

# EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

26 January 2020 Morning Prayer

### **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 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 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' (2 to 12 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: The source of all blessings

Text : Psalm 115:12-18



May you be blessed by the LORD, who made heaven and earth!

The heavens are the LORD's heavens, but the earth he has given to the children of man.

Psalm 115:15-16



### COLLECT

# **Epiphany 3**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through 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 missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

#### Vicar writes

### Dear church family

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."

Ephesians 1:3-4

In Ephesians chapter 1, the apostle Paul encouraged God's community at Ephesus about their joy and privilege of having bountiful **spiritual blessings** in Jesus Christ:

- Adoption as sons (and daughters) of Abba Father because of His agape love (1:5-6)
- Redemption through His blood for the forgiveness of our sins because of God's grace (1:7-10)
- *Inheritance* of the hope of eternal life because of God's mercy (1:11-12)
- Holy Spirit's presence and power for living because of God's faithfulness (1:13-14)

As we receive and enjoy these spiritual blessings in Christ, may our lives "be holy and blameless before him", to the praise and glory of God our heavenly Father.

May we continue to labour for the gospel and pray for many others (*especially our family and friends*) to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, so that they also can enjoy all these spiritual blessings in their lives.

Shalom Pastor John

### Intercession

<u>Family, Relatives and Friends</u> - Let's take the opportunity to pray, connect and witness to our family, relatives and friends during this Chinese New Year.

### 1. Family, relatives & friends

Give thanks to our Lord for our family. our grandparents, parents, siblings uncles and aunties, cousins etc. and friends.

May the Lord bless them with good health and God's Shalom peace and above all, with the gift of Salvation upon those who have yet to enter into the Kingdom of God.

#### 1. Children

May our children have a powerful and personal encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ and have his/her personal faith in Christ.

May the Lord instill in our children a reverent fear of Him, for the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Lord, grant our children courage and wisdom to stand up for the Lord and not be ashamed of the gospel of Truth

#### 1. Ourselves

May the Lord strengthen us and help us to be His Salt and Light and be good witnesses to our family, relatives and friends.

May the Lord help us to be ready in season and out of season to testify of His goodness in our lives.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### **Combined Worship Service**

There will be no refreshments provided due to market closures on the 2nd Day of Lunar New Year. The school compound will be closed at 1.30pm.

### Wedding

We rejoice with Mr Yee Meng Chai Vincent and Miss Zann Thiang Meixin who have filed their notice of marriage with the Registry of Marriages. Their wedding date is on **16 February 2020, Sunday.** If you know of any reason why they may not lawfully marry, you are required to inform the Vicar of St John's Chapel, or the Registrar of Marriages before the wedding.

### **Church Prayer Meeting**

The church prayer meeting will be held in the Patmos Hall on **Friday**, **31 January 2020**, **7.45pm to 9.15pm**. Let's come together as one body to intercede for individuals, families, various ministries in the church, and for Singapore and other nations. Ps Florence Hou will lead us in the prayer, the praise team is Claypots homecell. Staff on-duty is Patrick & Doris.

### Alpha Youth Series (Jan-March 2020)

Have questions about life, faith, meaning? The Youth Ministry will be running Alpha, a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian Faith. The 8-week series will run on **Sundays at 11am**, **beginning on 19 January**. Free food and meaningful conversations included! Friends and guests aged 12-21 are warmly welcomed! For more details, please contact Vio @94477495 or Yun Jing @97574532.

### **New Home Cell**

A new home cell will be launching in Bishan on **7 Feb 2020 (Friday) at 7pm** with dinner and fellowship. Members who are not in any home cell and are living in Bishan - Ang Mo Kio - Toa Payoh area are invited to explore and consider joining this home cell. Do approach Tony Lim or Gabriel Paul for details and attendance.

### **Deborah Loh**

Deborah Loh Wei Juan will be returning to Thailand on **Friday**, **31 January 2020**, to continue her remaining 13 months in the mission field with Overseas Missionary Fellowship, Singapore. Flight details: TR 610, 1600hrs at Terminal 1.

### **Christian Education**

Dates/Time: Sundays, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Feb 2020 / 11.30am to 1.30pm

Venue: IT Conference Room Course Instructor: Ps Loon Fu-Man

Theme: "Wisdom From Above For The Faith Below" - A study on the book of JAMES

Please register with Ps Fu-Man at fuman@patmos.org.sg

# 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 still have 4 copies for sale at \$50 each. All sales proceeds go towards the fundraising for the "Jurong Church Building project" of the diocese.

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 26/1/2020	NEXT SATURDAY 1/2/2020	NEXT SUNDAY 2/2/2020
Worship Officiant	Ps Yeo Yun Jing	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	-	Revd John Lin	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	Ds Lena, Ps Fu-Man & Peter Soon	Kenneth Sng, Florence Ho & Patrick Lee
Community Praise Team	Combined Team	Ethan	
Preacher	Ds Lena Lim	Ps Richard Ting & Mr Kurt Johansen	
Scripture Text	Psalm 115:12-18	Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 2:1-13, 37-39	
Sermon Title	The source of all blessings	See the amazing work of God	
Scripture Reader	Ps Yeo Yun Jing	Priscilla Yau	Gan Pak Lim
Ushering Team	CA338	Ut	CH95
Floral Arrangement	Clarissa Toh	Helen Liew	
Refreshment	-	-	Doris & Patrick Lee
Treasurer	Ho Boon Sing	Koh Li Jie	Helen Sng
Treasury Witness	Esther Ling & Lye Chee	Angela & Kai Ting	Eileen Mok & Florence Ho
Staff On Duty	Ps Florence, Ds Lena, Ps Alan & Lydia	Doris & Patrick	Ps Yun Jing & Lydia

### **Upcoming Events**

Church Prayer Meeting on 31 January 2020 Christian Education on 2, 9, 16 & 23 February 2020 Church Retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020

**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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School Gate E Open for Entry: Saturday: 7.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday: 7.45 am to 12 noon