

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

14 – 15 May 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 : Come home to the Father

and His community

Text : Psalm 103; John 14:15-24

Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:23

COLLECT

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: give us grace, to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where lasting joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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)

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

It has been four weeks since the official announcement of the clergy postings by diocesan bishop Titus, under the divine guidance of the Lord. My heart is filled with gratitude for your encouraging words, kind understanding and fervent prayers for me and my family and also for St John's Chapel community.

As I was thinking and praying about how to edify and encourage God's people during this period of pastoral transition for both the English and Mandarin/dialect congregations, I came across a short article entitled "6 Truths to Encourage You During Pastoral Transition" by pastor Ben Simpson (*Eastwood Baptist Church, Kentucky, USA*).

(weblink: https://www.9marks.org/article/6-truths-to-encourage-you-during-pastoral-transition/)

Pastor Simpson shared briefly on six truths to encourage God's people during pastoral transitions:

- 1. God will be with this church at all times.
- 2. God is in control.
- 3. God plans good out of this transition.
- 4. It's okay to weep.
- 5. Ministry must go on.
- 6. The church must not scatter.

As you reflect on these essential points, may your heart and mind be strengthened by the Spirit of God and by the Word of God. Let us keep our eyes on our Good Shepherd Jesus Christ, following Jesus closely and press on in serving His will and purposes in the work of His eternal kingdom.

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2

Maranatha Pastor John

Intercession

52J Boys Brigade & 52nd Girls Brigade – Pei Tong Primary School

Theme for 2022: Hope

Thanksgiving

- We thank God that we have restarted physical meetings with our boys and girls since March this year.
- We thank God for the commitment and dedication of our teachers, officers and helpers who have served in this ministry.
- We thank God for the privilege and opportunity to bless and share the gospel with many boys and girls throughout these years.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that our boys and girls and their parents will be blessed and touched by God through this ministry.
- Pray for God's wisdom, guidance and protection over our teachers, officers and helpers.

Sunday Combined Service on 29 May

There will be a combined service for both English and Chinese congregations on Sunday **29 May 2022, 10am**. This is the final worship service for both Revd John and Revd King in SJCp before their posting on 1 June 2022. It will be followed with a time of thanksgiving and lunch. There will be KFC running concurrently on that day. For logistical purposes and catering of lunch, do register your attendance, including children, at gg.gg/sjcpservices by 22 May 2022. There will be no Saturday Service on 28 May 2022.

Church Prayer Meeting

A church prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 27 May 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. Boon Sing will lead us in the prayer and the praise team is CA338 cell.

Area Group Three (AG3) Leaders' Prayer Meeting on 3 June '22

In 2021, diocesan bishop Titus organised the 27 parishes into 7 Area Groups (AG). St John's Chapel is in **AG3**, together with Chapel of Christ the King, St George's Church and St John's-St Margaret's Church, and led by AG3 leaders Canon Daniel Wee and Rev Alvin Toh. The key objectives of the area groupings are: (1) Build inter-parish communities and relationship; (2) Facilitate mutual care and resource sharing; (3) Facilitate leadership development; (4) Support the diocesan Bishop in his pastoral leadership.

AG3 is organising a Prayer Meeting for church staff and lay leaders.

Date/time: 3 June 2022, Friday, 7.30 pm

Venue: St John's-St Margaret's Church (Multi-purpose Hall, Level 6, Annex Building)

Church Staff, PCC team, Cell leaders and Ministry leaders are encouraged to gather together for a time of fellowship, praise and prayer. Church members are most welcome too.

Audio Sermons / Worship Service Duration

From the month of June, live streaming of Worship Service will cease. Sermons will be audio recorded and uploaded to the church Youtube channel. The duration of Worship Service for both Saturday and Sunday will revert to pre covid timing of 1hr 45 mins.

Men United For Christ (MUFC)

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 **Our Calling As a Servant Leader,** Bro Enoch will be Facilitating the discussion. 21/05/2022 via ZOOM, 8:15am-9:30am.

Zoom Details as follows. Meeting ID: 964 2229 9981 Passcode: mufc2021

Israel Study Tour (16-28 November 2022)

Bishop Kuan Kim Seng is leading a study tour of Israel, on the theme of 'The Life and Ministry of Jesus.' The tour is from **16 to 28 November 2022.** There will be a briefing for this tour on 11 June (3.00-4.00 pm) at St. John's Chapel (Patmos Hall).

Those who wish to attend the briefing are requested to register with Susan Ling on WhatsApp 96565717.

"Knowing Me, Knowing You" Family Card game

The "Dads for Life" movement (under MCYS) has produced a simple and enjoyable family card game "Knowing Me, Knowing You" for dads (and mums) and their children to interact and get to know each other better by discovering one another's interests, views, inner thoughts, feelings, etc. Great opportunity for family bonding. If you would like to have a set of this card game, please collect it freely at the Ushers' table.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 14 May 2022	Sunday 15 May 2022	Next Saturday 21 May 2022	Next Sunday 22 May 2022
Worship Officiant	Pas Richard Ting	Ho Boon Sing	Pas Yun Jing	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Pas Richard, Benjamin & Hide le	Boon Sing, Florence Ho & Patrick	-	-
Praise Team	IHMS		Ethan	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 111	
Scripture Text	Psalm 103; John 14:15-24		Ecclesiastes 3:1-15	
Sermon Title	Come home to the Father and His community		Fear God and keep his commandments	
Scripture Reader	Joshua Tung	Eileen Chiu	Sonia le	Esther Cheng
Treasury Witness	Merrilyn & Victor	Florence & Ai Min	Audrey & Angela	Cho Li & Soo Ching
Staff On Duty	Pas Fu-Man & Ji Yin	Ds Lena & Susan	Patrick & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & Ji Yin

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
- MissionXXX, Month or (2)
- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- BuildingXXX, Month

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

(C) PayNow using UEN

St John's Chapel's **UEN**: T08CC4079E

Remarks: (same as

above)

According to the latest government guidelines (dated 25 April), with effect from 26 April 2022, "vaccinated status" is no longer required for entry to all our church services and activities, if the meeting attendance is below 500.

As our average weekly attendance numbers is within our sanctuary seating capacity, Eventbrite online registration for tickets is no longer needed for the weekly worship services.

We will livestream the Saturday 4.30pm English Service. Thereafter, the church service will be available online at this weblink http://www.sicp.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, please email to admin@patmos.org.sg

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