

22 August 2020 - Evening Prayer

23 August 2020 - Morning Prayer

**Bishop**

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

**Assistant Bishop**

The Rt Revd Low Jee King

**Vicar**

Revd John Lin

**Clergy**

Revd King Chiew Kwang

**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 our Church Service.  
We look forward to having you worship God  
with us again.

Speaker : Ds Lena Lim

Sermon Title : **If there is a tomorrow ...**

Text : James 4:13-17

... - yet you do not know what tomorrow will  
bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that  
appears for a little time and then vanishes.  
Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills,  
we will live and do this or that."

James 4:14-15

**COLLECT**

**Eleventh Sunday After Trinity**

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling men to yourself:  
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be reconciled to you;  
through him who died for us and rose again 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 missional 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 had commenced on the sermon series “*Living the Ten Commandments in the 21st century*” in first quarter 2020. However, during the circuit-breaker period and phase two reopening, I had focused on sermon topics that addressed the spiritual, mental and emotional issues relating to this challenging Covid-19 pandemic that has greatly affected our family, work and social lives.

For the next two months, I will cover the remaining commandments four to ten. May we grow in our love relationship with God and live a life of total obedience to Him. Jesus told his disciples in John 14:15-16 “*If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever...*”

How is your love relationship with Abba Father today?

Maranatha  
Pastor John

August	Preacher	Sermon topic	Bible texts
2 HC	Bp Rennis Ponniah	Holy Communion – A Provision Not to be Neglected	1 Kgs 19:1-8; Lk 22:14-22
8/9	Rev John Lin	Created for a Destiny and Purpose	Dan 2:17-30
15/16 HC	Bp Kuan Kim Seng	Mary the <i>Doule</i>	Lk 1:46-55; Gal 4:4-7
22/23	Ds Lena Lim	If there is a tomorrow...	Jam 4:13-17
29/30	Rev John Lin	#4 Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	Exo 20:8-11
<b>September</b>			
5/6 HC	Rev John Lin	#5 Honour your father & your mother	Mt 15:1-9; Eph 6:1-4
12/13	Rev King Chiew Kwang	Open topic	
19/20 HC	Rev John Lin	#6 You shall not murder	Mt 5:21-26; Jam 1:19-27
26/27	Rev John Lin	#7 You shall not commit adultery	Mt 5:27-30
<b>October</b>			
3/4 HC	Enoch & Shirleen Ng	Let the little children come to Me	Mk 10:13-16
10/11	Rev John Lin	#8 You shall not steal	Lk 19:1-10
17/18 HC	Rev John Lin	#9 You shall not give false testimony	Prov 30:5-10; Jn 8:39-47
24/25	Rev John Lin	#10 You shall not covet	Lk 12:13-21

### Thanksgiving Service for Bishop Rennis Ponniah

We give thanks for Bp Rennis Ponniah for his shepherding and leadership ministry as our Diocesan Bishop these past 8 years. He will be handing over the Bishop's pastoral staff this **Sunday, 30 August at 4.00 pm.**

Join the Service via live-stream at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzTTP9yySEY&feature=youtu.be>

### Diocesan Digest

The August 2020 issue of Diocesan Digest is now published online at <https://online.pubhtml5.com/cuml/cuxp/> You are encouraged to read the inspiring articles to see God at work at the multiple facets of diocesan outreach and ministry and then commit each area to God in prayer.

### Children's Day - Save the Date!

The annual Children's Day celebration will be held online on Zoom this year on **10 October 2020**. There will be exciting games, interactive skits, songs, dance and more! A small gift package will be sent to each participant who have registered. Do save the date! More information on registration will be released soon.

We are also looking for **volunteers as online game masters** for this meaningful event. Please reach Chloe Ong @ 97595626 or Shirleen Yap @ 91010531 for more information.

### Marriage Preparation Course

Vicar will be conducting the Marriage Preparation Course in October 2020. Couples who are keen to attend are requested to speak with pastor John, or email [admin@patmos.org.sg](mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg) to register, latest by 6 September.

### Understanding the Graeco-Roman World of the New Testament

Vicar will be teaching this course (via ZOOM) on Wednesdays, 16, 23, 30 September, from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. **Please see attached flyer for the course synopsis.**

Please register for the course at <http://gg.gg/CESept> We will send you the Zoom details via your registered mobile number nearer the commencement of the course. For enquiries, please email [admin@patmos.org.sg](mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg)

### Angel Tree Project 2020

Please register your interests to participate with SJCP in the Angel Tree Project 2020 (ATP 2020) by **28<sup>th</sup> August**. Deliveries of the inmates' Christmas card along with the hamper/NTUC voucher will take place during Nov and Dec in compliance with prevailing government advisories. The Impact report of ATP 2019 and requirements for non disclosure are also available with the registration form via the QR Code:

<https://tinyurl.com/IMPACT-last-year>

<https://tinyurl.com/Non-disclose-agree>



DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 22 August	Sunday 23 August	Next Saturday 29 August	Next Sunday 30 August
<b>Worship Officiant</b>	Pas Yeo Yun Jing	Ho Boon Sing	Hide le	Pas Yeo Yun Jing
<b>Preacher</b>	Ds Lena Lim		Revd John Lin	
<b>Psalm Reading</b>	Psalm 39:1-13		Psalm 62	
<b>Scripture Text</b>	James 4:13-17		Exodus 20:8-11	
<b>Sermon Title</b>	If there is a tomorrow ...		Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	

St John's Chapel will resume physical congregational worship services with effect from 18 July 2020, with a cap of 50 attendees.

You can book a "ticket" online at

<https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/st-johns-chapel-church-services-tickets-112626528980>

Livestreaming (and recording) of church services will continue to be available online. We will livestream the Saturday 4.30 pm Service. Thereafter, the Service recording will be accessible online.

Please access the online Service using this weblink

<http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/>

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, 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)

### Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events till further notice

**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 [admin@patmos.org.sg](mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg)*

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Thanksgiving Service *for*  
**BISHOP RENNIS PONNIAH**

**4 PM, 30 AUGUST 2020**

We give thanks for Bishop Rennis Ponniah for his ministry with us as our Bishop. He will be formally stepping down as Bishop at this Service.



Join the Service via live-stream.  
**Scan QR Code or click here.**



# **UNDERSTANDING THE GRAECO-ROMAN WORLD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Join us to understand the political, economic, cultural, social and religious characteristics of the Graeco-Roman world of the first century. This course will enable us to appreciate the background to the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's letters to the newly-planted churches in the various cities and also the other New Testament Epistles.



**Course Dates: 16, 23 & 30 September 2020**

**Time: 8.00pm to 9.30pm (via Zoom)**

**Instructor: Rev John Lin**

Register for the course at <http://gg.gg/CESept>

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# COURSE SYNOPSIS



Christianity was not born in a vacuum. It was birthed into the Graeco-Roman world of political stability, cultural diversity and religious paganism. Despite being in an environment where politics, economics, society and culture were all organised around the pagan deities, the church grew. There were favourable factors that were advantageous to the growth and spread of Christianity in the first century. However, the developing Christian church also faced hindrances that were disadvantageous to the acceptance of early Christianity. Despite the obstacles and struggles, the Early Church persevered and grew tremendously in a pagan environment. By God's grace, some of the hindrances were used to promote the Christian faith. This course will look at the political, economic, cultural, social and religious characteristics of the Graeco-Roman world of the first century. This will enable us to appreciate the background to the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, Paul's letters to the newly-planted churches in the various cities and also the other NT Epistles.

