



**SAT, 30 NOV
& SUN, 1 DEC 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)

Indonesian Fellowship – 10.45am (B402)

Tamil – 10am (Bethel Auditorium)

Filipino – 1.30pm (Bethel Auditorium)

Junior Church & Teen Encounter

details on next page

► **ADVENT.**

We begin the new church year with the season of Advent. Advent is a four-week season, which is characterised by themes of longing, waiting, and anticipation of the coming of Christ – His birth as well as His second coming. The liturgical colour of purple for this season symbolises penitence and preparation as reminders of our posture as we remember and wait.

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

THIS WEEKEND'S SERMONS

SAT, 30 NOVEMBER 2024

2.30pm (Heartbeat)

The rich man and Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31) by Revd Calvin Tan

5pm (SES)

Living in-between: Be Watchful (2 Tim 3:12-17; Lk 21:5-19, 34-36) by Rev Victor Teo

SUN, 1 DECEMBER 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

Living in-between: Be Watchful (2 Tim 3:12-17; Lk 21:5-19, 34-36) by Rev 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!



CLASSES IN RECESS UNTIL 4/5 JAN

TEEN ENCOUNTER (ages 11-13)

Sat, 5pm (SES) @ B405

Sun, 8.15am (E1) @ B405

Sun, 10.45am (E2) @ B405

Email richardkwan@sjsm.org.sg for enquiries.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Sat - 5pm (SES)

Primary (7-10 yrs) @ Charis

Preschool (3-6 yrs) @ Chara

Sun - 8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

Primary (7-10 yrs) @ Agape Hall

Preschool: Kindy (5-6 yrs) @ Charis

Preschool: Nursery (3-4 yrs) @ Chara

Email juniorchurch@sjsm.org.sg for enquiries.

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

Church Camp 2024

<https://www.sjsm.org.sg/camp.html>

A Study on Hospitality in Luke

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10908415>

A Study on Hospitality in Acts

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11070356>

All/Other services

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

HEARTBEAT services

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

SCHEDULE FOR THE COMING WEEK

Thu, 5 December

8.00pm **Thursday Healing Service** (Chapel)

Sat, 7 December

2.30pm **Heartbeat Service** (Shalom Hall) (Email heartbeat@sjsm.org.sg for more information or to join)

5.00pm **English Svc** (Christ Sanctuary)

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

Sun, 8 December

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

10.00am **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 [SJSJ Facebook](#), <https://vimeo.com/event/741245>, and www.sjsm.org.sg/online.html)

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

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

Misc. details

Sermons

Heartbeat, SES, E1 & E2
Living "in-between"
Series: Repent and Follow
(Mal 3:1-4; Lk 3:1-6)
by Allen Lim

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

2024 Advent Series: Living 'in-between'

Looking for the fig tree • Nov 30/Dec 1

Repent and follow • Dec 7/8

What then should we do • Dec 14/15

Can they hear us singing? • Dec 22



NOTICES

KNOW THE WORD (KTW) - JEREMIAH & LAMENTATIONS

Dates: 11 Feb – 22 Apr 2025 (10 Tues) | 7.45 – 9.45 pm

Instructors: Bp Rennis Ponniah (Jeremiah) &

Dr Low Kee Hwa (Lamentations)

KTW, SJSM's systematic book study course that is offered twice a year, will resume in February. Register for this course at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMKTWJerLam>. If you have any questions, please feel free to email ce@sjsm.org.sg.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2025 (NEW)

Dates & Time: 2 Feb - 4 May (Sundays) | 1.30-3.30pm

Baptism Svc: 29 & 30 Mar | Confirmation Svc: 18 May

This new curriculum will combine the teachings for both baptism and confirmation in one 10-session course. If you want to take the next steps in your faith journey to publically profess your faith and be part of the Anglican community, register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBapConf2025-1>. Email ce@sjsm.org.sg for queries.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT 2025

Date & Venue: March 21-23 | Grand Paragon Hotel, JB

Cost: \$270/pax (after 6 Jan, \$330/pax), reg closes 3 Feb
+ \$40/pax for 2-way transport (optional)

Speaker: Rt Revd Dr Chris Chia

This retreat offers Spirit-filled messages, heartfelt conversations, spiritual nurturing, and practical skills—all woven together with fun and laughter alongside fellow couples journeying together in life. Embrace this opportunity to refresh, rejuvenate, and renew your love, deepen your bond and create beautiful memories with your beloved.

Visit <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/mer.html> for more details or register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSM2025MER>.

CROCHET FOR HEARTFRIENDS STUDENT CARE CENTRE

Dates: 14 & 15 December after the services

The Crochet Fellowship will be selling their handicrafts to raise funds for Heartfriends Student Care Centre. Do keep this in mind as you plan your Christmas gift shopping and visit their table after the services in two weeks' time!

HOLY COMMUNION CHANGES FROM JAN 2025

Due to the pandemic, the self-intinction method of administering Holy Communion was removed to still make it possible to take the elements during that time. We thank God for seeing us through the pandemic and so in January 2025 we will return to the self-intinction method with same hand sanitizing practices in place. In returning to this practice, we will join in with the Diocesan-wide practice.

ADVENT

Advent means "arrival". In the church calendar, Christians around the world start a four-week season of remembering and celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth as the long-awaited Messiah and King. Amidst all the festivities, may we also take time to reflect with hope, love, peace and joy that our King has come and made a way for us to be with Him and also for the day He will come to reunite Heaven and Earth once and for all.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!



JOIN OUR TEAM

1. Group Administrator, Operations & HR (FT)
2. Team Lead, Information Technology (FT)
3. Assoc Chaplain, Chaplaincy (PT)
4. Pastoral Staff, Heartfriends Student Care Ctr (FT)

Details at

www.sjsm.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

Acct #: 360-303-092-1

Branch Code: 030

Bank Code: 7375

Bank Name: UOB

Via PayNow

UEN: T08CC4080B



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.

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SERVICES

This year's Christmas Gospel service will tell the Christmas story through carolling, readings, drama and dance. Do start praying for these services and also for people to invite! Printed invitational flyers are available at the Info Desk and the e-flyer can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMCmasGospel2024Invite>

Provision for overflow to Shalom Hall will be made so we ask our members' cooperation to free up seating in Christ Sanctuary for guests, should the need arise, so that our guests get the best!

STAGE HANDS NEEDED FOR GOSPEL SERVICE!

The Christmas Gospel services rehearsals start this weekend but still need people to be stage hands (ie moving props etc)! You will need to commit to both services (21 & 24 Dec) and also the remaining rehearsals. Please consider and sign up by Dec 9 to be a part of these special services!

1) Sun 1 Dec 2pm - full rehearsal

2) Sun 8 Dec 2pm - full rehearsal

3) Sun 15 Dec 2pm - walk through rehearsal

4) Sat 21 Dec 2pm - dry run before service

5) Tues 24 Dec 6pm

For more details or to sign up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMStageHands2024> or email mingli@sjsm.org.sg for further queries.

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS AT SJSM Event date: 24 Dec, 8pm - 9.30pm

Would you serve with us for the children's programme that will run concurrently to the Christmas Gospel Service? We will creatively tell the Nativity story and host our young guests and therefore need the help of many! For more details (roles, commitment, etc) and to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMKidsCmas2024Help>

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Oct 2024 (\$)	Oct 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	6,716,447	671,645
General Fund (Actual collections)	6,504,155	573,212
Excess / (Shortfall)	(212,292)	(98,433)

PRAYER @ SJSM

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalm 44; Isaiah 51.4-11; Romans 13.11-end

COLLECT: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Christmas.** Pray for the Spirit to guide the planning and preparation of all the year-end outreaches. May God open our eyes to see the inner struggles of others and give us His heart for the lost. Pray for overwhelming turn-up of guests at our Christmas Gospel Services on the 21st & 24th Dec, and that seekers will hear and respond to the Good News. May the fragrance of Christmas draw many to SJSMV to find a community that is ever ready to share the love and truth of God. (Jn 3:16; Ro 10:14-15)
- **Youth Camp (13-16 Dec).** Pray for a wonderful time of fellowship at the camp and the fostering of edifying relationships amongst the youths. May God prepare the hearts of the campers for genuine encounters with Him that will reinforce their ownership for personal spiritual growth. May the Spirit invigorate them to seek God, to please Him in thoughts and deeds, and to make a difference for His glory in their homes, schools, and communities. (Ph 4:8)

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- **Little Seeds Preschool.** Give thanks to God for the privilege of nurturing many young lives. Pray blessings over the batch of students who have just graduated. May the tireless sowing by the preschool teachers into the children make a lasting, transformative impact in shaping their character, and prepare them well for the next phase of their developmental growth. (Pr 22:6)
- **Missions.** Pray anointing upon all our cross-cultural workers and their local co-workers as they prayerfully plan for year-end outreaches. May festive joy strengthen relationships and open doors for the sharing of the Christmas message. Pray for fruitfulness in making and nurturing local disciples.

OUR NATION

- **Protection from Scams Bill.** [ST: How did Singapore end up needing 'nanny' laws to save scam victims from themselves?] Pray for (a) wisdom upon our authorities as they seek ways to protect the vulnerable; (b) greater public alertness to scammers' tactics and greater awareness of underlying causes making them susceptible to scamming; (c) the church to rise up to address the underlying social issues such as the need for love, greed for unrealistic gains, fear of loss; (d) believers to actively reach out to those who are vulnerable so that they may experience fulfilment through a personal relationship with Jesus.

THE WORLD

- **Ukraine.** Pray for the heads of states in conflict (Russia, Ukraine) and those of their allies to exercise restraint and diffuse the escalating military conflict. May God open the way for a peaceful resolution that is also fair and just. Pray for outpouring of the Spirit upon the believers in Ukraine and move them to intercede for the nations and to be a light in times of darkness. (Ps 33:5; 47:8)

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.



THE CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SERVICE NEEDS HELP TO HANDLE ALL THESE!!



<https://tinyurl.com/SJSMStageHands2024>



Marriage Enrichment Retreat

DATE: Fri 21 Mar - Sun 23 Mar, 2025
 VENUE: Grand Paragon Hotel, Johor Bahru
 COST: \$330 per pax / \$270 per pax (early bird)
 \$40 for 2 way transportation (optional)
 SPEAKER: Rt Rev Dr Chris Chia
 CLOSING: Mon 3 Feb, 2359hrs
 DATE:

For more information, please refer to www.sjsm.org.sg/MER

*Note: Early bird rates are only applicable to SJSM members.





Christmas Gospel Services

- Saturday 21 December 5 pm
- Tuesday 24 December 8 pm with concurrent children's programme

Start praying for folks to invite!

See bulletin for links to invitational flyer

FROM LOVING HEARTS TO CREATIVE HANDS

Crochet FOR HEARTFRIENDS SCC

14&15 December 2024
 Before & After SES, E1, E2




Sale!! Sale!! Sale!! Sale!!

Fundraiser for Heartfriends Student Care Center (formerly BASC)
 A Project of the Crochet Fellowship

YEAR END SERVICES 2024

SAT, 21 DEC, 5PM
 Gospel service

SUN, 22 DEC
 8.15am & 10.45am
 Regular Services

TUE, 24 DEC, 8PM
 Gospel Service
 w/concurrent children's program

WED, 25 DEC, 10AM
 Holy Communion
 Christmas Service

SAT, 28 DEC, 5PM
 Regular Service

SUN, 29 DEC
 8.15am & 10.45am
 Regular Services

TUE, 31 DEC, 8PM
 Holy Communion
 Covenant Service

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
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Ds Laura Chan (auxiliary)



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