



**SAT, 14 DEC
& SUN, 15 DEC 2024**

Saturday services

Heartbeat – resumes in Jan 2025

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, 14 DECEMBER 2024

5pm (SES)

Living in-between: What then should we do? (Is 12:2-6; Lk3:7-18) by Revd Victor Teo

SUN, 15 DECEMBER 2024

8.15am (E1) & 10.45am (E2)

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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

Advent 2024

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/11476964>

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, 19 December

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

Sat, 21 December

4.00pm **Pre-Service Refreshments** (Community Hall)

5.00pm **Christmas Gospel Service** (Christ Sanctuary)
(refreshments also served after the service)

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

Sun, 22 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

Christmas Gospel Service (Sat, 5pm)

Chapel Carols

E1 & E2

Living "in-between"
Series: Can they hear us singing?

(Luke 1:39-55)

by Ds Bessie Lee

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''

Be watchful • Nov 30/Dec 1

Prepared and ready • Dec 7/8

What then should we do? • Dec 14/15

Can they hear us singing? • Dec 22



NOTICES

CHRISTMAS GOSPEL SERVICES

- **Sat 21 Dec, 5pm** (*refreshments before & after service*) &
- **Tue, 24 Dec, 8pm w/concurrent children's (5-10yrs) programme*** (*refreshments after service*)

Next Saturday we hope to welcome many guests to our first Christmas Gospel service! This year's Christmas Gospel service will tell the Christmas story through carolling, readings, drama and dance and a sermon by Ps Victor. The service team is working hard to share the Gospel in this unique way! 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 for both services. **Register children from 7.30pm.*

HONOURING OUR GUESTS AT YEAR-END SERVICES

Let's be praying that many will find or reconnect with God during this season. Two ways we, as members, can help make it easier for these guests to attend church is:

1. To offer our seats in the main sanctuary and go to the overflow venues if a request is made.
2. Park at the neighbouring HDB car parks to avail more lots for guests, those bringing guests, the elderly and the handicapped.

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.

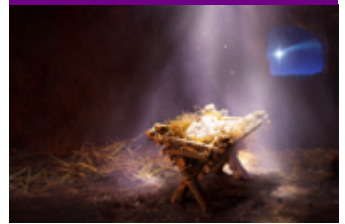
SEASONS OF LIFE MAGAZINE

The second issue of SJSM's publication titled "Start Small, Start Real" is now available. Pick up a copy at the Christ Sanctuary foyer or visit our website at <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/publications.html> for a digital version!

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.

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 aims to enrich your marriage over a time of Spirit-filled messages, heartfelt conversations, spiritual nurturing, and practical skills alongside fellow couples journeying together in life. For more details, visit <https://www.sjsm.org.sg/mer.html> or register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSM2025MER>.

2025 MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (7 Saturdays)

Dates & Time: Mar 1, 8, 15, 29 & Apr 5, 12 (9am to 2pm)
& Apr 26 (9am to 6pm)

Cost per person: \$100 (SJSMer)/\$150 (non-SJSMers)

This course is required for couples intending to marry in SJSM and recommended for couples exploring marriage. Register by 25 Jan or enquire by emailing flm@sjsm.org.sg

JUNIOR CHURCH REGISTRATION FOR 2025

If your child is between the ages of 3 and 10 and would like to join Junior Church in 2025 (and is not already enrolled), please submit the registration form (<https://tinyurl.com/SJSMJC2025Reg>). Please note, children who graduated in 2024 do not need to re-register.

BUSINESS AS MISSION (Central & SE Asia focus)

Date & Time: 18 January 2025, 9am – 6pm

Calling working professionals and business people – come and learn how to use your expertise and resources to fulfil the Great Commission! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBizMission2025>!

ANGAGE NEWSLETTER

Copies of this publication by St. Andrew's Mission Hospital (SAMH) and Singapore Anglican Community Service are (SACS) at the foyer or at www.samh.org.sg/newsletters

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Eileen Lim Chew Ping. Eileen's beloved mother **Quek Seok Ngang** was called home to the Lord on Thur 28 Nov 2024.

TITHES & OFFERINGS (updated monthly)

	Jan–Nov 2024 (\$)	Oct 2024 (\$)
General Fund (Budgeted collections)	7,388.092	671,645
General Fund (Actual collections)	7,129,521	625,366
Excess / (Shortfall)	(258,571)	(46,279)

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LECTIONARY READINGS: Psalms 12, 14; Isaiah 25.1-9; 1 Corinthians 4.1-5

COLLECT: Almighty God, who sent Your servant John the Baptist to prepare Your people for the coming of Your Son: inspire the ministers and stewards of Your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; that when He comes again in glory, we may stand with confidence before Him as our Judge; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

SJSM VILLAGE (SJSMV)

OUR PARISH

- **Christmas.** (a) SJSMers. May SJSMers find space for quiet reflection over the birth of Christ, whose unfailing love compelled Him to enter the world in order to embrace the Cross. May deep gratitude move us to walk in His light and bring His light to others (Jn 12:46). (b) Outreaches. Pray for enthusiastic invitation of many seekers to the Christmas Gospel Services (21st & 24th Dec), and for many to respond to the Good News. (c) Staff. Keep the staff team in prayer during this intense period of preparation for the year-end services and outreach activities. Pray for joyous teamwork, protection (health, emotions, relationships, etc), divine favours, and fruitfulness.
- **Youth Camp (13-16 Dec).** Pray for (a) powerful revelation of God's truth to accomplish His work in the hearts of the campers and purify their worship of Him, that they may bear fruits of transformation (Is 6:1-8); (b) mighty anointing upon the speakers, the worship teams, and all prayer companions (1 Co 2:4-6); (c) good weather, smooth logistics, and divine protection over the entire camp.

OUR EXTENDED COMMUNITY

- May the good news of Christmas saturate the SJSMV community - SJSM Nursing Home, Little Seeds Preschool, St. Andrew's Active Ageing Centre (Dover) aka KopiStop, St. Andrew's Senior Care (Dover), and Heartfriends Student Care Centre. May the joy of God lift up the downhearted and the lonely (Ps 147:3). Pray for good response to invitations to our Christmas services, and ready hearts to receive salvation, healing, and restoration.

OUR NATION

- **Government.** Pray for God's strong hand upon the processes leading up to the 2025 General Election, and over the outcome. Pray for political maturity of voters in discerning truth and falsehood, and be guided by wisdom and objectivity in their assessment of candidates. May Singapore continue to enjoy a strong, stable, competent and clean government that has earned her respect on the global stage as a viable model for governance. (1 Tim 2:1-2)

THE WORLD

- **The Persecuted.** (a) Believers. Proclaim the special love of God for His persecuted body of believers in all oppressive regimes. May they experience His Presence, consolation & protection as they celebrate Christmas in secrecy. May they exude the glory of Christ in the midst of darkness. (Heb 13:3; Ro 8:36-39) (b) Pre-believers. Pray for a special move of God during this Christmas season to send dreams and visions of the Son to those communities in oppressive regimes, baptising them with the Holy Spirit and fire (Mt 3:11; Joel 2:28,32).

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.



Christmas Gospel Services

- **Next Saturday, 21 Dec 5 pm**
(refreshments before & after the service)
- **Tuesday 24 December 8 pm**
w/concurrent children's programme
(refreshments after the service)

Keep praying and inviting!!!

See bulletin for links to invitational flyer

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION COURSE 2025

2 Feb - 4 May (10-sessions)
1.30-3.30pm (Sundays)



BAPTISM SVC:
29 & 30 Mar, 2025

CONFIRMATION SVC:
18 May, 2025



Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SJSMBapConf2025-1> or email ce@sjsm.org.sg for info.



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

FROM LOVING HEARTS TO CREATIVE HANDS

Crochet FOR HEARTFRIENDS SCC

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

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




KNOW THE WORD

Jeremiah & Lamentations

11 FEB - 22 APR 2025 (10 SESSIONS)
7.45 - 9.45 PM (TUESDAYS)

INSTRUCTORS:
BP RENNIS PONNIAH (JEREMIAH)
&
DR LOW KEE HYWA (LAMENTATIONS)



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SAT, 21 DEC, 5PM
Gospel service
(refreshments before & after service)

SUN, 22 DEC
8.15am & 10.45am
Regular Services

TUE, 24 DEC, 8PM
Gospel Service
w/concurrent children's program
(refreshments after service)

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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