

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS



7 December 2019 – Evening Prayer 8 December 2019 – Morning Prayer

Bishop

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Pas Florence Hou
Pas Yeo Yun Jing

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Susan Ling
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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 all our guests

Do send your children to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (7 to 12 years) and 'Little Lambs' (24 months to 6 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

Please do not feel obliged to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

After the service, do stay back for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

Do join us again next week. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Ds Lena Lim

Sermon Title: Y.O.L.O

Text : John 4:27- 42

Jesus said to His disciples, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

John 4:34

COLLECT

Second Sunday of Advent

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

I request your prayers for the nation of Vietnam, a dynamic growing country with a population of 96.8 million. Young people are pre-dominant, with 60% of the population below age 40. There are 54 ethnic groups in Vietnam, with the majority group being Vietnamese *Kinh* (84%). The main religion is Buddhism (52.5%), while those professing to be non-religious is at 23.3%. The number of Protestant Christians is at 1.8%.

The mission of the **Deanery of Vietnam** is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to plant the future Diocese of Vietnam. Our strategy and goal is to plant ten congregations in the major cities of Vietnam, and for them to grow into parishes, led by indigenous clergy and lay leadership. Currently, there are two Anglican congregations. Church of Christ our Hope was planted at Ho Chi Minh in 2009 and Church of The True Light planted at Hanoi in 2012.

Praise God for an increasing openness to the gospel among a people with deep spiritual allegiance to ancestor veneration and worship. Pray for the gospel to reach every people group in Vietnam, for the clergy to shepherd God's people lovingly and for the lay leaders and church members to grow in committed discipleship and proclaim the gospel faithfully. Leadership training and development is vital. Do pray for a generation of young people to be godly committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

Maranatha Pastor John

Intercession

ChiangMai Mission Trip - 10 to 16 December 2019

Team Members : Terence Lim, Florence Hou, David Hou, Seah Bee Kheng, Gwee Ai Sim, Pit Eng Phoneko, Judy Siak, Tham Seng Fee and Bee Kuan.

Areas of Ministry: Devotion Lessons @ St Andrew's Community Learning Centre (SAAS), Teaching English Lessons @ Nong Prak Kang Sec Sch (NPK), Christmas Parties at SAAS & NPK and Saturday Community Outreach @ NPK - Theme: Cultural Exchange, interaction through sharing of our SG delicacies and engage them with crafts & SG games.

Prayer Request:

- 1. Team's unity and good health to be able to share God's love with people of Thailand in our words, deeds and actions.
- 2. Wise and guidance preparation for teaching of word of God and English lessons to children & students as we impart word of God & love through our sharing.
- 3. Our Team daily morning devotional time together and debrief end of each day God to speak to each of us and encourage us in this Mission work and improvements to make each day from the debrief.
- 4. Team to look out and be willing to help out with any other ministries/works to be done for SAAS while we are there- God to give us humility of spirit and cultural sensitivities when rendering any help or assistance.
- 5. Devotion lessons @ SAAS Pre School good understanding of biblical lessons to apply in their lives besides good interactions during activities/games etc.
- 6. English Teaching @ Nong Prak KangSec Sch- good understanding & appreciation of lessons learned/taught for application in their lives besides good interaction time during activities/project time.
- 7. Christmas Party with children/students @SAAS & NPK- interaction & bonding time with children/students and Teachers and Saturday Community Outreach with students & families, friends @ NPK.

Advent-Christmas Devotional Guide

The church has introduced Advent-Christmas Devotional Guide for use in the family and Cell groups as a tool to share the good news of Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent starts from 1 Dec 2019. Parents may use this Advent devotional for the purpose of transmitting faith to the next generation in your family devotions. Please collect a copy at church usher's table.

Tithe and Freewill Offering Pledge Form

In continual obedience to the Lord, we encourage all church members and regular worshippers to return God's tithe to Him as our act of worship. Thank you for prayerfully responding to the Lord in the renewal of 2020 Tithe and Freewill Offering. We request your help to fill up the "Pledge Form 2020" and drop the completed form into the Pledge Form Box on the ushers' table. For any queries, please approach our Pledge Secretary, Nellie Nam.

Christmas Caroling at Central Mall

St John's Chapel choir will be caroling at Central Mall at Clarke Quay MRT on Tuesday and Wednesday, 17 and 18 Dec 2019, 8pm to 8.30pm.

Christmas Outreach Services: "Sing Christmas"

The Outreach Services will be held on **Saturday**, **21 Dec and Sunday**, **22 Dec 2019** during the service. The theme is "Sing Christmas". Refreshment will be served after the concert. Take this opportunity to invite your family and friends.



Cantonese Congregation Christmas Evangelistic Cell Gathering

Date/Time: **Saturday, 21 Dec 2019, 10.30am** Venue: Patmos Hall, SJCp Would like to encourage all to invite non-Christian family and friends whose heart language is Cantonese to join us! Kindly contact Rev Bernard at 90121441 to register.

Chinese Congregation Christmas Gospel Sunday

Date/Time: **Sunday, 22 Dec 2019, 11.15am** Venue: SJCp sanctuary Would like to encourage all to invite non-Christian family and friends to join us! The flyers are on the ushers' table. For enquiry, Kindly contact Lydia at 64688425.

Children's Christmas Event - *The Greatest Gift - 28 December 2019*

Join us as we discover what is the greatest gift this Christmas. There will be fun games, and a DIY Christmas Lights workshop, songs and an interactive Bible story planned for children aged 4 to 12. There will also be a workshop - 'Bringing out the Best in Your Child' for parents. Light refreshments will be served. So, do invite your family members, friends and their children to celebrate Christmas with us on **Saturday, 28 Dec, 3.30pm to 6.30pm**. Register at the-greatest-gift.eventbrite.sg by 14 Dec 2019. Limited tickets are available. So hurry!

There is No '1 John' Service on Saturday, 28 December 2019.

The History of Anglicanism in Singapore (1819-2019)

Written by Prof Joseph Thambiah, this book traces the hand of God through the history of the Anglican Church in Singapore since the British settlement in 1819 till modern day 2019. The church planting work of **St John's Jurong** is highlighted. The book has a concluding chapter by Bishop Rennis Ponniah on "*Moving into the Future*". We have limited 9 copies left for sale at \$50 each. All sales proceeds go towards the fund-raising for the "Jurong Church Building project" of the diocese. Please see staff Doris Lee for a sample copy.

Combined Christmas & Baptism Service - On Wednesday, 25 December 2019 at 10.00am followed by a buffet lunch after the Service. Take this opportunity to invite your family and friends.

| DUTY ROSTER | SATURDAY 7/12/2019 | SUNDAY 8/12/2019 | NEXT SATURDAY 14/12/2019 | NEXT SUNDAY 15/12/2019 |
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| Worship Officiant | Patrick Lee | Ps Richard Ting | Ps Loon Fu-Man | Ps Ng Yun Jing |
| Celebrant | - | | Revd John Lin | |
| Holy Communion Assistant | - | - | Ps Yun Jing, Hide Ie & Patrick Lee | Ds Lena, Ps Richard & Ps Yun Jing |
| Community Praise Team | David's Legacy | | IHMS-Sat | Harmony |
| Preacher | Ds Lena Lim | | Ps Loon Fu-Man | |
| Scripture Text | John 4:27-42 | | James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 | |
| Sermon Title | Y.O.L.O | | A Follower and A Forerunner | |
| Scripture Reader | Merrilyn Ong | Ps Richard Ting | Priscilla Yau | Gan Pak Lim |
| Ushering Team | DR30 | Flint & Brew It | Ut | Shema |
| Floral Arrangement | Luanna Yau | | Helen Lim | |
| Refreshment | - | Christal Paul | - | Althea Attan |
| Treasurer | Nellie Nam | Ho Boon Sing | Felyn Chan | Helen Sng |
| Treasury Witness | Victor Tay | Esther Ling & Lye Chee | Judy Siak | Eileen & Florence |
| Staff On Duty | Ps Florence & Ds Lena | Doris & Lydia | Ds Lena & Susan | Susan & Ps Alan |

Upcoming Events

Christmas Cantata Outreach on 21 and 22 December 2019
Combined Christmas cum Baptism Service on 25 December 2019
Children's Christmas Event on 28 December 2019
Combined Covenant Service on 5 January 2020
Church Retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020

Church Ministries: Home Cell, Little Lambs, 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 admin@patmos.org.sg

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School Gate E Open for Entry: Saturday: 7.00 am to 5.00 pm Sunday: 7.45 am to 12 noon