

Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop and

Rt Revd Low Jee King

EKKLESIA TO THE NATION

6 - 7 March 2021 Holy Communion

We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : The Problem of the Tongue

: James 3:1-18; **Text**

Matthew 15:10-20

A Warm Welcome to our Church Service.

Vicar **Revd John Lin**

Archdeacon

Bishop

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)

... but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

James 3:8-9



COLLECT

Third Sunday Of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 family in Christ

It has been almost a year since our government imposed the Covid-19 circuit-breaker and then the gradual opening up in phase two and phase three for religious services. Due to our space constraints, we can have up to 150 attendees in three zones (*two zones at sanctuary and one zone at Patmos hall*) for the worship service.

It is such a wonderful joy to have God's people being allowed to gather physically again in the praise of God and in safe-distanced fellowship. There is something special about being in the presence of one another in sharing a brief conversation, to see a smile on the eyes and to encourage each other in the Lord.

Recently, I read an article written by retired Methodist bishop Robert Solomon on the topic "Why go to church when I can't sing or fellowship?" The full article can be read from this weblink https://saltandlight.sg/faith/why-go-to-church-when-i-cant-sing-or-fellowship/

In his conversations with local pastors, Bp Solomon heard that Christians in Singapore are attending church service less often, whether on-site or online. He shared <u>three reasons encouraging Christians to return to on-site services</u> as soon as they possibly can, for the sake of their spiritual health.

- 1. On-site church services honour God: "There is value in having a faith community worshipping God publicly in a regular place. Over time, such places become spiritual places that are treasured and stand as a witness to the God we worship."
- **2. Meeting in person builds unity:** "There is the value of solidarity in face-to-face meetings. Our physical presence gives us mutual encouragement when we see fellow believers standing together as a worshipping and praying community."
- **3. Going to church helps us stay close to the faith community:** "We need to be careful that skipping church does not become a habit and a part of our routine (see *Hebrews 10:25*). Staying away from church could be the first step to losing the fellowship and protection of being part of a community of fellow believers."

"How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." Psalm 84:1-2

*Maranatha*Pastor John

James Yau - Completion of one-year Tribute program

Our brother James Yau will complete his one year Tribute program on **7 March 2021**. We are encouraged by his giving of his first year of working life as his tribute to God. We thank God for the blessing and encouragement through James in our church community and in the various ministries. Value your prayers for James for God's provision and guidance as he begins his job search during such challenging times.

"Parenting Teenagers" Course

St Andrew's Cathedral is organising this course and has kindly welcomed the parents of St John's Chapel to join together. This course is designed to help parents deal with the challenges of raising teenage children (10 years and older) and to prepare them for life. Course topics on the attached e-flyer. Developed by Nicky and Sila Lee from Holy Trinity Brompton (London), this course is part of the series of programmes offered by Alpha Singapore. It will be conducted virtually via Zoom. For more information, please contact our church staff Shirleen at shirleenyap@patmos.org.sg

Dates : March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (Thursdays)

Time : 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm Fee : \$10 per person (for guest manual)

Please register at https://bit.ly/3cuM8uu

Closing Date for Registration: 3 March 2021

30-day Devotional on the Book of James

The Vicar would like to recommend a 30-day devotional on the book of James, so that we can grow deep in the Word of God. This devotional is well-produced by Our Daily Bread Ministries. You can access this weblink and click on the book of James https://journeythrough.org/all-courses/ You may space out the devotional readings to follow the current pulpit preaching schedule on James.

Cathedral Collation of Honorary Canons and Vicar's Induction

This special service will be held on **Sunday**, **21 March at 4.30 pm**. The following clergy will be collated as Honorary Canons of the Cathedral: Rev Chua Siang Guan, Rev Huang Ao-you, Rev Barry Leong, Rev Lewis Lew and Rev Daniel Wee. Rev Lewis Lew will be instituted and inducted as the Vicar of St Andrew's Cathedral. All are invited to participate in this significant service via live streaming http://bit.ly/isc213 Value your prayers for these clergy brothers and their families as they share and provide collegial responsibilities for the total life and witness of the Diocese.

Intercession

Tekna Youth

- a) For spiritual hunger among youths to seek God more than fun and games.
- b) For God's wisdom in charting the ministry plans for this year, that the youths grow as disciples of Christ.
- c) For personal obedience among leaders that they imitate Christ in their lives.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 6 March 2021	Sunday 7 March 2021	Next Saturday 13 March 2021	Next Sunday 14 March 2021
Worship Officiant	Hide le	Ps Richard Ting	Ps Yun Jing	Kenneth Sng
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 133	
Scripture Text	James 3:1-18; Matthew 15:10-20		James 4:1-12	
Sermon Title	The Problem of the Tongue		The Causes of Conflict	

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, 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.sg

Address: St John's Chapel

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



The Parenting Teenagers Course is designed to help parents deal with the challenges of their raising teenage children (10 years and older) and to prepare them for life.

It consists of eight sessions of video talks and small group discussions on the following topics:

- Keeping the end in mind
- Meeting our teenagers' needs
- Setting boundaries
- Developing emotional health
- Helping them make good choices

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