



14 - 15 December 2019
Holy Communion

Bishop

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishop

The Rt Revd Low Jee King

Vicar

Revd John Lin

Clergy

Revd Bernard Yee

Deaconess

Ds Lena Lim

Pastoral

Pas Loon Fu-Man

Pas Florence Hou

Pas Yeo Yun Jing

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 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 : Ps Loon Fu-Man

Sermon Title : A Follower and A Forerunner

Text : James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Do not grumble against one another, brothers,
so that you may not be judged; behold,
the Judge is standing at the door.**

James 5:9

COLLECT

Third Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of your Son: inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; that when he comes again in glory, we may stand with confidence before him as our judge; who is alive 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 missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

GOD SHINES FORTH FROM HIS CHURCH

“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.”
(Psalm 50:2, ESV)

Dear Church Family,

With thanksgiving to God, I look back on 2019 as **the year of God's great victories**. I praise Him for -

- i) triggering a new movement of personal evangelism and discipleship through the Celebration of Hope rallies.
- ii) granting significant growth in membership and qualitative change for the Diocese as a whole.
- iii) making possible a robust unity among orthodox Anglicans globally through the adoption of the Covenantal Structure for the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches (GSA) in Cairo this year.

What God begins, we must continue in the power of the Holy Spirit. Only then will His good purposes be fully accomplished. So let us not take our hands off the plow or our feet off the pedal. With faith, humility and love, let us keep our respective ministries “pressing on”. This will enable **the Diocese to remain in gear** for Kingdom advance even as we prayerfully await the appointment of the new Diocesan Bishop. I am expecting the announcement of the Bishop-designate to be made in February 2020 and look forward to working with him to effect the leadership transition by the time I step down from office on 30 August 2020.

ADVENT is the time of **waiting for God** (Isaiah 25:1-9). We look back on Christ's first coming and we know God will always deliver on His promises ‘from of old, faithful and sure’. We gain a deep and joyful confidence of Christ's coming again with His saints in glory. This gives us new strength to keep shining forth His glory and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. We do so with the Spirit's power until that Day when Christ returns as King and the new universe is fully bathed in the morning light of God's glorious presence. May the Lord bless all our specially-prepared occasions this Christmas for bearing witness to Him in our parishes and deaneries.

May the glory of the God who saves shine forth from our hearts, our homes, our churches and our Diocese. May we, His redeemed people, bring HOPE to our land.

As Isaiah says, *This is our God and we rejoice in Him!* (Isaiah 25:9)

Warmly in Christ,
Bishop Rennis

Combined Services

- 1) **Christmas cum 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.
- 2) **Covenant Renewal Service** – On Sunday, 5 January 2020 at 10.00am followed by a buffet lunch after the Service. There is no '1 John' Service on Saturday, 4 January 2020.

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.

CCIS Christmas Caroling

St John's Chapel choir will be caroling at Clarke Quay Central at 6 Eu Tong Sen Street, Singapore 059817 on Tuesday and Wednesday, **17 and 18 Dec 2019, 8pm to 8.30pm**. The exact spot of the choir's caroling is at Clarke Quay MRT Exit C. Please come, support and pray.

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 2019, 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.

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 14/12/2019	SUNDAY 15/12/2019	NEXT SATURDAY 21/12/2019	NEXT SUNDAY 22/12/2019
Worship Officiant	Ps Ng Yun Jing	Ps Ng Yun Jing	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Ps Fu-Man, Ps Yun Jing & Patrick Lee	Ds Lena, Ps Richard & Ps Yun Jing	-	-
Community Praise Team	IHMS-Sat	Harmony	Choir	
Preacher	Ps Loon Fu-Man		Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11		-	
Sermon Title	A Follower and A Forerunner		Sing Christmas	
Scripture Reader	Ps Ng Yun Jing	Gan Pak Lim	Victor Tay	Joshua Tung
Ushering Team	Claypots	Shema	Ut	JP14
Floral Arrangement	Helen Lim		Audrey Kua	
Refreshment	-	Althea Attan	-	Helen Lim
Treasurer	Felyn Chan	Helen Sng	Koh Li Jie	Ding Cho Li
Treasury Witness	Nellie Nam	Eileen & Florence	Angela & Kai Ting	Aimin & Alyss
Staff On Duty	Ds Lena & Susan	Susan & Ps Alan	Doris & Patrick	Ds Lena & Ps Lyu Yang

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