

# EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

27 - 28 August 2022 Holy Communion

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

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Archdeacon Ven Daniel Wee

Acting Vicar
Revd Canon Barry Leong

Clergy Revd Tang Wai Lung

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
Cantonese Service
9.00 am at Patmos Hall
Mandarin Service
11.15 am at Sanctuary
Hokkien Service
11.15 am at Patmos Hall

Speaker: Revd Tang Wai Lung

Sermon Title: The Glory of God in the

**Imitation of Christ** 

- Husbands and Wives

Text : Ephesians 5:22-33;

Luke 14:1,7-14

# COLLECT

# **Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness that you were in Christ reconciling men to yourself: help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be reconciled to you; through him who died for us and rose again and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

### **Christian Education**

### Philippians: Living For Christ - A Life of Meaning and Joy

How do we find meaning in all that we do despite the challenging times as we transition out of the pandemic? Are we still able to remain joyful amidst these challenges? Find out more in this precious Letter to the Philippians.

Course Instructor: Dr Tan Kim Huat, Professor at Trinity Theological College

Dates: 3, 10, 17 and 24 September 2022, Saturdays

Time: 10am to 12noon

Venue: My Saviour's Church, Jehovah Sanctuary (Level 2)

Registration is open until 3rd September 2022. More details can be found on the Diocesan website at <a href="mailto:anglican.org.sg">anglican.org.sg</a>.

### Online Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies (DCBS) - Term 4

Registration for online DCBS Term 4 is open!

### **Old Testament - The Writings II**

Books covered: Ruth, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Song of Songs,

Lamentations, 1 & 2 Chronicles

Course Duration: 15 Sept - 10 Nov 2022, Thursdays, 7:30pm to 9:00pm

#### **New Testament - Revelation**

Course Duration: 15 Sept - 8 Dec 2022 (break on 27 Oct), Thursdays,

7:30pm to 9:00pm

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. A course fee of \$10 applies. Registration is open until 21st September 2022. More details can be found on the Diocesan website at anglican.org.sg.

### Intercession

As Teachers' Day draws near, do pray along with us for the teachers in our midst.

- Pray for the Lord to reaffirm their calling as teachers, educating our next generation.
- Pray for wisdom, patience and love as they teach the students under their charge, at the same time, deal with various stakeholders.
- Pray that the Lord will use them mightily to impact the lives of their students and to be instruments to share of His love.

#### **Announcements**

With the easing of CoVid19 Safe Management Measures on 29 August 2022, mask wearing is not required for Church worship services, classes, fellowship meals and singing in worship services / classes and Church premise from 3 September 2022 onwards.

Nevertheless, members are encouraged to continue exercising personal and social responsibility. Stay safe.

#### **Baptism**

There will be a baptism on **Sunday**, **9 October 2022 at 9am** for infants and adults. Do register with Pas Fu-Man at <a href="man@patmos.org.sg">fuman@patmos.org.sg</a>. The details for the baptism lessons to be furnished later.

#### Training on "Leading Alpha Groups"

We have invited Alpha to conduct a one-time training on leading Alpha groups, on 3 September (Saturday), 9am to 1pm in the Agape Room. While it will cover the Alpha approach, the skills will be useful generally to facilitating group discussions and engaging seekers. If you lead cellgroup discussions, or are considering running Alpha, this training is for you! All are welcome. Please register interest with Tony Lim (9746-4957) or Elly Chiu (9646-6401).

#### Treasured - Children's Day Carnival

Calling all who are aged 4 and above, join us as we celebrate Children's Day on 8 October, from 12.30pm to 6.00pm! There will be loads of fun, games, bouncy castles and a bake-off all planned for you! A parenting workshop (High 5s @ Home) will be conducted concurrently between 1.00pm - 3.00pm! Our KFC children will be putting up a performance during the service too! Activities are aplenty! Invite your friends, neighbours and everyone else to join in the fun! Register at tinyurl.com/treasured2022. For more information, please refer to the flyer attached!

### SJCp BBQ Buffet Dinner

Come, join us for a time of fellowship over food, music and games! A BBQ buffet dinner will be held on 8 October, from 6.00pm - 8.00pm for everyone! So jio your cellgroup mates, that brother or sister in Christ sitting next to you or have not met for a long time to come and feast with us! Register at TINYURL.COM/SJCPBBQ. For more information, please refer to the flyer attached.

### 64th Boys' Brigade 30th Anniversary Dinner



The company will be celebrating its anniversary on Saturday 26 November 2022, with a dinner at Teck Ghee C.C. We seek your kind donations and participation at this celebration as we thank God for his years of faithfulness. Do approach Desmond Wong or Derek Cheng should you wish to donate. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale soon.

### **GB Fortnight 2022**

This year GB Fortnight is from 30 July to 11 September 2022. We appreciate your generous donation to enable God's work in 31<sup>st</sup> Coy, 52<sup>nd</sup> Coy and 59<sup>th</sup> Coy, to continue to train and disciple GB Girls and Leaders, to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ. Please refer to the e-flyer for more information.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 27 August 2022	Sunday 28 August 2022	Next Saturday 3 September 2022	Next Sunday 4 September 2022
Worship Officiant	Pas Yun Jing	Ho Boon Sing	Hide le	Florence Ho
Celebrant	Revd Tar	ng Wai Lung	-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Pas Yun Jing, Patrick & Benjamin Kirk	Pas Fu-Man, Boon Sing & Florence Ho	-	-
Praise Team	David'	s Legacy	Ethan	
Preacher	Revd Tang Wai Lung		Revd Tang Wai Lung	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 5:22-33; Luke 14:1,7-14		Ephesians 6:1-4	
Sermon Title	The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ – Husbands and Wives		The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ – Parents and Children	
Scripture Reader	Sonia le	Eileen Chiu	Sonia le	Choo Heng Yu
Ushering Team	Brew It	JP14	Selah	CH95
Floral	Janet Kua		Helen Liew	
Treasury Witness	Nellie & Bee Kuan	Pei Ching & Cho Ling	Lijie & Judy	Florence & Aimin
Staff On Duty	Pas Florence & Pas Shirleen	Patrick & Doris	Patrick & Doris	Doris & 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

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Remarks: (same as

above)

### **Upcoming Events**

Treasured - Children's Day Carnival on 8 October 2022 SJCp BBQ Buffet Dinner on 8 October 2022 Baptism Service on 9 October 2022 64th Boys' Brigade 30th Anniversary Dinner on 26 November 2022

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

Address: St John's Chapel

111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240 : 6468 8425

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# The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ – Husbands and Wives Ephesians 5:22-33

"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5:32-33

When Paul writes in Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is profound", he is not saying marriage is too profound to understand or express. Paul is not approaching a wedding-day enigma, but a great, clear, compelling truth to tell. His next words disclose what was once hidden, but now has been revealed in Christ's coming and His Gospel related to human marriage: "I am saying that it refers to Christ and the Church."

In Ephesians 5:31, Paul is quoting Genesis 2:24, which Moses spoke and Jesus said God spoke through Moses (Matthew 19:5) – "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?" Paul says this word of God, spoken before the fall into sin, is a reference to Christ and the Church and contains therefore a great mystery.

What this implies in Ephesians 5:31-32 is that when God create man and woman and ordain the union of marriage, He patterned marriage very purposefully after the relationship between His Son and the Church, which He had planned from all eternity.

Therefore, marriage is a mystery. It contains and conceals a meaning far greater than what we see on the outside. God created man male and female and ordained marriage so that the eternal covenant relationship between Christ and His Church would be reflected and imaged forth in the marriage union.

The inference Paul draws from this mystery is that the roles of husband and wife in marriage are not arbitrarily assigned, but are rooted in the distinctive roles of Christ and His church. Those of us who are married need to ponder again and again how mysterious and wonderful it is that God grants us in marriage the privilege to reflect and image forth divine realities and glory infinitely bigger and greater than ourselves.

This mystery of Christ and the Church is the foundation of the pattern of love that Paul describes for marriage. It is not enough to say that each spouse should pursue his or her own joy in the joy of the other. That is true. But it is not enough. It is also important to say that husbands and wives should consciously copy the relationship God intended for Christ and the Church. That is, each should seek to live after the distinctive model of God's design for Christ and the Church.

When a husband sacrificially loves his wife, he is meant to be revealing something of the sacrificial love of Christ for the Church when Christ died on the cross. And when a wife respects and submits to her husband, she is meant to be revealing something of the trusting submission of the Church to Christ.

In some ways, the word "submit" has almost lost all ability to communicate in contemporary culture. To some people's ears, it almost means "be abused by." That is obviously not what Paul is talking about, nor is it what it means to trustingly follow Christ as our Lord. What Paul is talking about is the openhearted reception by trust of Christ's loving leadership. In a godly Christian marriage, that "mystery" of Christ's love for the Church is meant to be revealed.

So if you are married, you have the opportunity for your marriage not just to be a private matter of affection between the two of you, but for your marriage to be a public proclamation, a dramatic role play, of what it means for Christ to love the Church. Your marriage is not simply a personal private matter. It is a pulpit, an evangelism, a mystery that is being revealed in Christ's love for the Church.

If you are not married, or not yet married, then when you come across marriages that behave and act in the ways that Paul describes, you will note when you sense something of the loving sacrifice of Christ at the cross, and the trusting reception of the Church, in that marriage. And it will be something beautiful and glorious as the couple relates together with love and respect. For as they do, they speak of Christ's love for the Church. And therefore, God is glorified in and through the couple.

#### Talk It over:

- Some say that the husband is the head, but the wife is the neck who turns the head.
   Others say the husband is the "General", but the wife is the "Major" of the house –
   Husband handles the general matters while the wide major matters. Agreed or
   Disagree. Why?
- 2. Wives, how would you like your husbands to help you grow in the Lord? What is one thing you hope they would do to help you in your relationship with God? Husbands, think about ways to help your wife grow in the Lord this week.
- 3. Think of ways to develop a closer relationship with your spouse. What is one thing you can begin to do together (to grow your relationship) that you currently do separately?
- 4. What can you as single women be doing now to prepare for submitting to your husbands? What can you as single men be doing now to prepare for loving to your wives?



# **Activities:**

- Carnival Games
- Face-Painting
- Bake-Off
- Songs
- Storytelling
- Movie Screening
- Parenting Workshop#

Register Online Today

# 8 October, Saturday

111 Farrer Road, S259240 from 12.30pm - 8:00pm\*

\*There will be a special BBQ buffet dinner from 6.00pm - 8.00pm

For more information:

tinyurl.com/treasured2022

Call or WhatsApp: Stephanie (9116 6227) Shirleen (9101 0531)





<b>12.30pm - 1.00pm</b>	Registration & Ice Breakers	
1.00pm - 4.00pm	Bake-Off Carnival Games Parenting Workshop# (Limited to the 1st 40 pax)	
4.30pm - 6.00pm	'I am treasured' Children's Day Service	
6.00pm - 8.00pm	BBQ Buffet Dinner (optional)	

## #Parenting Workshop - High 5s @ Home (1.00pm - 3.00pm)

by The Treasure Box Singapore, Elvin and Esther Foong

When we are intentional about building a strong parent-child relationship, we reap benefits that will last a lifetime. So where do we start? We give you practical tips on how to build a loving and secure home that will nurture parent-child bonds.

This workshop is based on a first-come-first-served registration. It is limited to the first 40 participants. This is to ensure that the workshop is effective and participants can benefit fully from it.







ST JOHN'S CHAPEL PRESENTS



# 8 OCTOBER 2022, SATURDAY

6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

111 FARRER ROAD, SINGAPORE 259240

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# The Girl's Brigade Singapore

We are a Uniformed Youth
Organisation and an Institution of
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Ministry of Education as a cocurricular activity in Singapore
Schools.

# **GB Fortnight**

GB Fortnight is our annual donation drive that supports our effort to help every Girl fulfil her fullest potential. Help Girls to create positive change in society and inspire them to encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Be the reason our Girls can flourish and benefit other younger leaders.

# Every Girl invested is a Gift that keeps on Giving

68%

of your giving will go directly to the Programme and Leadership development of Girls.



21%

of your giving will impact Community Development and National Events.



11%

of your giving will aid in our Organisational Development and Administration.



# GB FORTNIGHT

# SJCp is involved in 3 GB Coys

Scan the QR code to donate to the respective coys



31st Coy at St. Margaret's Secondary School



52nd Coy at Pei Tong Primary School



59th Coy at Greenridge **Primary School** 

# FAOS ?



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