

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS



30 November 2019 1 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

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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 : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : No other name but the name of Jesus

Text : Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 1:26-38

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:32-33

COLLECT

First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 family in Christ

Today is the first Sunday in **Advent**, the liturgical season which focuses on the coming of the Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a season of spiritual preparation marked by prayers of humble devotion and times of quiet reflection. Advent is an opportune time to involve our children in devotion activities at home that directly connects with the worship of God in church. I encourage all parents to use the <u>Advent-Christmas Devotional Guide</u> (available at the reception table) to teach and transmit the Christian faith to your children by involving them in reading the Scriptures, lighting the Advent wreath candles, in interaction and prayer.

There is a double focus in Advent. Firstly, it is the joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus the Messiah in his *First Advent*. Secondly, it is the anticipation of His impending return as King in his *Second Advent*. We celebrate the revelation of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ in his First Advent for the purpose of reconciling our fallen world to God the Father. Having known God as Father and walking in obedience with Him daily, we now look forward eagerly to the hope of eternal life in the Second Advent, where God the King will come in power to judge and rule the world.

As we live in **between the two Advents**, we are called to live godly & holy lives and be faithful stewards of the gospel entrusted to us as God's people. In our spiritual journey as disciples of Jesus Christ, we have an important responsibility to live a life bringing glory to God and sharing about Jesus through the gospel message and our loving deeds.

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 members 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.

Vicar Overseas

Our vicar is overseas in Vietnam from **5 to 9 Dec 2019** for his diocesan work as Dean of Vietnam. He values your prayers for the Vietnamese pastors, leaders and members of the two congregations of the deanery of Vietnam. During his absence, Revd Bernard Yee will be the acting pastor-in-charge.

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!

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 10 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.

Appreciation

Michael Ang and family would like to express their appreciation to the staff and congregation for their prayers, condolences and visits during the bereavement of his late sister, Molly.

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

| DUTY ROSTER | SATURDAY 30/11/2019 | SUNDAY 1/12/2019 | NEXT SATURDAY 7/12/2019 | NEXT SUNDAY 8/12/2019 |
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| Worship Officiant | Hide le | Kenneth Sng | Patrick Lee | Ps Richard Ting |
| Celebrant | Revd John Lin | | - | |
| Holy Communion Assistant | Ps Fu-Man, Hide Ie & Patrick Lee | Kenneth Sng, Boon Sing & Florence Ho | - | - |
| Community Praise Team | Livingstreams | | David's Legacy | |
| Preacher | Revd John Lin | | Ds Lena Lim | |
| Scripture Text | Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 1:26-38 | | John 4:27-42 | |
| Sermon Title | No other name but the name of Jesus | | Y.O.L.O | |
| Scripture Reader | Sonia le | Kenneth Sng | Merrilyn Ong | Tan Rui Lin |
| Ushering Team | C2 | CA338 | DR30 | Flint & Brew It |
| Floral Arrangement | Clarissa Toh | | Luanna Yau | |
| Refreshment | - | Brenda Cheong | - | Christal Paul |
| Treasurer | Merrilyn Ong | Tan Pei Ching | Nellie Nam | Ho Boon Sing |
| Treasury Witness | Audrey & Julian | Cho Ling & Bee Kuan | Victor Tay | Esther Ling & Lye Chee |
| Staff On Duty | Doris & Patrick | Ps Fu-Man & Ps Chwee Lian | Ps Florence & Ds Lena | Doris & Lydia |

Upcoming Events

ChiangMai Mission Trip from 10 to 16 December 2019 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 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