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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)

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

23 January 2021 – Evening Prayer 24 January 2021 – Morning Prayer

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

Speaker: Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : The Origin of Temptation

Text : James 1:13-18;

Matthew 4:1-11

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13



COLLECT

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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.

Vicar Writes

Dear church family

Prayer is such an immense joy and privilege for God's children in our walk and relationship with God. Every disciple of Jesus Christ should have a vibrant and healthy prayer life and intercession ministry. Whether praying alone in our "closet" or praying together at our cell groups or at corporate church prayer meetings, the people of God are called to "pray at all times in the Spirit" (Ephesians 6:18).

There is great potential when prayer and small groups are integrated. In his book "*Praying together: Equipping small groups to grow their prayer potential*" (pg. 16-18), Dr Alan Harkness shared on **six things that will happen when small groups pray together**.

- 1. Expression of **community** between God and people, and between people themselves.
- 2. Sense of **belonging** where Christians know that they are "at home".
- 3. Provision of a setting to allow God to work at transforming us.
- 4. Process of **growth** in spiritual maturity and committed discipleship.
- 5. Careful and sensitive listening to God and to one another.
- 6. Mission focus to sense and respond to God's heartbeat for his world.

Let us gather in prayer together as the community of God's people in our small groups and at church prayer meeting.

"Too often we treat prayer as the preparation for the work of the church." — Oswald Chambers

Maranatha Pastor John

Sunday Service on 14 February 2021 - 3rd Day of Chinese New Year (CNY)

The **Sunday Service** on **14 February 2021** will start 9.00am. Patmos Hall will be opened up for an additional 50 seats on top of the current 100 seats in the Sanctuary for this CNY Service. Do take note that the Service viewed in Patmos Hall is projected on the screen. Patmos is designated as Zone C and thus there will be no intermingling with Zone A and B in the Sanctuary before, during and after 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, 13 February 2021.

Celebrating Chinese New Year with Migrant Brothers

As a follow up from the successful Christmas Outreach, Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA) is inviting St. John's Chapel to partner with them and other churches to organise a Chinese New Year celebration for the migrant workers. Outreach activities will be held at Kranji Recreation Centre (KRC) on 6 and 7 February (4pm to 8pm). Please see attached e-flyer for details. If you are able to serve, please contact brother Yau Mun Loong (9119 3370).

Understanding the Graeco-Roman World of the New Testament

Vicar has completed teaching this Christian Education course. If you have missed it for various reasons and would like to have the student notes, PPT slides and audio recordings (3 sessions), please request from Patrick via email patrick@patmos.org.sg As we go through the current sermon series on the book of James, having a good understanding of the Graeco-Roman world will be helpful in learning the Scriptures better.

Teaching on "Life of Christ" by Dr David Miller

Dr David Miller will be teaching a course on "Life of Christ in context: Revealed in his world, Relevant to ours" to be hosted by St James Church. It will be on zoom over eight Thursdays (8pm to 9pm), beginning 18 Feb and ending 15 April. This teaching will be helpful to guide our thoughts and our heart during the church season of Lent. Please see attached flyer for the detailed synopsis and registration details.

Young Adults Ministry

The Young Adults Ministry will be meeting for a meal (individual bento boxes - not to worry!) and some games next **Saturday**, **30 January**, **6 - 8pm**, at the Patmos Hall. Current young adult cell members and new friends all welcome! For more information, please contact Elly Chiu (1 John service, 9646-6401) or John Ho (Sunday service, 9656-2663).

Church Prayer Meeting

A church prayer meeting will be held on **Friday**, **29 January 2021**, **7.45 pm** via Zoom. Join us in fellowship to pray for families, unity of the church, and the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the Zoom capacity limit, the prayer meeting will be limited to 100 persons, on a first attendance basis. The meeting ID and password will be sent via WhatsApp to the cell leaders prior to the prayer meeting date.

Intercession

Pastoral Care & Visitation Team (VT) Ministry

- 1. Thank God for VT members who are willing to serve alongside with the church staff in providing pastoral care to members.
- 2. Thank God that more members are open for visitation.
- 3. Pray for more love, wisdom and sensitive hearts whenever we meet or visit members, that the members would experience God's love upon them.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 23 January 2021	Sunday 24 January 2021	Next Saturday 30 January 2021	Next Sunday 31 January 2021
Worship Officiant	Ps Yun Jing	Ho Boon Sing	Hide le	Florence Ho
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 51		Psalm 112	
Scripture Text	James 1:13-18; Matthew 4:1-11		James 1:19-27	
Sermon Title	The Origin of Temptation		The Practice of Religion	

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)

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

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 **Tel** : 6468 8425

Celebrating Chinese New Year with Migrant Brothers

As the follow up from the successful Christmas Outreach event last year, **Crisis Relief Alliance (CRA)** is inviting **St. John's Chapel** to partner with them and other churches to organise a Chinese New Year celebration for the migrant workers residing at the North Zone.

Chinese New Year Celebration at Kranji Recreation Centre (KRC)

Dates:	6 th and 7 th February 2021		
Time:	1600 to 2000		
Highlights:	1. CNY greeting dance performance.		
	2. Photo booth.		
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	4. Games stalls.		
4	5. Goodies bag distribution.		

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

• Onsite activities with migrant brothers at KRC on 6th & 7th February Please contact brother Yau Mun Loong (9119 3370) if you are able to serve.

For details, please speak with the Planning team: Mun Loong, Gabriel Paul, Lim Ah Kau, Terence Lim, Vincent Chiu, Jasmine Sng, Derek, Cheng, Esther Cheng and Pas Loon Fu Man (staff liaison)

LIFE OF CHRIST IN CONTEXT.

REVEALED IN HIS WORLD, RELEVANT TO OURS





The Lenten season is the forty-day period of the Church Calendar which starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday of Holy Week. It calls the faithful community to reflect on Jesus' Suffering, Crucifixion, and Death; a time when we internalize Christ's life and death by practicing self-denial and self-reflection. Following our Lord in His preparation for His Passion, we prepare ourselves on the way of the Cross for full obedience to God. The season of Lent is, therefore, a season of "Preparation, Accompaniment, and Journey". As followers of Jesus, the Church finds her life in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, His victory over evil, chaos, sin, and death, and His restoration of all things through His resurrection, His ascension, and soon return.

To guide us in our preparation for this Lenten season, we have invited Dr David Miller to spend 8 one-hour sessions on Zoom sharing with us on "**The Life and Teaching of Christ**". This will start on Thursday 18 February 2021 (a day after Ash Wednesday) and run end on 15 April 2021.

This eight-session seminar on "The Life and Teaching of Christ" will be taught in light of the context in which Jesus lived, giving special emphasis to the religious world and teaching styles of the First Century Jewish world. Throughout the seminar, connections will be made between Jesus' teachings as understood in His day and its relevance to us today; from "then and there" to "here and now". Participants will be equipped with tools to help you gain more meaning and insight when you read the Gospel accounts.

The 8 sessions will cover:

- Reading in Context:
 The Sermon on the Mount
- 2. The Birth: To whom is the "arm of the Lord" revealed
- 3. Daily life in Galilee
- 4. Religion in Daily life: the Pharisees and sabbath events
- 5. Miracles, Parables and Teachings
- 6. Miracles, Parables and Teachings, continued
- 7. Jerusalem: Who are Jesus' enemies?
- 8. Crucifixion and resurrection