

10 - 11 September 2022  
Holy Communion

**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

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

Speaker : Revd Tang Wai Lung

Sermon Title : The Glory of God in the  
Imitation of Christ  
- Masters and Bondservants

Text : Ephesians 6:5-9;  
Luke 15:1-10

**COLLECT**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that  
you being our ruler and guide, we may so pass  
through things temporal that we finally lose not the  
things eternal. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the  
sake of 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.

## The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ – Slaves and Master

### Ephesians 6:5-9

*“Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ ... doing the will of God from the heart ... Masters, do the same to them ...”* Ephesians 6:5, 6 & 9

Paul is speaking to the Ephesians considering the cultural relationships that they had at their time. In the Roman empire at that time, slaves and masters were very much a part of society. Apparently, some slaves and some masters had become followers of Jesus. How should they handle those relationships? Again, Paul points to mutual love and submission to one another as the solution.

Roman slavery has both similarities to and differences from paid work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The chief similarity is that both ancient slaves and contemporary workers serve under the authority of supervisors. About the work itself both groups have a duty to meet the expectations of those in authority over their work. The chief difference is that ancient slaves owe not only their work, but also their lives to their masters. They do not receive pay or compensation for their work and negotiate working conditions. To certain extent, the teaching of this passage is relevance for the 21<sup>st</sup> century paid workers as we have supervisors over us or staff under us.

In God's family, every person is equal and valued. So, inside the church, slaves are not to be treated any differently than anyone else and have the same rights. Outside the church, slaves are to follow the rules of the government. So, Paul taught believing slaves what they should know and how to act.

Paul prescribes the attitude that slaves are to have toward their masters. Slaves are to treat their masters with honour. Honouring a master means being respectful, polite, and obedient. A slave who honours his master would be loyal and a hard worker. On the other hand, grumbling, complaining, bitterness, or gossiping about a master are all the opposite of honouring him. Employees should be respectful to their bosses and seek to win them to Christ through their actions. Our attitudes and behaviour at work should be a testimony for Christ and bring people to Him, not repulse them.

Some Christian slaves had Christian masters. They may have thought that since they were brothers in Christ, they were not obligated to fulfil their responsibilities. Being tempted to take advantage of the good graces and forgiveness of their bosses, they might become lazy and disrespectful. Paul warns them that this is the wrong track. Instead, they should work even harder to bring blessing to their believing bosses. To slaves, he would emphasize obedience. And to masters, he would emphasize justice and mercy. You may have a Christian boss. If so, do not take advantage of the mercy he shows. Do not think, *“I can show up late because he will forgive me.”* His goodness is not something to be exploited. Instead, be an even better and more diligent employee, knowing that it is a member of God's own family who is benefiting from your hard work.

Masters are to treat their slaves well, with honour and respect. They should recognize that the Master in heaven was watching them. He was not partial and would not be impressed with their wealth or position. He would judge them for their treatment of their slaves.

Each of us, no matter what position of authority we have, should remember that we have a higher authority in heaven. God will hold us accountable for how we treat the people under our care, whether they are students, children, or employees. What is one way we can improve as an authority to those under us?

### Talk it over

1. How can you partner with other Christians at your job to affirm your boss?
2. How can you as a superior at your job to affirm your subordinates?
3. Consider how you are functioning in your roles and relationships in your workplace. Are you showing proper honour? Are you showing proper love? Are you humbly submitting?
4. Show love and submission to someone in your workplace this week. Share your experience.

## ☀️ Mary, Did You Know? A Christmas Musical ☀️

Come join St. John's Chapel Choir as a family or as an individual to serve as singers or musicians and spread the Christmas Cheer on **Saturday, 17 December 2022**. Practice starts on **29 Oct 2022**. Scan the QR Code and fill in your contact details so that we can get in touch with you. God Bless!



## SJCp WhatsApp Broadcast

We have acquired a new mobile number for our weekly WhatsApp Broadcast of bulletin, pastoral letter and announcements. Please refer to the e-flyer for more information.

## Baptism Class

The baptism class will be held in the IT Conference Room on **Sundays at 11.30am on 11, 18, 25 Sep and 2 Oct**. Do register with Pas Fu-Man at [fuman@patmos.org.sg](mailto:fuman@patmos.org.sg). The Baptism Service is on Sunday, 9 October 2022 at 9am for infants and adults.

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/treasured2022). Please refer to the e-flyer for more information.

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/sjcpbbq). Please refer to the e-flyer for more information.

## 64<sup>th</sup> Boys' Brigade 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner



The Company will be celebrating its anniversary with a dinner at Teck Ghee C.C. on **Saturday, 26 November 2022**. We would like to encourage all members to attend in support of the ministry as we thank God for his years of faithfulness together. Each ticket is priced at \$20. Kindly RSVP at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCp64BB>

## Diocesan Theological Studies by St Peter's Hall

The Holy Spirit sent to help Christians in their earthly journey blesses us with His fruit and through His gifts enable us to serve. Obtain a richer understanding of the third person of the Trinity in the upcoming course.

Topic: The Doctrine of God the Holy Spirit: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Course Duration: 20th September to 8th November 2022 (Tuesdays)

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm via Zoom

Registration link: <https://tinyurl.com/2p93us4x>

A course fee of \$20 applies. Find out more on the Diocesan website at [www.anglican.org.sg](http://www.anglican.org.sg)

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 10 September 2022	Sunday 11 September 2022	Next Saturday 17 September 2022	Next Sunday 18 September 2022
Worship Officiant	Pas Yun Jing	Kenneth Sng	Patrick Lee	Pas Yun Jing
Celebrant	Revd Tang Wai Lung		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Pas Yun Jing, Gabriel Paul & Elly Chiu	Kenneth Sng, Florence Ho & Patrick Lee	-	-
Praise Team	Livingstreams		Harmony	
Preacher	Revd Tang Wai Lung		Revd Bertram Cheong	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 6:5-9; Luke 15:1-10		Ephesians 6:10-24	
Sermon Title	The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ - Masters and Bondservants		The Glory of God in the Victory of Christ	
Scripture Reader	Aileen Tung	Esther Cheng	Joshua Tung	Goh Xin Ying
Ushering Team	DR30	Shema	Claypots	PG160
Floral	Audrey Kua		Luanna Yau	
Treasury Witness	Audrey & Angela	Cho Li & Soo Ching	Merrilyn & Victor	Boon Sing & Eileen
Staff On Duty	Patrick & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & Pas Florence	Pas Fu-Man & Pas Florence	Patrick & Susan

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St John's Chapel

**DBS Account Number:**  
008 002 5860

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- (1) TitheXXX, Month or
- (2) MissionXXX, Month or
- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- (4) BuildingXXX, Month

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number)

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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  
 64<sup>th</sup> Boys' Brigade 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg)*

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 111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240  
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## Diocesan Education Month

The Diocese of Singapore commemorates the work of our education mission in 11 schools (including 2 special needs schools) and 21 pre-school services in September 2022. You can support the work by:

1. Praying for the Diocesan education mission. The prayer pointers are available on the Diocesan website at [anglican.org.sg/pray-with-us/](http://anglican.org.sg/pray-with-us/)
2. Contributing to the Education Mission Fund which supports the hiring of school chaplaincy staff. For giving via bank transfer, transfer amount to your parish and indicate 'Education Mission Fund'. For giving via cheques, it should be payable to 'Diocese of Singapore', please indicate 'Education Mission Fund' at the back of the cheque.

## Intercession

### Prayer Pointers

#### 1. The Principals & Senior Leadership Team

- Wisdom and courage to lead the team in fulfilling our education mission
- Confidence to promote Christian values in our schools amidst changing societal values

#### 2. The Staff

- Well-being of our teachers and support staff as they labor tirelessly in their roles and responsibilities
- Good role models for our students

#### 3. The Chaplaincy Teams

- Effective ministry amongst students and staff
- Opportunities to share the Gospel through both formal and personal engagements

#### 4. The Students

- Strong emotional and mental health
- Wisdom in their academic pursuit and learning
- Grow up to be positive, resilient servant leaders in their generation.



## WhatsApp Broadcast

Please **scan** QR Code to capture SJCP Broadcast mobile number and select add contact to receive the weekly SJCP WhatsApp Broadcast for bulletin, pastoral letter and announcements. You may also key-in the number as indicated below.

**Username : SJCP Broadcast**  
**Mobile No : 8913 0424**



You need to **save** the mobile number in your mobile contact list to receive the weekly updates. This is not a WhatsApp Chat Group.

If you **have not been receiving** the weekly e-bulletin updates and wish to be added to the broadcast list, you can send a text with your name to **8913 0424**.

# Treasured Children's Day Carnival 2022

**For  
Ages 4  
& Above**

**Come, have fun  
with us as we  
celebrate you!**



## 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](https://tinyurl.com/treasured2022)**

**Call or WhatsApp:**

**Stephanie (9116 6227)**

**Shirleen (9101 0531)**



# Programme Outline

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



## **#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**

# **BBQ** *Dinner*



**ALL ARE  
WELCOME**

**IT'S  
FREE!**

**JOIN US FOR  
A TIME OF  
FELLOWSHIP**

**MUSIC  
FOOD AND  
GAMES**

**8 OCTOBER 2022, SATURDAY**

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**6.00 PM - 8.00 PM**  
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**111 FARRER ROAD, SINGAPORE 259240**

**REGISTER AT:  
[TINYURL.COM/SJCPBBQ](https://tinyurl.com/SJCPBBQ)**