

# EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

15 -16 January 2022 Holy Communion

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

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: "One-anothering" one another

Text : Colossians 3:12-17;

John 15:12-17

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Archdeacon Ven Daniel Wee

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)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Colossians 3:12-14



### COLLECT

# **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; 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 beloved family in Christ

One of the greatest joys as a disciple of Jesus is to belong to the *koinonia* community of believers in the Body of Christ.

Jesus commanded his disciples to **love one another**. As we do so obediently, it will bear a powerful testimony to a watching world. "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35). This is our family trademark, as explained in this devotional article by Revd Bill Crowder, a Bible teacher with Our Daily Bread Ministries.

The Aran Islands, off the west coast of Ireland, are known for their beautiful sweaters. Patterns are woven into the fabric using sheep's wool to craft the garments. Many of them relate to the culture and folklore of these small islands, but some are more personal. Each family on the islands has its own trademark pattern, which is so distinctive that if a fisherman were to drown, it is said that he could be identified simply by examining his sweater for the family trademark.

In John's first letter, the apostle describes things that are to be trademarks of those who are members of God's family. In 1 John 3:1, John affirms that we are indeed part of God's family by saying, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!" He then describes the trademarks of those who are the children of God, including, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7).

Because "love is of God," the chief way to reflect the heart of the Father is by displaying the love that characterizes Him. May we allow His love to reach out to others through us — for love is one of our family trademarks. (Revd Bill Crowder, *ODB Ministries*)

May our community at St John's Chapel be marked joyfully by our Christlike love for one another.

"We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Blessings Pastor John

#### Intercession

# **Seniors Ministry -**

Prayer Pointers:

- 1. For wisdom for the Protem Committee to lead the ministry during this pandemic period.
- 2. For all seniors to be in a supportive and growing community in SJCp.
- 3. For seniors to grow spiritually, gracefully and healthily.

#### "Aging Gracefully and Finishing Well" by St Andrew's Cathedral Healthcare Fellowship

Explore how we can make our lives count for Christ in our latter days. Attached flyer details.

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon

Date: 20 January 2022 (Thurs), 7.00 pm on Zoom Register at https://bit.ly/SACHFJan22

#### **Church Prayer Meeting**

A church prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 28 Jan 2022**, **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. Pas Florence Hou will lead us in the prayer and the praise team is Claypot cell.

#### Pastoral staff Roger Fu – Cessation from full-time church ministry

Due to personal health reasons and the need for recuperation, pastoral staff Roger Fu has ceased from church employment on 31 December 2021. The vicar and our church community expressed our appreciative thanks to Roger for his faithful ministry at the Mandarin and Cantonese services and also at the 64<sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade company, for the past 7 years as a full-time staff. Value your prayers for God's gracious sovereign hand upon Roger and his family.

#### **Vaccination-Differentiated Settings (VDS) for Worship services**

The government has announced the policy of Vaccination-Differentiated Settings (VDS). Very sadly, this will affect congregational worship services. Wef 1 February 2022, only the following will be allowed to attend services onsite, irrespective of the gathering size.

(1) fully vaccinated, or

- (2) recovered from Covid (180-day exemption), or
- (3) medically ineligible individuals, (4) children aged 12 years and below (20% cap)

Hence, from 1 February 2022, the sanctuary seating capacity at both the Saturday and Sunday services will be **100**.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – First quarter 2022**

# 1. "THE OLIVET DISCOURSE" teaching by Bishop Kuan Kim Seng

The Olivet Discourse, thus named because it was taught on the Mount of Olives, was the final teaching by the Lord Jesus Christ, is recorded in Matthew 24-25, Mark 13 and Luke 21. This teaching is centred on the last of the Last Days – 'the close of the age' (Matt 24:3b). In this four-session teaching, Bishop Kuan will walk with us through the biblical texts to help us understand this very important teaching, which the Lord Jesus Christ reserved as the finale of his entire teaching ministry – delivered just before He was betrayed and crucified.

Course dates: February 9, 16, 23 and March 2.

Wednesdays, 8.00 pm on Zoom.

Pls register at admin@patmos.org.sg with your name, mobile and email address.

# 2. "FRIENDSHIP FIRST" course by InterServe

Want to better understand your friends from the near faith? The Friendship First course is for ordinary Christians to better understand, love and build bridges of friendship with people from the near faith. This course will help dispel any fear we may have harboured in building friendship with them and give us practical handles to share God's love to them.

Course dates: February 12, 26; March 12, 26; April 9, 23

Saturdays, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Onsite at Patmos Hall.

Fee \$80 (includes guidebook and intercultural field trip)

Pls register at tinyurl.com/FFCourseSignUp

For enquiries, pls contact brother Hon Leong for assistance.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 15 Jan 2022	Sunday 16 Jan 2022	Next Saturday 22 Jan 2022	Next Sunday 23 Jan 2022
Worship Officiant	Pas Richard Ting	Ho Boon Sing	Hide le	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Pas Richard, Peter Soon & Hide Ie	Boon Sing, Kenneth Sng & Patrick Lee	-	-
Praise Team	Ethan		Harmony	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 100	
Scripture Text	Colossians 3:12-17; John 15:12-17		Romans 12:1-16	
Sermon Title	"One-anothering" one another		Different gifts, Same Lord, One purpose	
Scripture Reader	Joshua Tung	Goh Xin Ying	Sonia le	Choo Heng Yu
Treasury Witness	Lijie & Judy	Pei Ching & Cho Ling	Nellie & Bee Kuan	Florence Ho & Ai Min
Staff On Duty	Pas Fu-Man & Patrick	Patrick & Doris	Ds Lena & Pas Florence	Pas Florence & Pas Shirleen

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. With effect 18 Sept, the congregational capacity for Saturday service is capped at 100 attendees with "vaccinated" status as per MCCY. The congregational capacity for Sunday will remain at 50 attendees, with no entry requirement to check for "vaccinated status. You can book your ticket at <a href="mailto:gg.gg/sjcpservices">gg.gg/sjcpservices</a>

We will livestream the Saturday 4.30pm English Service. Thereafter, the church service will be available online at this weblink <a href="http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/">http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/</a>

**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,

please email to admin@patmos.org.sg

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# AGING GRACEFULLY & FINISHING WELL

## A CONVERSATION WITH BISHOP EM. DR. ROBERT SOLOMON



Aging is inevitable. Growing old is not and finishing well certainly is not. There is much that we can do to make our lives count for Christ as we enter our silver or golden years. After all, Abraham only left Ur for Haran and then for Canaan at the ages of 70 and 75 respectively. Moses led the Hebrew slaves out of Egypt at the age of 80. By all estimates, about 20% of the population in Singapore will be above the age of 60 by the year 2030. Furthermore, all of us, at any age, are in full-time Christian service, whether we know it or not. How then are we to age gracefully and finish well?

Do join us for this Zoom conversation with Bishop Emeritus Dr. Robert Solomon as we explore how, as senior disciples, we might be as fruitful in our latter days as in our former. Bishop Solomon was Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore from 2000 to 2012. He is still a much sought after speaker, has spoken and taught ministry in many countries and in many settings and is also a prolific writer having authored 49 books, with the 50th book due to be released in April 2022. These books include *The Race, Faithful to the End, We are Pilgrims, Finding Rest for the Soul, Growing Old Gracefully*, and *A Grand Calling* (on grandparenting)

This Zoom conversation will be held at <u>7pm on Thursday, 20 January 2022</u> and will be moderated by A/Prof. Joseph Thambiah

To register, please click on this link: https://bit.ly/SACHFJan22

You will be sent a link with instructions via email. You are encouraged to send any questions that you may have ahead of time to SACHFhealthtalk@gmail.com