

# EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

17 May 2020

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

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: What is the Condition of

your inner life?

Text : John 15:1-11

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Proverbs 4:23

# COLLECT

# **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and give more than either we desire or deserve. Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

**Bishop** 

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishop
The Rt Revd Low Jee King

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

**Mission and Purpose:** As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

#### **Vicar Writes**

# Dear family in Christ

In view of the current suspension of church services and gatherings, the diocesan leadership is guiding all parishes to conduct their parish <u>Annual General Meeting</u> (AGM) by electronic means. For St John's Chapel, our virtual AGM will be held on Sunday, <u>21 June 2020</u> at 2.00 pm.

In order to hold an effective AGM by electronic means, one important element is to have the email addresses of church members on our Electoral Roll. This is for the purpose of communications in sending the notice of AGM, relevant documents and the nomination of PCC candidates and Synod representatives. I want to thank all Cell leaders for your help in collating the email addresses. For those not in a cell group, you would have received a phone message request. Thank you everyone for your help on this matter.

From 17 May onwards, we will receive nominations for members to serve in our Parish Church Council (PCC) for 2020-2021 and also our Synod representatives for 2020-2023. Nomination forms can be requested via email <a href="mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg">admin@patmos.org.sg</a>. Nominations will close on 24 May 2020.

On 27 April 2020, the Government gazetted the "COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Alternative Arrangements for Meetings for Registered Societies) Order 2020". We will endeavour to follow the key guidelines of the Order, which can be found on the website of the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth.

- In sections 5 and 6, the Vicar of St John's Chapel as the Chairman of Meeting, will act as the member's proxy to vote, speak and attend the AGM. Those members who have appointed the Chairman of the meeting as proxy, shall form the quorum for the AGM.
- In section 2, members will have an option to observe and listen to the proceedings of the AGM via an audio-visual broadcast. Please note that this participation at the AGM is welcome but not compulsory, as your attendance will be counted if you have appointed the Chairman of the meeting as your proxy.

We will inform of more details and processes in the coming weeks. Value your prayers for PCC and myself as we plan and implement the virtual AGM with due diligence by the wisdom and help of God.

Maranatha Pastor John

#### **Announcement**

### "Virtual" Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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## **Pentecost Sunday Diocese Combined Service on 31 May 2020**

Pentecost Sunday is an important day in our church calendar, where the church commemorates the presence and power of the Holy Spirit for ministry and mission in the work of God's eternal kingdom. Diocesan bishop Rennis is calling the whole diocese to gather for a Pentecost Sunday Combined service on 31 May and to set aside time during the next two weeks to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The diocese will inform more details next week.

## Mental & Emotional Well-Being And Financial Hardship

For members struggling mentally and emotionally in coping with the Covid-19 situation, our church pastors and cell leaders are ready to come alongside you with a listening ear and encouraging virtual presence. We are near with just a phone call away. You may call them directly at their mobile, or you may call the church office number 64688425. For members facing financial hardships due to sudden loss of job or substantially-reduced income, please feel free to speak with the Vicar or any pastor. We will be glad to come alongside you to render help and support.

#### Intercession

## 59J Boys' Brigade & 59th Girls' Brigade - Greenridge Primary School

**Key Verses:** "Now there is great gain in **godliness with contentment**, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world." (1 Timothy 6:6-7)

Theme for 2020: 'Count Our Blessings'

Coy Strength: 20 GB Girls, 18 BB Boys

# **Thanksgiving**

- We praise God for the new recruits, 8 Girls & 7 Boys who have joined us in Feb 2020.
- We thank God for the commitment of teachers, officers and helpers who have been serving alongside with us for many years. Thank God for His provision of a new teacher to help out with GB CCA in Jan 2020.
- We thank God for the wonderful opportunities to engage the Boys & Girls through devotion time and badgework session with Bible characters' teaching. Most of them were enthusiastic to know more especially on the badgework and look forward to the next session.

## **Prayer Request**

- Pray for opportunities to engage the parents even at this 'circuit breaker' period and CCA suspension.
- Pray for good sign-up for the online school holiday programs in May.
- Pray that the Boys & Girls will truly encounter God's love through the outreach programme and have a personal relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- Pray for concerted effort to follow up with the Boys & Girls who have committed their lives to Jesus and those who are interested to know more about Christ.

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 17 MAY 2020	NEXT SUNDAY 24 MAY 2020
Worship Officiant	Revd John Lin	On-line Church Service
Preacher	Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	Psalm 73:21-28	
Scripture Text	John 15:1-11	
Sermon Title	What is the Condition of your inner life?	

As announced, the government has suspended all religious services and activities until 1 June 2020.

St John's Chapel will release the English On-line Service every Saturday at 4.00 pm.

Please access the On-line Service using this weblink <a href="http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/">http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/</a>

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, so as to be ready to commune and worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth. 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)

# **Upcoming Events**

Suspension of all events in May 2020 till further notice

**Church Ministries:** Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship **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 <a href="mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg">admin@patmos.org.sg</a>

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