

9 January 2021 – Evening Prayer  
10 January 2021 – Morning Prayer

**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)

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

Speaker : Bishop Kuan Kim Seng

Sermon Title : **Idolatry Unmasked!**

Text : Exodus 32:1-14;  
Matthew 15:1-9

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving  
a kingdom that cannot be shaken,  
and thus let us offer to God acceptable  
worship, with reverence and awe,  
for our God is a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12:28-29

**COLLECT**

**First Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism  
with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your  
beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are  
born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives  
to your service, that we may rejoice to be called the  
sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Dear church family

In January 1874, Frances R. Havergal, a gifted poet, sent a New Year greeting card to her friends. She had written a heartfelt prayer of consecration, which epitomised her deep faith in God and exemplified her total commitment to the Lord. This poetic prayer has become a well-known favourite hymn among God's people over the years.

*Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;  
Another year of progress, another year of praise,  
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.*

*Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,  
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;  
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;  
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.*

*Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,  
Another year of training for holier work above;  
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be  
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.*

As we begin a new year 2021 in the midst of this relentless Covid-19 pandemic, may you experience God's love and peace as you rest in the presence of God. May you receive God's grace and strength as you walk close to the Lord. May you find joy and purpose as you seek and obey the will of God.

*"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to You a heart of wisdom."* Psalm 90:12 (NASB)

Maranatha  
Pastor John

### Wedding

We rejoice with Mr Tan Jun Rong Gabriel and Miss Shirleen Toh Xue Li who have filed their notice of marriage with the Registry of Marriages. Their wedding date is on 16 January 2021, Saturday. If you know of any reason why they may not lawfully marry, you are required to inform the Vicar of St John's Chapel, or the Registrar of Marriages before the wedding.

### Kids-For-Christ (KFC) 2021

KFC will continue to meet physically in church in 2021 and online KFC lessons will **cease**. The children will meet **weekly** on **Saturdays, at 4.30pm**. Children coming for KFC **need NOT** book tickets. Parents/caregivers of the KFC children will have to book tickets for the main service. For more information, please contact Shirleen at 91010531.

### Transport Chaperons/Driver Needed

KFC is looking for transport chaperons or drivers who are able to help with ferrying children to church for KFC on a weekly basis. We have children living in the west of Singapore who have expressed interest in joining us more regularly for KFC session. If you are interested or would like to find out more before committing, please contact Shirleen @ 91010531.

### 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

The exercise of filling up pledge forms for 2021 will be on pause this year. Nevertheless, **please do read the information on "Our Givings to God" as in the attached e-flyer**. If you are starting to tithe and require a tithe number, please inform Nellie, our pledge secretary, at admin@patmos.org.sg

### Appreciation

Tony Lim & Poh Leng and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all church leaders and members for their prayers, visits and condolences during their recent bereavement on the demise of Tony Lim's father on 30 December 2020.

## Intercession

### Kids-For-Christ

2020 has been a challenging year for many of us but we thank God for seeing us through. As we start 2021, we continue to seek Him for guidance and wisdom. Please pray along with us for:

1. Unity among the teachers and for wisdom and love as they teach the children the Word of God.
2. More children to join us in the ministry and every child in KFC to experience God personally for themselves and to walk closely with Him
3. Parents to continue to be faithful in teaching their children God's Word and for a strong parent-KFC partnership to raise the next generation of godly men and women.

### Gentle Reminder

Registration of Eventbrite Online Booking of seat ticket **Cut-off time**

Saturday Service - by Saturday 12 noon

Sunday Service - by Saturday 8 pm

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 9 January 2021	Sunday 10 January 2021	Next Saturday 16 January 2021	Next Sunday 17 January 2021
Worship Officiant	Hide le	Ps Richard Ting	Peter Soon	Kenneth Sng
Preacher	Bishop Kuan Kim Seng		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 97		Psalm 61	
Scripture Text	Exodus 32:1-14; Matthew 15:1-9		James 1:1-12	
Sermon Title	Idolatry Unmasked!		The Purpose of Trials ("Be Mature" series)	

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

Christian Education (via zoom) on "Understanding the Graeco-Roman World of the New Testament" on 6, 13 & 20 January 2021

**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](mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg)*

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# Our Givings to God, 2021



Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.  
(Psalms 29:2)

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

## THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR GIVING

“... God so loved ... that He gave (us) His only Son ...” – John 3:16

“God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing ...” – Ephesians 1:3

“A tithe of everything ... belongs to the LORD” – Leviticus 27:30

## WHY DO I NEED TO GIVE?

Our aim in St John’s Chapel is to help *fulfil the Great Commission*, which in turn will bring the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 24:14). *Our givings will help to bring this pass*. Tithing and free-will offerings will finance the world-wide proclamation of the gospel. All of us are given the privilege to invest in this great enterprise.

*Giving is an act of obedience* (when we obey God’s Word regarding the tithe). It is also *an expression of our love* for God (when we offer to him our free-will offerings).

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

EXPENDITURE ITEMS (As in October)	2019 (%)	2020 (%)
(a) Salaries of church workers and administrative staff	50	48
(b) Support of Christian work outside St John’s Chapel	3	4
(c) Diocesan expenses	26	28
(d) Ministry/Mission expenses	15.5	16
(e) Maintenance and running costs of church buildings, etc	0.5	1
(f) Misc – printing, admin expenses, church camp, Sunday School material, etc	5	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	100	100

## HOW SHOULD I GIVE?

*The Bible encourages cheerful giving* - - “The point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he made up his mind, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver ...” – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

*The Bible also encourages systematic and proportional giving*. – “Now concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of each week, each of you is to put aside and store it up, as he may prosper ...” – 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I GIVE?

Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you back.” - Luke 6:38



## 5. Donations-in-kind

The Church office may make known its needs when some equipment or furniture has to be purchased. Members can give the needed asset if they have a used one in a good condition which they do not need, or more commonly, they might buy a new one for the Church office. Such form of giving is called Donation-in-kind.

## 6. Tithe

*Tithe is the returning of the first 10% of our income to God.* The tithe belongs to God. (Leviticus 27:30). The chief purpose of the tithe is to financially support “full-time” workers in their role of spearheading the thrust of world evangelization, which is the responsibility of every believer. *We should give the tithe to which ever local church that we are members of.*

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(In the Bible, the tithe is used primarily for the support of full-time workers. Whenever other financial needs do arise, such as for the building of the Jerusalem Temple, these are funded by free-will offerings.)

To elaborate, in tithing, **one tenth of all of one’s income** is pledged. Since we are usually paid on a monthly basis, it is best that we also pledge on a monthly basis. We should give the tithe as soon as we receive our pay. The longer

we wait the more difficult it becomes for us to keep up to date, and who knows - - it might even slip our mind and we may end up spending what rightfully belongs to the Lord!

Some have asked, “What constitutes one’s income? Can we minus off the income tax when we calculate the tithe?” Simply answered, income is all we declare in our income tax returns (and more??). With regard to the problem of tithing before or after tax, perhaps we should answer the question, “Does God give His blessings before or after tax?” In short, let’s be as generous as God!!

Another question which is often asked about tithing is, “If my givings to the Church, the Community Chest, Anglican Welfare, World Vision plus some old folks home or other, etc., etc., make up 10%, am I not tithing?” The answer is a very emphatic **NO!**

If we feel that we are better to decide whom our money should be given to and we do not wish to practice giving both the tithes and free-will to the Church, then 10% should be given to the Church first before we can say that we are indeed tithing. Over and above the 10%, we are free to decide.