanctuary)

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

Misc. details

Sermons

HEARTBEAT

Hospitality in Action
(Acts 2:42–47),
by Revd Dr Jeremy
Joe Tan

SES, E1 & E2

Hospitality in Action
(Acts 2:42–47),
by Revd Victor Teo

Cell Groups

Looking for a group
to grow and serve
with? Scan/Tap/Click
the QR code below
to join a cell group!



Questions? Write to
us at cell@sjsm.org.sg

Youth Ministry

Comprises Teen
Encounter (ages 11–
13) and Heartbeat
(ages 14–20). To
find out more, email
richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg.

Alpha Course

Where anyone
can feel free to
ask questions and
explore the Christian
faith. Find out more
at [www.sjsm.org.sg/
alphacourse.html](https://www.sjsm.org.sg/alphacourse.html).

NOTICES

CONFIRMATION SERVICE – 19 May 2024 @ E2

We will welcome the following into our SJSM family on **Sun, 19 May at 10.45am**. Let's keep them in prayer as they take this step of their faith journey. We also welcome the Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng to the pulpit for the occasion.

CONFIRMANDS: Abigail Yeo Hui-En; Ang Zi Rong; Arielle Yeo Hui-Wen; Chai Chee Leong; Charlene See Toh Jie Hui; Cheyenne See Toh Jie En; Chia Siew Foon; Chooi Kum Fai; Chow En Yi, Natalie; Chu Jun Yuan James; Emma Thio Tze-Yen; Evan Tan Thong Siang; Guok Chin Kiat Francis; Ho Sheng Rong; Jeremy Siah De En; Joash Tan Thong Tzer; Kellierine Quah; Koo Bee Yee; Kristen Thio Tze-En; Lai Anne You, Christel; Lee Si Xiang; Lim Eng Khin; Lim Jia Song, Lemuel; Lim Song Huat; Lim Xin Xue Casey; Liu Guoyi; Low Song Ying, Elysha; Nott Cheryl Edna, Xueli; Pan Haiyan; Richard Sim Ren Jie; Seah Kok Leong Winston; See Ah Bock; Sivadas Ramadas; Solin Chan Qing En; Syn Tze Ren, Matthew; Tan Po-Lin, Michelle; Tan Yuan Xin; Tengara Juliana; Teo Yee Hean; Thomas Darwin Broadstock; Thor Zhi Yee, Michelle

CHURCH CAMP 2024 BRIEFING – 25/26 May

Attention all campers! Please ensure you attend one of the 3 identical briefings which will be held **immediately after SES, E1, and E2** in **Christ Sanctuary**. We estimate that each briefing will take around 30 minutes.

MEN'S BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Brothers, seize this opportunity! Come and encounter our Father God's heart, and experience the joy of spiritual friendship with fellow brothers.

Dates: 6–8 Sep 2024 (Fri–Sun)

Venue: Forest City, Johor

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/MBTW2024> by Fri, 28 Jun to take advantage of the Early Bird offer.

PRAYER TRAINING RETREAT 2024

Dates: 13–15 Sep (Fri–Sun)

Instructor: Brenda Goh

Venue: Forest City Golf Resort, Johor

Prayer is crucial to the Christian life, so do sign up to experience a revival in conversing with and encountering God! **Registration closes on Sun, 4 Aug** or when capacity is reached.

More information and the registration form are available at www.sjasm.org.sg/prayer.html.

SEASONS OF LIFE MAGAZINE

Check out 'Open Doors, Open Hearts', the first 2024 issue of this biannual SJSM publication, on our website at <https://www.sjasm.org.sg/publications.html> today!

PENTECOST.

While the liturgical colour for most of Eastertide is white, it changes to red — the colour of blood and fire — for Pentecost, during which the church celebrates the Holy Spirit's coming (and appearing as tongues of flame) on the disciples who were gathered in the Upper Room. For this reason the bright red fruit of the mulberry tree, which has been grown in Israel since ancient times, is our feature this week.



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STAFF RECRUITMENT NEEDS

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

For details and to apply, visit www.sjasm.org.sg/recruitment

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.

FUNDRAISING FUNFAIR @ PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH

Date: Sat, 25 May

Time: 10am–5pm

Venue: Parish of Christ Church, 1 Dorset Road

Let's get our friends and family members together for a day of fun and games, and at the same time support PoCC in their effort to raise funds for the repayment of their building project loan.

Grab your tickets at the **Info Desk** before or after our services on this third and final weekend of **18/19 May**.

Tickets cost **\$10 each**, or **\$100 for a booklet of 10**.

Payment may be made via cash or PayNow.

THE DIOCESAN CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION IS HIRING!

The Anglican Diocese of Singapore is recruiting Heads of Departments, Senior Executives, and Executives in the following areas: Finance, Human Resources, Corporate Communications, Property & Facilities Management, Operations & Events Management, Secretariat & Compliance, Membership & Licensing

Visit <https://anglican.org.sg/wearedca/> to find out more about DCA and what we do. Interested? Submit your CV to https://form.jotform.com/Diocese_Central/careers-at-dca.

KOPI STOP STAFF RECRUITMENT

St Andrew's Active Ageing (Care) at Dover (aka Kopi Stop) is hiring a Care Befriender. For details, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/kopistoprecruitment>.

WEDDING NOTICE

We want to rejoice with these members who have filed their notice with the Registry of Marriages, Singapore:

SIM ZHI XIN & JULENE ONG HUI WUN

Date: 10am, 8 Jun 2024 | **Venue:** Christ Sanctuary

If anyone knows of any reason why they may not lawfully marry, please inform the Vicar (SJSM) or the Registrar of Marriages before the wedding date.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Rosalind Ng Li Aun and family (husband: Poh Yu Seung; son: Timothy Ng Hwai Aun). Rosalind's beloved father, Mr Robert Ng Kim Sin, was called home to the Lord on Mon, 13 May 2024.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Apr 2024 (\$)	Apr 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	2,686,580	671,645
General Fund (Actual collections)	2,988,820	769,090
Excess / (Shortfall)	302,240	97,445

PRAYER @ SJSM

PENTECOST / WHIT SUNDAY

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 145; Isaiah 11:1–9; 1 Corinthians 12:4–13

COLLECT: Almighty God, who at this time taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending to them the light of Your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Confirmation Svc (19 May).** May God bless all the candidates with a deep sense of confirmation of His calling upon their lives (2 Th 1:11–12). As we receive them with the Lord's welcome, may we be a family to them where the sharing of life together in Christ may encourage their growth in maturity, ministry, and mission.
- **Alpha.** Give thanks to God for the opportunity to journey with our Alpha guests in their search for the true meaning of life. Pray that their experience of God over the past weeks has reinforced their desire to discover and experience much more of Him, and to grow together in the community of believers. Pray that the Alpha hosts have been much strengthened by the Lord working in and through them to touch lives.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Korat Student Learning Trip.** Pray that our youth hosts and the host families will have a fruitful time reaching out to the 17 Korat students and their teachers who will be in Singapore for an exposure trip (21–27 May). May our Thai guests be touched by God's love expressed through our radical hospitality, and be open to the Gospel.
- **CNA Docuseries.** Continue to pray for the smooth production of the docuseries on intergenerational activities involving the children from Little Seeds Preschool (SJSM) and the residents from SJSM Nursing Home. May the series inspire the appreciation of healthy intergenerational interaction, shaping social values and our nation's character.

OUR DIOCESE

(a) **The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung.** Pray for the Spirit of wisdom, counsel, and might to be upon our Bishop, empowering him to overcome all challenges in shepherding the Diocese with clarity of vision and direction (Is 11:2–3). (b) **Clergy.** Pray for every clergyman to guard his intimacy with God in the midst of enormous ministry demands. Pray for restoration for those in need of rest and healing. (Jn 15:4; Mt 11:28–30).

OUR NATION

- **Shalom Singapore.** Uphold our new Prime Minister, Mr Lawrence Wong, and his Cabinet in earnest prayer that they shall stay united in serving the nation with utmost sincerity and integrity, modelling for the next generation of leaders God-pleasing governance that will prove to withstand the challenges of time. May the Lord bless the transition with a stability that is conducive for furthering His vision for the nation, that we may be a blessing to other nations. (1 Ti 2:1–2; Je 29:7)

THE WORLD

- **Gaza.** Pray for God's merciful intervention to hasten the cessation of war. Continue to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to reveal the Prince of Peace, who alone can reconcile the fractured community with the God of Abraham.

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



SJSM PRAYER TRAINING RETREAT

13-15 Sept 2024

@ Forest City Golf Resort
JB, Malaysia
Instructor: Brenda Goh

Registration closes
on 4 Aug

Scan the QR code for
details and registration link
www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer.html



DIOCESE YOUTH PRAYER NIGHT

ALL IN FOR GOD

24TH MAY 2024
7.30PM
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

W@W *Come away with Me* RETREAT

DATE Fri 19 July to Sat 20 July, 2024 (2D1N)
TIME 2pm on 19 July to 4pm on 20 July
VENUE Changi Cove Hotel
351 Cranwell Road, S'pore 509866
SPEAKER Dr Lau Ying Kheng
COSTS \$335.80 per person (single occupancy)
\$251.80 per person (double occupancy)
CLOSING DATE Monday 10 Jun, 2024 (10PM) or when full capacity is reached, whichever is earlier.



Dr Lau Ying Kheng, EdD, loves to teach and speak on topics related to spiritual growth and formation. She teaches Writing and Research, Ministry and Formation, and Soul Care at the East Asia School of Theology.

Open to all SJSM ladies aged 18 and above.



<https://tinyurl.com/WAWRT294>



2024 SJSM YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

SPEAKER:
RT REVD DAVID BURKE

DATE: 8 – 10 NOV, FRI – SUN
VENUE: ST. GILES SOUTHKEY, JB
****EARLY BIRD:**
\$280.00 +
\$40.00
for transport



< REGISTER NOW >

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 Periyamayakam
Revd Calvin Tan
Revd Vincent Hoon (auxiliary)

Deaconesses
Ds Bessie Lee
Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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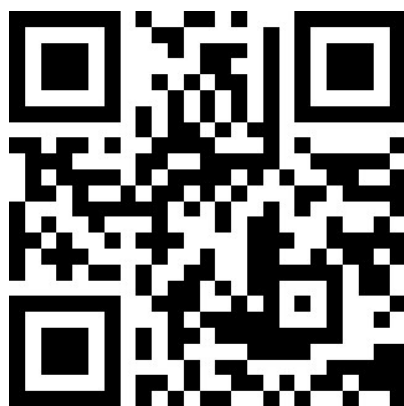
VENUE: ST. GILES SOUTHKEY, JB

****EARLY BIRD:**

S\$280.00 +

S\$40.00

for transport



< REGISTER NOW >

What is **the focus** of this retreat?

Discussions around identity and relationships have always been important. Today, with the rapid infiltration of social media, we have been exposed to many new ideas about sexuality, relationships and self-identity. Without a foundational understanding of these core topics, we may find ourselves directionless and confused on the importance of community and relationships in our lives.

The 2024 Young Adults Retreat seeks to provide a space to learn biblical perspectives and have open discussions on core topics such as identity, singleness, marriage, friendships, and more.

The sessions are designed to be practical and applicational to address core issues that young adults in Singapore face. While these sessions reinforce our foundational understanding of these topics, the intentionally-light schedule gives space for safe discussions and sharing to foster relationships among church community.



About the Speaker:

Rt. Rev. David Burke brings with him a rich background in pastoral care and Christian education. He currently serves as Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and, has been a Theological-Lecturer in Christ College Sydney for over 13 years. Previously, he was based in Singapore as Senior Minister for Orchard Road Presbyterian Church for 12 years.

PRAYER is crucial to our Christian life.

It is our lifeline to God for growing in intimacy with Him, that we may have the spiritual vitality for engaging in His work in the world. Yet this one thing we need to do the most, quite often ends up being the thing we do the least, often because prayer does not come naturally or easily to most of us.

Do join us and experience prayer revival for yourself, through the avenue of conversing with and encountering God.

THIS RETREAT WILL FOCUS ON 3 MAIN ASPECTS:



Character Formation. In order to listen well to the Lord and pray His will with His anointing, we need to be clean vessels.



Spiritual Restoration. Participants will be given the opportunity to be prayed for (infilling of the Spirit, healing, etc).



Skills Impartation. Participants will be introduced to different expressions of prayer (meditative, petitionary, intercessory, warfare, healing etc) with practicums in small groups.

POST-RETREAT

9-MONTH PRAYER TRAINING (F.O.C.)

Developing an effective prayer life takes a process.

After the Retreat, participants will have the *option* to sign up for further training for nine months (twice monthly) to facilitate further development of what they have learnt from the Retreat.

REGISTER NOW at

www.sjsm.org.sg/prayer

- Retreat fees:
Twin/double sharing, inclusive of meals:
- \$320 (with 2-way bus transport)
 - \$300 (without bus transport)

- Single room, inclusive of meals:
- \$430 (with 2-way bus transport)
 - \$410 (without bus transport)

Please ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after the day of the Retreat.
Places are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration closes on 4 Aug 2024 or when full registration is reached. Your registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

For enquiries, email Charis Ng at prayer@sjsm.org.sg



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**SJSM
PRAYER
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13-15 Sept 2024

**Forest City Golf Resort
JB, Malaysia**

Instructor: Brenda Goh

*For He satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul
He fills with good things.
Psalm 107:9*

All Glory to God!

ALL ABOUT MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

by Jeannie Koh

I attended the Prayer Training Retreat (PTR) and the 9-month Prayer Training (PT) in 2022 as well as 2023—the topics covered do vary and are highly applicable to our daily walk with God.

In 2022, I felt led by God to attend to learn more about spiritual warfare. Different forms of prayers were taught; we were exposed to the multi-dimensional character of our dialogue with God. We also learnt about the wound of rejection, and I realised that I was dealing with it on multiple fronts, resulting in lots of bitterness. I realised I had to take action, renew my mind, and replace destructive feelings with godly ones so that I could be free.

The second time round, I invited a friend to attend PTR with me and experienced first-hand how the enemy tries all ways and means to prevent us

from coming near to God. I'm a nurse, and I learnt that prayer works in ways that defy medical knowledge when we stand firm in our faith and take authority in Jesus' name. I learnt the beauty of full surrender and resting in God, despite impossible circumstances.

The PT teaching is application-focused. Lots of personal testimonies and case studies mean that the lessons are interesting, and easy to understand and apply, even for new believers like me. The lesson on stillness, solitude, and silence has helped me focus on God alone, and reinforced the importance of discipline in my prayer life. The sharing on listening to God through the Scriptures helped me to dive deeper and understand God's word from a perspective that I never thought possible.

I look at prayer in a different light now; it is indeed not about how we pray but all about our own relationship with God. I truly thank God for giving me this avenue to know Him better and hear His voice. I also love being in a highly supportive group environment that ensures no one is left out!

I CAN LAMENT! by Hephzibah Ho

I grew up in a dysfunctional family in which violence was common—at times I didn't know if I would wake up if I allowed myself to sleep. Self-expression and voicing of opinions were aggressively discouraged; survival instinct in the midst of frustrated helplessness and anger meant that emotional suppression has been a coping mechanism for most of my life.

It was an oppressive environment where fear was my constant companion. When faced with difficult, unjust or unkind treatment, I often wanted to speak up but was constantly overruled, and threatened by adults not to open my mouth. I ended up wallowing in negativity while bottling everything up inside. It was very

unhealthy. I felt belittled and unworthy. The result of that was seen in the many physical and emotional problems that assailed me over the years.

All that started to change when I attended PTR and the 9-month prayer training in 2022 and 2023.

I was so thankful when we were taught that we can lament to God. Can meh? My whole face lit up; I knew my eyes were sparkling as I strained to listen as carefully as possible to confirm that I had heard correctly. The book of Psalms is our evidence: David—a man who was so close to God and who wrote many of the Psalms, could freely lament to Him. I have licence to speak up. Oh, yes! The word 'lament' is now part of my vocabulary. I can freely express myself and release my emotional burdens to our Abba Father without fear! I thank Him too that by His grace, through prayer ministry, I am learning to walk in freedom from rejection, fear, and emotional woundedness. All glory to Him!

I look forward to every session, for new insights and deeper understanding on repeat topics and for new ones that are introduced as the Spirit leads. I've also benefited from the honest sharing—yes, with both tears and laughter—within our small group.

