

10 July 2021 – Evening Prayer

11 July 2021 – 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 : **Excuse me,
are you a Samaritan?**

Text : John 4:1-27



Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

John 4:13-14



COLLECT

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

On 16 June 2021, the Singapore government released the report on the Census of Population 2020. The report is accessible at the Department of Statistics' website www.singstat.gov.sg

Subsequently on 22 June, The Straits Times (ST) published an article written by Mathew Mathews and Melvin Tay entitled, '***Fading Faith? Fathoming the future of Singapore's religious landscape***'. The article provided an analysis of religious trends in Singapore based on the Census report and covered a range of issues in the changing religious sentiments of Singaporeans in general and also trajectories in specific religious traditions.

Consequently, Dr Roland Chia, theologian professor at Trinity Theological College, wrote a response paper entitled "***No Room for Complacency***", which is available on the website of Ethos Institute for Public Christianity, <https://ethosinstitute.sg/no-room-for-complacency/>

Dr Chia shared his concerns on the analysis of the current religious trends that have direct or indirect bearing on Christianity and the churches in Singapore. He highlighted three issues raised by the ST article that he thought pastors, leaders, educators and parents should be concerned about and must give more attention to.

1. Spirituality without Religion

This issue has to do with the delinking of spirituality from organised religion, a trend that has been endemic in the West for several decades. The rejection of organised religion has resulted in privatised spiritualities. Dr Chia encouraged the Singapore churches to place emphasis on the importance of ecclesial and liturgical spirituality.

2. Digitalisation of Religion

Church services and meetings have gone online because of restrictions brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. While it is beneficial practically, this digitalisation has exacerbated the drift away from organised religion and this can potentially lead to four critical issues. Firstly, Christian orthodoxy could be easily jeopardised. Secondly, religious or theological authority may be compromised. Thirdly, it encourages religious consumerism. Fourthly, it may lead to a DIY religion.

3. God of the Gaps

This issue is about how the emphasis on the STEM (*science, technology, engineering, mathematics*) disciplines in our Singapore education system has impacted and challenged the relevance of religion. The relationship between science and the Christian faith is an important but neglected topic in our churches. We need to help people to see and understand the relevance of the Christian faith in a world that is governed by science and technology.

May I encourage you to read Dr Chia's response paper on your own. You may consider sharing your thoughts and having a discussion at your cell group meetings or friendship fellowship groups. Let us pray for God's wisdom and grace for pastors, leaders and parents to guide God's people during such challenging times.

Maranatha
Pastor John

Loan of Mobile Devices

The Children's Ministry is in the midst of planning for a hybrid KFC when we resume in August. As such, we would require mobile devices to be deployed for use during our weekly KFC session. If you have extra mobile devices with cellular data function or wifi-enabled (tablets, laptops, chromebooks) that you do not mind loaning to the ministry for the time being (the devices will be used during KFC sessions and kept under lock and key in church), please let Shirleen know. You can reach her at 9101 0531.

Men's Fellowship

Calling all Brothers to join us for a time of journeying with each other in brokenness and meekness. Exploring men's issues, accountability, and spurring one another on towards fulfilling our Biblical calling. Next session will be on **Serving His Church**, Brother Xing Wei will be Facilitating the discussion, Saturday 17 July 2021 via ZOOM, 8.15am-10am. Sign up or enquire at gg.gg/mufcinvite

Confirmation Class – July 2021

Confirmation Service is scheduled on **Sunday, 15 August 2021**. We are conducting a Confirmation course for those who were baptised as infants and are now age 14 years old and above, and for adults who have been baptised and yet to be Confirmed. You are much encouraged to attend the course. **Zoom lessons will be on Sundays - 4, 11, 18 & 25 July at 2pm**. Do approach Ps Fu-Man for any enquiries.

Talk on Family Life (In Mandarin)

The Chinese congregation has organised a series of talks on Family Life (via online) by a respected veteran in Family Therapy, Sister Yuan Feng Zhu. It will be held on 3 consecutive Saturdays - 17, 24 & 31 July 2021 (10am to 11.30am). For enquiries, please contact Lydia Leong at 6468 8425.

Dispensation of Online Holy Communion

Bishop Titus Chung has announced that given the recent development in the COVID-19 situation, it would seem that our nation is heading into an extended period of "new normal". As such, there will be an extension of the dispensation of the on-line Holy Communion to **31 December 2021**.

This dispensation will be reviewed again nearer the end of the year.

Intercession**Our Daily Bread (ODB)**

1. Pray for the Bible teaching videos (releasing in August) by Our Daily Bread author Bill Crowder on ***"In Times Like These... We Need Encouragement"*** will remind and inspire believers to look out for those around us who need our encouragement, especially during this challenging time.
2. Pray that the June project, to challenge young adults to spend time daily with God, will encourage them to spend more time daily with God. To learn more go to <https://ymi.odb.sg/>

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 10 July 2021	Sunday 11 July 2021	Next Saturday 17 July 2021	Next Sunday 18 July 2021
Worship Officiant	Peter Soon	Pas Yun Jing	Pas Richard	Florence Ho
Celebrant	-		Revd John Lin	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Pas Richard, Hide Ie & Peter Soon	Florence Ho, Boon Sing & Patrick
Praise Team	Harmony		Livingstreams	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd King Chiew Kwang	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 67		-	
Scripture Text	John 4:1-27		Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	
Sermon Title	Excuse me, are you a Samaritan?		All We Need is Rhythm Divine	
Scripture Reader	Priscilla Yau	Esther Cheng	Sonia Ie	Aileen Tung
Treasury Witness	Merrilyn & Bee Kuan	Cho Li & Alyss	Nellie & Judy	Boon Sing & Eileen Mok
Staff On Duty	Ds Lena & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & Pas Shirleen	Pas Florence & Pas Shirleen	Ds Lena & Susan

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St John's Chapel

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- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- (4) BuildingXXX, Month

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

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Remarks: (same as above)

From 19 June, we had resumed onsite physical worship services for both **Saturday** 4.30 pm and **Sunday** 9.00 am services. The congregational capacity is capped at 50 attendees, without the need for Pre-Event Testing. You can book your ticket at gg.gg/sjcpservices. We will livestream the Saturday 4.30pm English Service. Thereafter, the church service will be available online at this weblink <http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/>

Church Ministries : Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, 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,
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