

## OHN'S EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

22 March 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: Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: Knowing the Great Shepherd of

your Soul

Text : Psalm 23; John 10:1-18



The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
Psalm 28:8-9

#### COLLECT

## **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us faith to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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

As announced on 9 February, diocesan bishop Rennis Ponniah will be posting **Revd Bernard Yee** to serve at Chapel of Christ the Redeemer wef 1 April 2020. On the same date, Revd King Chiew Kwang will be posted to St John's Chapel, where I will assign him to serve as pastor-incharge for the Mandarin and dialect services, amongst other responsibilities.

We thank the Lord for His love and goodness for pastor Bernard, his wife Dorcas and their wonderful children in being God's gracious blessings in our church community all these years. Bernard started attending St John's Jurong in 1985 when he was five years old, together with his three siblings, as brought by their mother Julian, who was invited to church by Bernard's auntie Florence Hou. Although he believed in Jesus at a Children's camp, it was at a youth camp in 1995 that Bernard became serious in following Jesus Christ and began his spiritual journey of committed discipleship.

Growing up as a BB boy with the 64<sup>th</sup> Boys Brigade company had a tremendous impact in Bernard's life. As he grew in physical age and in spiritual maturity, he learnt to serve the Lord in various church ministries and developed a passion to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. After being on the church staff team for several years, pastor Bernard began the discernment process in the call to the ordained ministry. As the Lord led and called him, pastor Bernard was ordained in May 2016. Glory and praise to the Lord for his sovereign hand upon his son, Bernard.

Let us uphold Rev Bernard, Dorcas and their children in prayer as they transit to another field of faithful ministry unto the Lord. Many will know that they have a heart for gospel mission in Thailand. May the Lord lead and guide them in their ministry ahead and in their family life together in His love and grace.

Maranatha Pastor John

#### Intercession

SJCp Visitation Team (VT) was formed in May 2019. To date, we have 17 members. Visitation holds a significant role in the pastoral care ministry. And it includes:

## (A) Home Visitation:

- Visiting members so as to get to know more about the members. We also provide special care for members, eg Holy Communion (for those who are physically unwell or bed-ridden), follow-up after a funeral and members who need special prayer etc.
- We have also reached out to the family members (especially non-believers) of SJCp members and in 2019, through the visitation under VT, three parents of church members believed in Jesus and were baptized.
- (B) Hospital Visitation: Refers to visiting members who have been warded at the hospital.
- (C) Meeting up: With members as another way to keep in touch and have fellowship.

### **Thanksgiving / Prayer:**

- Give thanks for the VT members who are always ready and willingly to visit the members with love, wisdom and perseverance. Members who being visited were touched and encouraged.
- 2) Pray that more members will be opened and ready to invite the VT and have good fellowship and for more opportunities to reach out to non-believers
- 3) Pray for better partnership with cell groups and ministries as to keep in touch with members from all age groups through visitation.

#### **Combined Service**

There will be a Combined Service on 12 April 2020 at 9.00am on Resurrection Sunday cum Baptism Service (combine with 1 John Service).

No '1 John' Service will be held on Saturday, 11 April 2020.

## **Digital Giving of Tithes and Freewill giving**

If you have an online banking facility, you may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offerings via *Internet bank transfer*. If you have a mobile phone banking app, you may do the same via *PayNow*. For the full banking details, please refer to the "Digital Giving" placed at the Ushers' table. You may also continue your giving by cash or cheque.

## **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday Service is on 9 April 2020, starting at 7.30pm.

Good Friday Service is on 10 April 2020, starting at 10.00am.

Come and join us for the above Services as we observe this Holy Week.

### **Church Prayer Meeting**

In view of the current developments of COVID-19, there won't be a church prayer meeting in the church premises. Instead, a prayer list will be disseminated through WhatsApp broadcast to all members for a synchronized prayer from 8pm to 9pm on Friday, 27 March 2020.

#### 2020 Church Retreat

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, this year's church retreat from 14 to 17 June 2020 has been postponed to next year from 17 to 20 (Thu-Sun) June 2021.

## **Government Help Schemes for Seniors**

To help the seniors (aged 50 and above) in Singapore to foster positive workplaces and active ageing, **Centre for Seniors** has consolidated all the government help schemes on their website <a href="http://www.silverschemes.sg/">http://www.silverschemes.sg/</a> It provides helpful information and guidance on available government benefits from various ministries in four areas: Financial, Work, Social and Health. Please feel free to check out the website and also share this information to friends and family who may need help, especially during this current Covid-19 health situation.

# St. Margaret's Primary School's Fund-raising Charity Golf Tournament 2020

St. Margaret's Primary School will be hosting a Fund-raising Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, 29 April 2020 at Tanah Merah Country Club. The proceeds will be channelled towards the construction of the new school building under MOE PERI upgrading. If you are keen to participate in this event, please contact Doris Lee (or Lydia Leong) for the sponsorship details. All monetary contributions will qualify for 2.5 times tax-exemption.

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 21/3/2020	SUNDAY 22/3/2020	NEXT SATURDAY 28/3/2020	NEXT SUNDAY 29/3/2020
Worship Officiant	No '1 John' Service	Ps Yun Jing	No '1 John' Service	Details will be advised.
Preacher		Revd John Lin		
Scripture Text		Psalm 23; John 10:1-18		
Sermon Title		Knowing the Great Shepherd of your Soul		
Staff On Duty		Ps Fu-Man, Ps Lyu Yang		

As announced, Bishop has suspended the mass gathering of Anglicans for church services until 3 April.

St John's Chapel will livestream the English service at 9.00 am every Sunday.

Please access the livestreaming 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 from 8.55 am onwards, 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)

: 6468 8425

### **Upcoming Events**

Maundy Thursday Service on 9 April 2020 Good Friday Service on 10 April 2020 Resurrection Sunday cum Baptism Service on 12 April 2020 Church Service cum AGM on 26 April 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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