

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

4 February 2023 – Evening Prayer 5 February 2023 – Morning Prayer

A Warm Welcome to our Church Service. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Ven Daniel Wee
Acting Vicar

Revd Canon Barry Leong

Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Clergy Revd Tang Wai Lung

Deaconess Ds Lena Lim

Bishop

Archdeacon

Pastoral
Pas Loon Fu-Man
Pas Florence Hou
Pas Yeo Yun Jing
Pas Shirleen Yap

Administration
Susan Ling
Doris Lee
Patrick Lee

Worship Service on Saturday

English Service 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

Worship Services on Sunday

English Service
9.00 am at Sanctuary
Cantonese Service
9.00 am at Patmos Hall
Mandarin Service
11.15 am at Sanctuary
Hokkien Service
11.15 am at Patmos Hall

Speaker : Revd Tang Wai Lung

Sermon Title: The Gift of Public Witness

Text: Matthew 5:13-20

COLLECT

Third Sunday Before Lent

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is for all mankind the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Mission and Purpose: As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missional church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Intercession



Provincial Sunday 5 February 2023



PRAY WITH US

Provincial Sunday 2023

Let us remember the work of our Province of South East Asia this weekend. The prayer pointers are also available on the Diocesan website here.



Rediscovering The Anglican Church - Our History

Dates: 23rd February till 30th March 2023 (over 6 Thursdays)

Time: 7.45pm - 9.30pm via Zoom

Registration link: https://www.mpcc.org.sg/event-details/rtac-our-history

The details can also be found on the Diocesan website at www.anglican.org.sg

2023 Church Retreat

The church retreat will be held from 11 to 14 June 2023 (Sunday to Wednesday) at Renaissance hotel in JB.

The speaker is Pastor Kenny Chee. The theme of the retreat is from Mark 6:31. You are encouraged to set aside these dates to attend this retreat.

Provincial Sunday 2023

We thank the Lord for the work He has been doing through the dioceses within the Province of South East Asia. If you wish contribute to the work of our Province, you may give via the church. Please indicate 'Provincial Sunday 2023' as a reference for your giving.

Easter Musical

Our church will be collaborating with Chapel of Christ the King to put up an Easter Musical. The story is focused on a family who faces different challenges in life and how everything changes when they come to know of the saving grace of Jesus. The musical will be on 9 April 2023, at 10.00am in the St. Margaret's School (Secondary) school hall. A lunch reception will follow after the musical. Stay tuned for more information.

Casting Call – Easter Musical

Calling for volunteers who would like to be part of the cast for the Easter Musical, WE NEED YOU! We are looking for volunteers to fill in the following roles: actors, ushers, costume team, props team, sound team, musicians, singers and dancers. The commitment period is from 11 February to the event date on 9 April. If you would like to be part of the cast or understand more, please contact Shirleen Ng at 91010531.

GB 31st Coy Anniversary – Mark the Date!

GB 31st Coy will be celebrating their 31st Anniversary on 31st May 2023. Look out for more details!

Israel Study Tour (15 – 27 November 2023)

Bishop Kuan Kim Seng is leading a study tour of Israel, on the theme of 'The Life and Ministry of Jesus.' The tour is from **15 to 27 November 2023.** There will be a briefing for this tour on **4 March** (2.00-3.00 pm) at St. John's Chapel (Agape Room). Those who wish to attend the briefing are requested to register with Susan Ling on WhatsApp 96565717.

Diocesan Digest (January 2023)

The latest issue of the Diocesan Digest is out! Find out the latest news and developments within the diocese. Download your copy at www.anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/

School main gate on Saturdays

To facilitate the gate closure and security, members attending the **Saturday services** to take note that the school Main Gate C will be locked at 6.45pm.

Vacant stall in St Margaret's School (Secondary) canteen

Keen to operate a stall in SMSS canteen? SMSS is looking for a food operator selling either yong tau foo or Asian noodles/rice (eg Jap/Korean/Thai etc etc). More details and submission via the link: https://schadmsvc.moe.gov.sg/moescas/ Closing date of submission is on 16 February 2023.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 4 Feb 2023	Sunday 5 Feb 2023	Next Saturday 11 Feb 2023	Next Sunday 12 Feb 2023
Worship Officiant	Elly Chiu	Kenneth Sng	Hide le	Pas Yun Jing
Celebrant			Revd Tang Wai Lung	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Hide Ie, Pas Fu-Man & Benjamin	Pas Yun Jing, Kenneth & Patrick
Praise Team	Ethan		Harmony	
Preacher	Revd Tang Wai Lung		Pas Loon Fu-Man	
Scripture Text	Matthew 5:13-20		Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12); Matthew 5:21-37	
Sermon Title	The Gift of Public Witness		The Gift of Outrageous	
Scripture Reader	Sonia le	Choo Heng Yu	Sonia le	Goh Xin Ying
Ushering Team	Selah	FH50K	DR30	CA338/NON
Floral	Helen Liew		Loh Wei Juan	
Treasury Witness	Merrilyn & Victor	Boon Sing & Eileen	Ljie & Judy	Pei Ching & Cho Ling
Staff On Duty	Pas Shirleen & Doris	Pas Florence & Pas Fu-Man	Pas Yun Jing & Susan	Patrick & Doris

You may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offering through the following ways:

- (A) By cash or cheque using the envelopes
- (B) <u>Internet Bank</u> Transfer

Account Name: St John's Chapel

DBS Account Number: 008 002 5860

Remarks:

- (1) TitheXXX Month
- (2) MissionXXX Month
- 3) NeedyXXX
- (4) BuildingXXX

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

(C) PayNow using UEN

St John's Chapel's UEN: T08CC4079E

Remarks: (same as

above)

Upcoming Events (April 2023)

Maundy Thursday Service on 6 April
Good Friday Service on 7 April
Resurrection Sunday on 9 April
Combined Service – BB/GB Enrolment Service on 16 April
Combined Service cum AGM Sunday on 30 April

Church Ministries: Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Seniors Ministry

Outreach: SMSS Chaplaincy, The Boys' Brigade & The Girls' Brigade, Befrienders Club

If you wish to know more about the ministries and outreach,

please email to admin@patmos.org.sq

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FIXING OUR EYESONJESUS Hebrews 12:2



DIOCESE OF SABAH



Diocesan Bishop: The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Bin Tais

Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd John Yeo

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- Synod meeting in person after reopening.
- 2.Though churches were largely in lockdown, the Lord added to the churches church and society. significant number of new believers.
- 3.Despite challenges from the pandemic, we thank and praise the Lord for enabling the Diocese of Sabah to continue in our development projects which include new church buildings and extension works.
- 4.We thank and praise God for the ordination of 6 priests and 2 deacons, licensing of 9 pastors in 2022. We rejoice at the 1st ordination conducted in 4. Empowering of laity and raising up of full time Nunukan, Kalimantan, Indonesia.
- Diocesan events conducted in person or hybrid, we rejoice in the favourable response from the Diocese. We thank the Lord for record

INTERCESSION

- 1.Thank the Lord for a fruitful Diocesan 1.Pray for all churches that we will seize every opportunity to reach out to the younger generation, intentionally discipling the next generation of clergy, pastors and leaders in the
 - 2.Pray that the whole Diocese will embrace a clear common vision as we move towards creating Area Dioceses. Pray for the Diocesan leadership to be endowed with wisdom from the Lord to strategize for optimum growth.
 - 3.Ask for steady provision of financial resources,
 - ministers for the works of ministry and mission, including marketplace ministry. Pray that the Diocese will utilize all means possible and permissible to this end.
- 5.Pray that the Diocese will through mission high attendance at the BM prayer schools, church-run vision schools, any social conference and youth conferences. outreach and welfare efforts to touch the unchurched and stay relevant to our society.



DIOCESE OF KUCHING

Diocesan Bishop: The Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd Nelson Ugas Bulang

The Rt Revd Andrew Shie

INTERCESSION

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

- 1.Ordination of six new Deacons and one Priest in March and April 2022 respectively.
- 2.Graduation of three seminarians from STM, and lay leaders with Certificates and Diplomas from various 2.HTBB church planting in Kuching theological colleges.
- 3. For the many years of faithful service of Archdeacon Stanley Bunseng and Rev. Canon Dennis Gimang who retired last year.
- 4. The collation and installation of two Archdeacons and two Canons, and the creation of Upper Central Sarawak Archdeaconry and a mission district.
- 5.The 23rd Biennial Diocesan Women's Fellowship was successfully held in Miri.
- 6.The consecration of Rt. Rev. Andrew Shie as an Assistant Bishop September.

- 1.The rebuilding of the House Of Epiphany, Kuching as our Diocesan Theological College, along with other building projects.
- 3.Seminarians in training at Seminari Kinabalu Teologi Sabah, Kota Seminari Teologi Malaysia, Seremban and those in our Internship Programs.
- 4.Mission work in Sarawak, Brunei and West Kalimantan.
- Mission schools for heads of schools, Management Boards, teachers students.

DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE



Diocesan Bishop: The Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam Boon

Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd Low Jee King

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

1.Partnership in new parish-groupings in 1. Diocese of Singapore creating new opportunities for relationships and collaborations

2.As Singapore emerges from the shadow of COVID19 and all the restrictions that have accompanied the pandemic, our parishes are slowly returning to more normal practices.

3.November 2022 ordination of 32 candidates, with 28 coming from the deaneries, consisting of 15 from Indonesia, 9 from Nepal, 2 from Thailand and 2 from Cambodia.

4.Praise God for His financial provision for the purchase of a hotel for Anglican Theological College Indonesia and the construction of St Andrew's School, Niki-Niki.

5.Ongoing effort to be effective evangelism and growth of parishes, including church planting.

INTERCESSION

Area Groups with a focus on inter-parish

community and support.

Clergy, deaconesses, pastoral staff to cope under considerable stress as we continue to face new challenges and ever-changing working conditions.

2. School Principals & Senior Leadership Team

Wisdom and courage to lead the team in fulfilling Christian education mission.

3. Missions / Deaneries

• More workers to serve in the various missions outputs, English centres, dormitories.

4. Community Services

Enhancing end-of-life palliative care in Nursing Homes and Home Care Services; strengthening of pastoral and spiritual care for staff and beneficiaries in every centre; divine grace and miraculous intervention for challenging cases of autism and psychiatric illness.



DIOCESE OF WEST MALAYSIA

Diocesan Bishop: The Rt Revd Dr Steven Abbarow Assistant Bishop: The Rt Revd Dr Jason Selvaraj

The Rt Revd Dr Stephen Soe Chee Cheng

THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

1.Following post-pandemic setting, members, money and ministries are returning to church life. An Ordination at All Saints' Church KL saw an addition of 14 new priests and deacons, and one deaconess added. Baptism numbers are returning to the churches. Mission work continued in Perak interiors and Cameron Highlands amongst the Orang Asli. We give thanks!

2.We give thanks and pray for the diocesan clergy and lay leadership to stay focussed and to re-ignite the Mission and Ministry of the Diocese as set out in the Diocesan Theme 2021-2030, "Behold, I Make All Things New!".

3. We give thanks for the courageous and steadfast leadership of Bishop Steven. His perseverance and passionate push for the furtherance of the gospel throughout the Diocese is most inspiring; leadership by example.

INTERCESSION

1.For the desired goal of the Diocesan Theme (2021-2030) to bear fruit. Pray that all Clergy, Deaconesses, PCCs, Diocesan Committees and board members will work together with dedication towards growth in discipleship, godly leadership, and new church plants.

2.Pray that the Lord will heal Bishop Steven and sustain him to complete his episcopacy with distinction. Bless his wife, Anne and their children. Pray also for Bishop Jason Selvaraj and Bishop Stephen Soe that the Lord will bless them with His grace, good health and goodness.

3.Theological Training: Seminari Theoloji Malaysia, St Paul's Theological College and the Diocesan lay training and leadership development program, AIM (Anglican Institute of Ministry) that students of biblical studies will be sufficiently equipped in the mission field in whatever capacity and wherever God leads them.

4.For Diocesan Children's Ministry and Youth Ministries in the Diocese. Pray for effective outreach work amongst children and youths; that they will grow up to know Christ and put their trust

5.For empowerment and effectiveness in diocesan social ministries. Pray for compassionate responses, training of staff, increased manpower and good financial support.

Archbishop's Message 2023

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

Light houses are essential to all seafaring vessels, especially before the availability of modern navigation technologies. A light house gives bearing and direction to ships, a sense of certainty, especially in the midst of storms and darkness. It helps the captain to stir the ship towards safety or away from danger.

The world that we live in today, is faced with multiple challenges. With changing values and changing laws, from issues concerning human sexuality to human sufferings, aggravated by the effects of wars and the pandemic, we find ourselves as a Province, engulfed in unprecedented storms and darkness. All these developments surrounding us in our region and within our Anglican Communion, demand us to keep our bearing right as God's Church and God's people in the world. Who can provide us the direction, assurance and strength we so desperately need amidst the shaking of our faith? How can we and our future generations navigate through turbulent waters of faith, mission and economic hardships ahead? Thanks be to God for Jesus, who is "the pioneer and perfecter of our faith". What He has began in us (pioneer), He will also see us through (perfecter).

Jesus is the Light of the world (John 8:12). He alone is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6). He is therefore the immovable Lighthouse to the Church. I encourage us to fix our eyes on Jesus. Hold on to His infallible, timeless words, unwavering in our trust in Him. I urge us as a Province, in this coming year of 2023 and beyond, to focus on Jesus and His words, to focus on the non-negotiable essentials in carrying on the Great Commission in our region, and to make known Christ and His love in our respective context.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Do not focus on the storms. For our Jesus sat down at the right hand of the throne of God and He reigns! He is so much bigger than the storms. He is faithful and trustworthy. He will never leave us nor forsake us.

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding fills your hearts and mind, now and always.

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Primate of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia
Bishop of Sabah