

21 August 2021 – Evening Prayer  
22 August 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 : **Where is God when it  
hurts painfully?**

Text : Job 1:1-22

Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

Psalm 42:11

**COLLECT**

**Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his  
back to the smiters and did not hide his face from  
shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of  
this present time with sure confidence in the glory  
that shall be revealed; 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 family in Christ

Many of us have been gripped by recent developments at Afghanistan and were moved to prayer. I had received a well-written article and would like to share it with you for your fervent prayers.

*"Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name."* 1 Peter 4:16

Maranatha  
Pastor John

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### **'Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, in Afghanistan'**

(17 August 2021)

I struggle to put these swirling thoughts into writing, but this I must do.

Today is one full day after the complete fall of Kabul, and thereby Afghanistan, to the Taliban. There are countless views expressed in both legacy and social media, ranging from disparaging remarks about the Americans to a deep sense of sorrow, sympathy and pain for the ordinary Afghans who now face an uncertain future. Video clips via social media showed thousands of desperate and frightened Afghans converging into the Hamid Karzai International Airport, adding to the many foreigners already there, trying to flee the country, will forever be seared into the mind.

My thoughts go to Messianic Afghans, virtually all of them recently minted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. All of them, our brethren, will almost certainly face a hostile future, as the Taliban have demonstrated a clear hatred for anything Christian. From the numerous postings that I saw, many Afghan pastors or church leaders, have simply come to grips with what is facing them.

(The exact number of Messianic Afghans is of course unknown, with estimates ranging from 500 to 8000 - with many more who are living outside the country. There are no church buildings in Afghanistan.)

Under such circumstances, how do we pray?

Unpopular as the idea goes, we must accept suffering and persecution as part and parcel of the Christian life, especially so as a consequence of living out a God-honouring life, recalling the words of Paul in 3 Tim 3:12. An equally unpopular idea is to think of the Taliban as part of God's divine plan for the salvation of the Afghans - with all their myriads of tribal groups and subgroups. Dare we think of God calling the Taliban as 'my servants' as he did so with Nebuchadnezzar (Jeremiah 27:6 and 43:10)?

Without the fall of China to the communists in October 1949, the poster boy being Mao Tse-Tung, the hyper exponential growth of the Church in China over the past 70 years would not have happened! The same may be said about the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran in April 1979, the poster boy being Ayatollah Khomeini. Today, the world's fastest growing church is found in Iran, with an estimated annual growth of 19.6 percent! Both Mao Tse-Tung and Ayatollah Khomeini were vehemently anti-Christian, and yet, they were God's servants in the unstoppable advance of the Kingdom of God.

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## Church Prayer Meeting

A church prayer meeting will be held on **Friday, 27 August 2021, 7.45 pm** via Zoom. Join us in fellowship to pray for families, unity of the church, and the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting ID and password will be sent via WhatsApp to the cell leaders prior to the prayer meeting date. Florence Ho will lead us in the prayer and the praise team is C2 homecell.


## Young Adults Ministry

Hello! Calling all young adults, we will be having a Young Adult social at the end of August:

 28 August, Saturday

 7.00 - 8.30pm

 Zoom

 Activities include some games, a 10min sharing, and 20min breakout group discussions

 Bring your own dinner!

Join us via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84453817916>

Meeting ID: 844 5381 7916 (No passcode)

## Ecclesiastes And The Gospel

Dates: Wednesdays - 1, 8, 15, 22 Sep 2021

Time: 8pm - 9.30pm

Registration: [fuman@patmos.org.sg](mailto:fuman@patmos.org.sg)

This study is focused on the teachings of The Lord Jesus answering to the questions from the book of Ecclesiastes. The Master Teacher and Preacher said: *'The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here'*. Matthew 12:42.

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We recall these blessed words of Jesus the Messiah, '... I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.' (Matthew 16:18) as we pray:

**“Abba Father, we thank You that you love the Afghans and that Your Son Jesus Christ died for their sins too; and that You desire that they should be reconciled back to You, God Almighty. We praise You that we will see Afghans in all their various tribes and sub-tribes around Your eternal throne.**

**We come to You to pray for our Afghan brothers and sisters in this present time of crisis and pain. We pray that in the midst of the political and social darkness that is descending upon the Afghans, the light of the Gospel of the Kingdom will shine forth even more brightly; that in the midst of hopelessness, the ‘blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ’ will sustain them. Deliver them, Lord God, from the evil one.**

**Father in heaven, may Your Kingdom come and Your will be done. In Jesus’ name. Amen.”**

Anonymous

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 21 August 2021	Sunday 22 August 2021	Next Saturday 28 August 2021	Next Sunday 29 August 2021
<b>Worship Officiant</b>	Pas Richard Ting	Florence Ho	Peter Soon	Ho Boon Sing
<b>Celebrant</b>	-		-	
<b>Holy Communion Assistant</b>	-		-	
<b>Praise Team</b>	IHMS		David's Legacy	
<b>Preacher</b>	Revd John Lin		Pas Loon Fu-Man	
<b>Psalm Reading</b>	Psalm 42		Psalm 119:17-40	
<b>Scripture Text</b>	Job 1:1-22		Revelation 3:14-22	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	<b>Where is God when it hurts painfully?</b>		<b>To Hear Is To Conquer</b>	
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Victor Tay	Aileen Tung	Priscilla	Heng Yu
<b>Treasury Witness</b>	Nellie & Angela	Pei Ching & Cho Ling	Lijie & Bee Kuan	Florence Ho & Aimin
<b>Staff On Duty</b>	Pas Florence & Pas Shirleen	Ds Lena & Susan	Pas Fu- Man & Pas Florence	Patrick & Doris

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)

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](http://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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