

### EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

5 – 6 December 2020 Holy Communion

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

Speaker: Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : Jesus, the Joy of Life

Text : Psalm 16; John 15:1-11

These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:11

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop and Archdeacon Rt Revd Low Jee King

Vicar Revd John Lin

Clergy Revd King Chiew Kwang

Deaconess
Ds Lena Lim

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
Mandarin Service
11.15 am at Sanctuary
Cantonese Service
(temporary suspension)
Hokkien Service
(temporary suspension)

**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.

#### **Vicar Writes**

#### Dear family in Christ

This Advent-Christmas season is an opportune time for spiritual reflection. In what ways can Advent encourage us in our spiritual walk with the Lord?

#### Firstly, be faithful followers of Christ.

As we live in between the First Advent (2000 years ago) and the Second Advent (Return of Christ), we are called to holy living and be faithful stewards of what God entrusted to us. In our spiritual journey as a Christ-following community, we have the joy and privilege to bring glory and honour to God. We have an important calling and responsibility to share about Jesus Christ through the gospel message and our loving deeds. The lights in Advent-Christmas are a good reminder that Jesus Christ is the "Light of the world" (John 8:12) and that we are called to "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16).

#### Secondly, be ready for Christ's return.

We look forward to the Second Advent. The Scriptures teach us that "... Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." (Hebrews 9:28). In great triumph and with loud trumpet sounds, Christ will come again to bring his people home to dwell in God's presence for all eternity. We need to be accountable, watchful and spiritually alert in our daily walk. Is the Lord pleased and satisfied with the way we are living our life? Is there true worship of God in the total surrender of our life to Jesus and His kingdom?

#### Are you ready for His Return?

Maranatha Pastor John **Christmas Service -** There will be a Christmas Service on **Friday**, **25 December 2020** at **9.00am**. Please invite your family and friends for the Service. There will be no refreshment after Service due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Please note that there will be **no '1 John' Service on Saturday, 26 December 2020.** The **Sunday Service** on **27 December** will remain the same at 9.00am.

#### **Giving to Mission Fund**

Our church practises the two-envelope giving system. The first is the **Tithing** envelope. All tithes returned obediently to the Lord go to the General Fund, which is used to pay staff salaries, ministry programs, office expenses, diocese quota, etc. The second is the **Freewill giving** envelope. This goes to the Mission Fund, which is used to support our overseas missionaries (Gerry & Yahui Gan, Ian & Alison Gosling, Deborah Loh), and several regular and ad-hoc giving to missions. As the Lord enables and provides for us, may we give joyfully, generously and sacrificially for the work of God's eternal kingdom.

#### "THE GIFT OF LOVE" - Christmas Outreach to Migrant Workers

St John's Chapel is partnering with Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA) in an outreach program to migrant workers this Christmas period. We are mobilising volunteers in the packing and distribution of goodie bags (15-18 Dec) and also for Christmas celebration activities on 19-20 Dec at Kranji Recreational Centre. Please refer to the **attached e-flyer** for more details. Please contact brother Yau Mun Loong (9119 3370) if you are able to serve.

#### **Christmas Caroling Service**

The Christmas Caroling Service will be held on **Saturday 19 December, 4.30pm** and **Sunday 20 December, 9.00am**. Please take this opportunity to invite friends and relatives to come and celebrate Advent and Christmas! Please use **attached e-flyer** for the invitation.

#### KFC Christmas Event

KFC will be having a physical Children's Christmas event this year on **Saturday**, **19 December** with 2 sessions. **Session 1** will run from **10am - 12pm** and **Session 2** will run from **2pm - 4pm** with a cap of 35 children per session. Children aged 4 to 12 are welcome to join. Please sign up @ <a href="http://gg.gg/giftoflove">http://gg.gg/giftoflove</a>. Helpers Needed! If you would like to help out, please sign-up here. <a href="http://gg.gg/giftoflovehelpers">http://gg.gg/giftoflovehelpers</a>

#### **Diocesan Digest (November 2020 issue)**

The November 2020 issue of the Diocesan Digest is now available online.

https://www.anglican.org.sg/page/diocesan-digest-nov-2020

Be encouraged to see what the Lord is doing in and through the diocese in the parishes, deaneries, schools and community services, and be in fervent prayers for the proclamation of the gospel.

#### Intercession

## Kids-For-Christ Christmas celebration on Saturday, 19 December 2020 Pray for:

- 1. The organizing committee to work in unity as well as to have the wisdom and creativity in planning for the Christmas celebration during such times.
- 2. The children who will be joining to be able to know that Christmas is a time where we celebrate Jesus' birth a gift of love for them.
- 3. The helpers are able to engage and interact with the children within their small groups.
- 4. A smooth running of the both sessions session 1 @ 10am and session 2 @ 2pm.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 5 December	Sunday 6 December	Next Saturday 12 December	Next Sunday 13 December
Worship Officiant	Peter Soon	Ps Yun Jing	Hide le	Florence Ho
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 103	
Scripture Text	Psalm 16; John 15:1-11		Romans 8:31-39	
Sermon Title	Jesus, the Joy of Life		Jesus, the Light of Love	

St John's Chapel has resumed physical congregational worship services since 18 July 2020. With effect from 5 December 2020, the services will be conducted for up to 100 worshippers.

You can book a "ticket" online at

https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/st-johns-chapel-church-services-tickets-112626528980

Livestreaming (and recording) of church services will continue to be available online. We will livestream the Saturday 4.30 pm Service. Thereafter, the Service recording will be accessible online.

Please access the online Service using this weblink http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, so as to be ready to commune and worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth.

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) Internet Bank Transfer

Account Name: St John's Chapel

**DBS Account Number:** 008 002 5860

#### Remarks:

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

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

(C) PayNow using UEN

St John's Chapel's UEN: T08CC4079E

**Remarks:** (same as above)

#### **Upcoming Events**

Christmas Caroling Service on Saturday, 19 December and Sunday, 20 December Children's Christmas Event on Saturday, 19 December Christmas Service on Friday, 25 December

**Church Ministries**: Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship **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 <a href="mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg">admin@patmos.org.sg</a>

**Address**: St John's Chapel

111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240 **Tel** : 6468 8425

#### "THE GIFT OF LOVE" - Christmas Outreach to Migrant Workers

**Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA)** is organising an outreach program to the migrant workers in Singapore during this Christmas period.

**St John's Chapel** has been invited to partner with CRA and other churches to take care of the activities for the North Zone.

1. **PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOODIE BAGS** to the migrant workers living in dormitories at the North Zone.

Dates:	15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> December (Tuesday to Friday)		
Tasks:	10 am to 1 pm: Packing of goodie bags		
	2 pm to 5 pm: <b>Packing</b> of goodie bags		
	5 pm to 8 pm: <b>Distribution</b> to dormitories		

2. **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** @ Kranji Recreational Centre (KRC)

Dates:	19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> December (Saturday & Sunday)		
Time:	11 am to 3 pm		
Highlights:	<ol> <li>Nativity theme display area to share about the birth of Jesus (with photo taking)</li> <li>Screening of Christmas song videos</li> <li>Distributing Christmas greeting cards</li> </ol>		

We need volunteers to serve in these activities and/or to help with the preparations in the following areas:

- Onsite activities with migrant workers at KRC on 19 & 20 December
- Design and making of the Nativity display
- Packing of goodie bags at Kranji Recreational Centre
- Distribution of goodie bags to dormitories (transport vehicles needed)

Pls contact brother Yau Mun Loong (9119 3370) if you are able to serve.

For enquiries, pls speak with the Planning team: Yau Mun Loong, Gabriel Paul, Lim Ah Kau, Terence Lim, Pas Loon Fu Man (staff liaison)

# St John's Chapel warmly invites you...

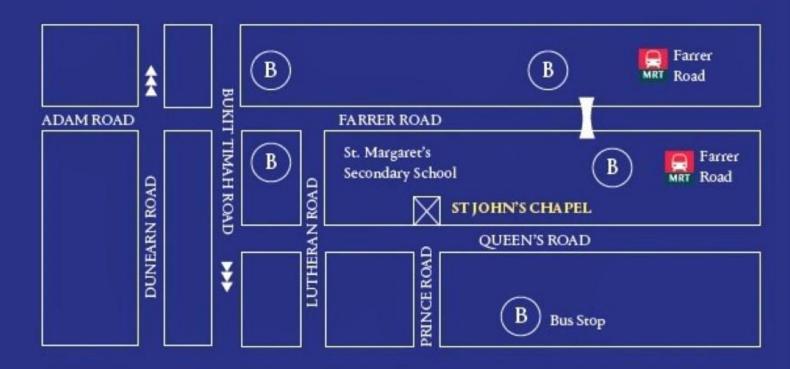
# Christmas Caroling Service 2020

May your heart be lifted in praise this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy He brings to our lives!

#### Date & Time:

Saturday, 19 December (4:30pm) Sunday, 20 December (9:00am)





#### Venue:

St John's Chapel III Farrer Road, Singapore 259240

#### **Bus Services:**

48, 93, 153, 165, 174, 186, 855, 961C

Nearest MRT is Farrer Road. Carpark entrance at Prince Road.

Book your ticket here by scanning the QR code or using this link: https://tinyurl.com/y6xbzqp2

You may also access our SJCp website **www.sjcp.org.sg** and click on the appropriate link for live streaming.









# Do register early @ 99.99/9iftoflove

St. John's Chapel presents
GIFT OF LOVE CHRISTMAS EVENT

SESSION I: IOAM - I2PM, SESSION 2: 2PM - 4PM

19 DECEMBER 2020



\*THIS IS A PHYSICAL EVENT\*

PLEASE NOTE THAT SAFE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES WILL BE IN PLACE.



Bus Services: 48, 93, 153, 165, 174, 186, 855 & 961

Nearest MRT: Farrer Road Station Carpark Entrance via Prince Road

# STAY TUNED @ GG.GG/CHRISTMAS\_GIFTOFLOVE FOR CHRISTMAS THEMED TEASERS EVERY FORTNIGHT! THERE ARE PRIZES TO BE WON!