

12 December 2020 – Evening Prayer
13 December 2020 – Morning Prayer

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**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)

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 Light of Love**

Text : Romans 8:31-39

For I am sure that neither death nor life,
nor angels nor rulers, nor things present
nor things to come, nor powers, nor height
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the
love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

COLLECT

Third Sunday of Advent

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 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.

Vicar Writes

Dear family in Christ

The season of Christmas is always an opportune time to share the good news of great joy that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born 2000 years ago in Bethlehem to be the Saviour of the world.

During this difficult and challenging Covid-19 year, many people are searching for meaning of life and seeking a present and future hope that is certain and secure.

Let us join our hearts to pray and think of family, friends and children to invite, and also for us to be involved in serving, at these Christmas outreaches.

1. **“The Gift of Love” Christmas Outreach to Migrant Workers:** We are mobilising volunteers to serve in the packing and distribution of goodie bags to the dormitories (15-18 December) and also at the Christmas celebration activities at Kranji Recreational Centre (19-20 December, 11am to 3pm).
2. **Children Christmas outreach** on Saturday, 19 December (session one 10am - 12pm; session two 2pm - 4pm). Fun activities for children age 4 to 12 and the sharing of the Christmas story.
3. **Christmas Carol Services** on 19 December Saturday 4.30pm service and on 20 December Sunday 9.00am service. Carol singing by the choir and gospel preaching by an evangelist.
4. **Christmas Day services** on 25 December, 9.00am (English) and 11.15am (Mandarin). May the gathering of God’s people be a powerful testimony of Christmas joy in declaring the grace and love of God in Christ Jesus.
5. **Christmas Meal in the Home:** As a Cell group or as a family, do consider inviting friends for a Christmas meal in the home, with the listening of carols and the sharing of the Christmas message. Safe distancing measures allow households to receive up to five visitors at any one time.
6. **Celebrate Christmas in Singapore (CCIS):** Due to Covid-19 restrictions, CCIS cannot be held at Orchard Road. Instead, it will be livestreamed online into the homes and digitally across the world. Please tune in to the CCIS Christmas performances (<https://ccis-sg.wixsite.com/ccis>) at 8.00pm nightly on 21 & 23 Dec (English) and on 22 & 24 Dec (Mandarin).

“And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11

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.

Understanding the Graeco-Roman World of the New Testament

Vicar will be teaching this course (via Zoom) on Wednesdays, 6, 13, 20 January 2021 from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. **Please see attached flyer for the course synopsis.** Please register for the course at <http://gg.gg/CESept> (*For those who have registered previously, you need not register again*). We will send you the Zoom details via your registered mobile number nearer the commencement of the course. For enquiries, please email admin@patmos.org.sg

2021 Tithe/Freewill envelopes

Tithe/Freewill envelopes for 2021 are ready for collection. As many members are now returning their tithes and giving freewill offering via electronic banking, new 2021 envelopes will be issued only to those who have been using them to return tithe in 2020. However, if you have been e-giving and would like to go back to using envelopes, please inform Nellie, our pledge secretary, at admin@patmos.org.sg

Unused Tithe/Freewill envelopes

Members who have switched to returning tithes and giving freewill offering via electronic banking and have unused envelopes may wish to drop these unused envelopes into a box at the usher's table for them to be recycled for use.

"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 **Sat 19 Dec, 4.30pm** and **Sun 20 Dec, 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 **Sat, 19 Dec** with 2 sessions for children aged 4 to 12. Each session has a cap of 35 children. Sign up @ <http://gg.gg/giftoflove>.

Intercession

"The Gift of Love" – Christmas Outreach to Migrant Workers

Pray for:

1. CRA / SJC, to have a smooth and good partnering outreach programme at KREC
2. Volunteers to help packing and distribution of goodie bags (15 – 18 December)
3. God's provision of people for the 19 & 20 December Christmas celebration activities
4. Sponsors for the lunch for the migrant workers

| DUTY ROSTER | Saturday 12 December | Sunday 13 December | Next Saturday 19 December | Next Sunday 20 December |
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| Worship Officiant | Hide le | Florence Ho | Revd John Lin | |
| Preacher | Revd John Lin | | Revd George Tay | |
| Psalm Reading | Psalm 103 | | - | |
| Scripture Text | Romans 8:31-39 | | Luke 2:8-14 | |
| Sermon Title | Jesus, the Light of Love | | Joy to the World?? | |

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

Covenant Renewal Service

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 admin@patmos.org.sg

Address : St John's Chapel

111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240

Email (General Enquiries) : admin@patmos.org.sg

Tel : 6468 8425

Website : www.sjcp.org.sg

UNDERSTANDING THE GRAECO-ROMAN WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Join us to understand the political, economic, cultural, social and religious characteristics of the Graeco-Roman world of the first century. This course will enable us to appreciate the background to the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's letters to the newly-planted churches in the various cities and also the other New Testament Epistles.



Course Dates: 6, 13 & 20 January 2021
Time: 8.00pm to 9.30pm (via Zoom)
Instructor: Rev John Lin

Register for the course at <http://gg.gg/CESept>
We will send you the Zoom details via your registered mobile number nearer the commencement of the course.

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COURSE SYNOPSIS



Christianity was not born in a vacuum. It was birthed into the Graeco-Roman world of political stability, cultural diversity and religious paganism. Despite being in an environment where politics, economics, society and culture were all organised around the pagan deities, the church grew. There were favourable factors that were advantageous to the growth and spread of Christianity in the first century. However, the developing Christian church also faced hindrances that were disadvantageous to the acceptance of early Christianity. Despite the obstacles and struggles, the Early Church persevered and grew tremendously in a pagan environment. By God's grace, some of the hindrances were used to promote the Christian faith. This course will look at the political, economic, cultural, social and religious characteristics of the Graeco-Roman world of the first century. This will enable us to appreciate the background to the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's letters to the newly-planted churches in the various cities and also the other NT Epistles.



“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.

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

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

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| Dates: | 19 th and 20 th December (Saturday & Sunday) |
| Time: | 11 am to 3 pm |
| Highlights: | 1. Nativity theme display area to share about the birth of Jesus (with photo taking) 2. Screening of Christmas song videos 3. Distributing Christmas greeting cards |

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...

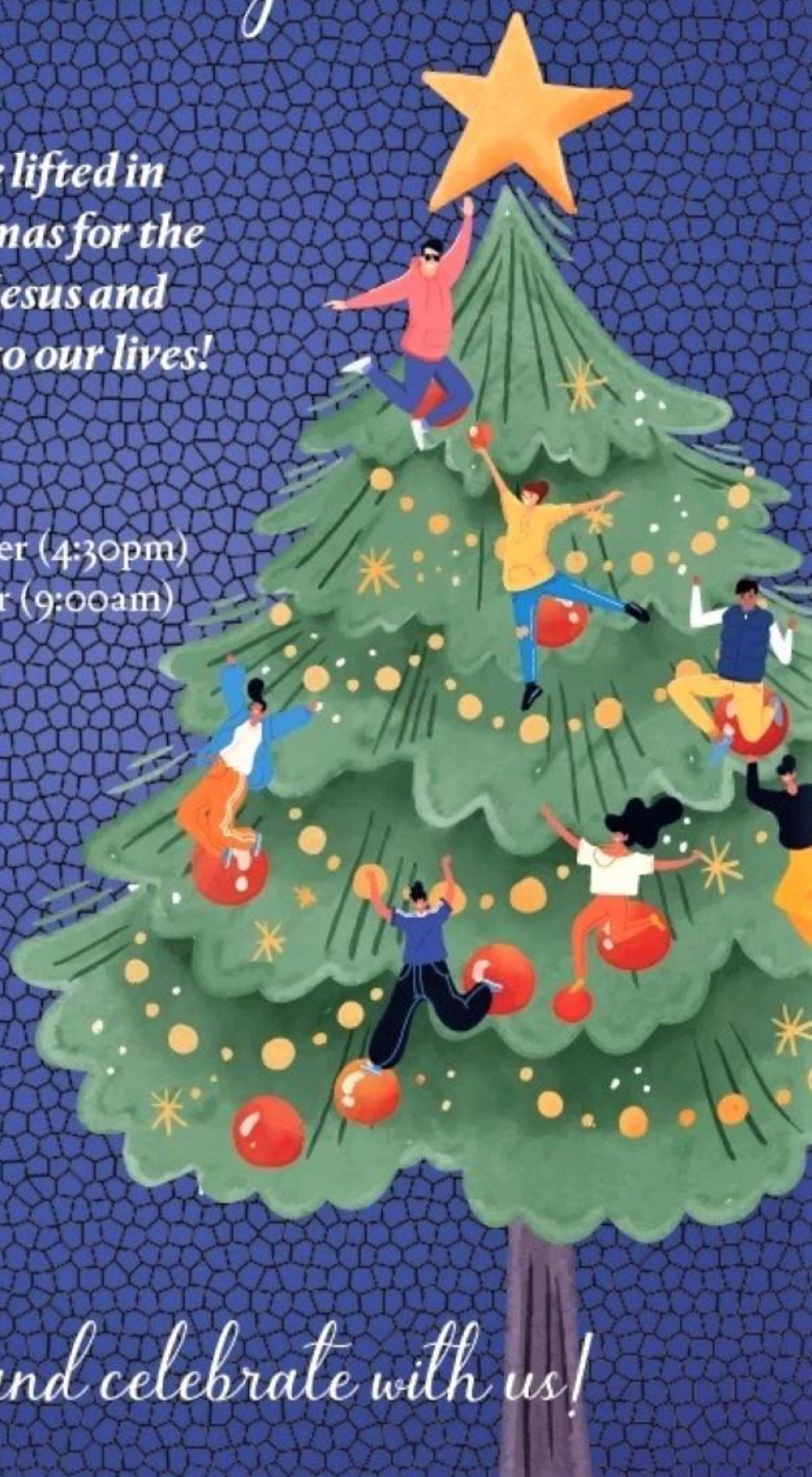
Christmas Caroling Service 2020

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

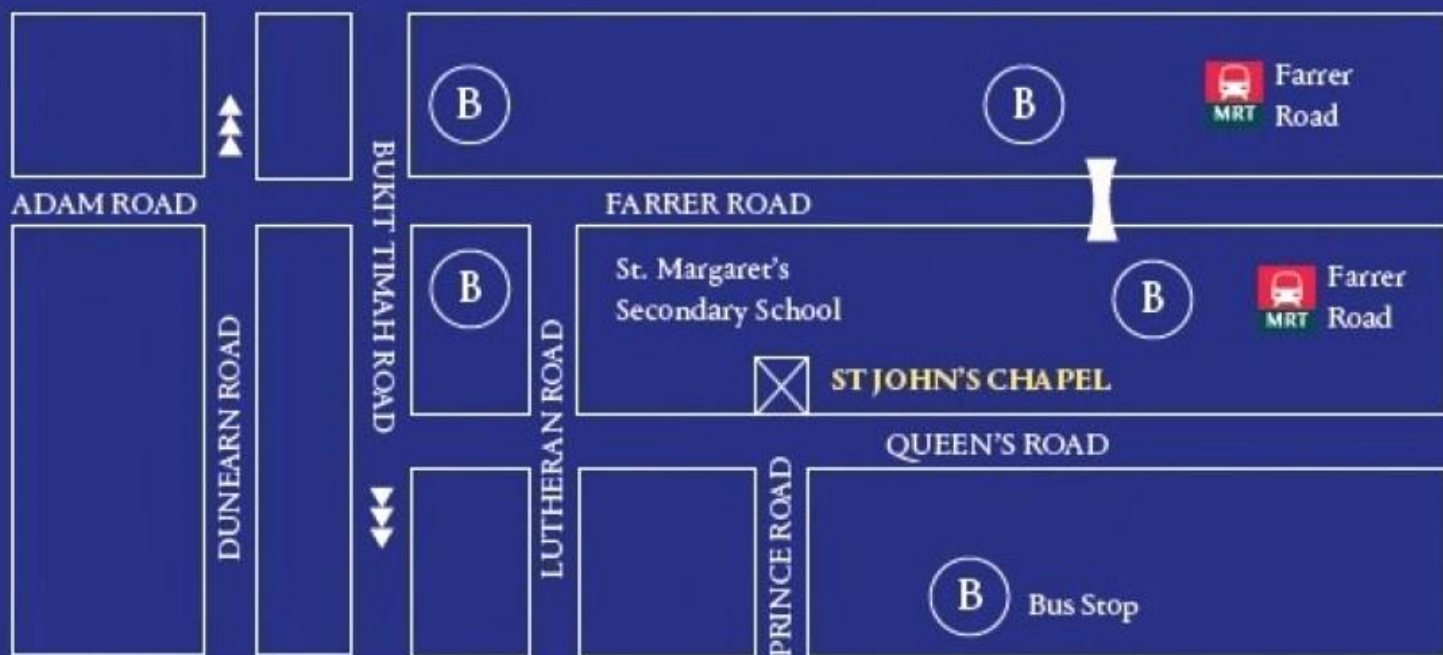
Date & Time:

Saturday, 19 December (4:30pm)

Sunday, 20 December (9:00am)



Come and celebrate with us!



Venue:

St John's Chapel

111 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.

