

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 28/10/2017	SUNDAY 29/10/2017	NEXT SATURDAY 4/11/2017	NEXT SUNDAY 5/11/2017
Worship Officiant	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Paul Lim	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Ho Boon Sing
Celebrant	-		Revd John Lin	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Ps Fu-Man, Hide le & Patrick Lee	Ps Fu-Man, Boon Sing & Paul Lim
Community Praise Team	Ethan	IHMS-Sun	Livingstreams	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Mr Tan Choon Huat	Mr Andrew Tay
Scripture Text	Genesis 50:15-21		2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Matthew 9:9-13
Sermon Title	Trusting God in life's difficulties		Compelled by the Love of Christ	The Calling of Matthew
Scripture Reader	Loh Wei Juan	Aileen Tung	Priscilla Yau	Joshua Tung
Ushering Team	BBW116	JP14	DR30	CH95
Floral Arrangement	Luanna Yau		Shirley Gan	
Sunday Refreshment	-	Aileen/Mae	-	Elsie Lim
Treasurer	Lau Soo Ching	Helen Sng	Nellie Nam	Florence Ho
Treasury Witness	Lijie & Dawn	Pei Ching & Eileen	Elly Chiu	Cho Ling & Bee Kuan
Staff On Duty	Doris & Ps Yun Jing	Ps Florence & Luyang	Doris & Patrick	Doris & Ps Chwee Lian

Upcoming Events

Church Leaders' Training on 5 Nov 2017
31st GB, 64th BB Combined 25th Anniversary Celebration on 19 Nov 2017
Batam Mission Trip from 26 to 30 Nov 2017
Chiangmai Mission Trip from 11 to 18 Dec 2017
Mae Sot Mission Trip from 16 to 22 Dec 2017
Christmas Outreach Concert on 23 Dec 2017

Worship Service on Saturday

English Service 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

Ministries

Home cell Fellowship 8.00pm on Fridays
Youth Meeting 2.00pm on Saturdays
at Patmos Hall

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

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School Gate E Open for Entry: Saturday: 12.30pm-2.30pm & 3.15pm-5.15pm

Sunday: 8.00am-9.00am & 10.30am-11.15am

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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 : Trusting God in life's difficulties

Scripture Text : Genesis 50:15-21



But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Genesis 50:19-20



COLLECT

Last Sunday After Pentecost

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's understanding. Pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"And this gospel of the Kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

(Matthew 24:14)

Vicar writes

Dear family in Christ

Five hundred years ago on 31 October 1517, Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses on the door of Wittenberg Castle church, which started the **Protestant Reformation** that changed the history and direction of Christianity. The Reformers (Martin Luther, John Calvin, Zwingli, etc) saw major problems in the Roman Catholic Church at that time: Corruption and abuses in the selling of “indulgences” to provide absolution to sinners without the need for repentance; Wrong teaching that salvation was possible through good works of righteousness that pleased God; Authority and teachings of the Pope & priests and church traditions were higher than the authority of the Bible.

The “Five Sola”s were five Latin phrases that emerged during the Reformation to summarize the Reformers’ theological convictions about the key essentials of Christianity.

1. **Sola Scriptura** (“Scripture alone”): The Bible alone is our ultimate and highest authority for faith and practice. It is the divine revelation of God and teaches salvation & life in Jesus Christ. (see 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. **Sola Fide** (“faith alone”): We are saved through faith alone in Jesus Christ. “*Justification by faith*” is the act of God by which he declares ‘believing repentant sinners’ to be righteous because of Jesus’ atoning sacrifice and death on the cross. (see Romans 5:1-2)

3. **Sola Gratia** (“grace alone”): We are saved by the grace of God alone. Salvation is the gift of the merciful God and cannot be earned by our good works or attained by human methods. (see Ephesians 2:8-9)

4. **Solus Christus** (“Christ alone”): Jesus Christ alone is the one Mediator between the holy God and sinful man. Our salvation is accomplished only through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, not through human mediators or religious rituals. (see 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

5. **Soli Deo Gloria** (“to the glory of God alone”): Salvation in Christ and the whole of life lived for Jesus is for the glory of God alone.

“The chief purpose of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. (Westminster Catechism)” (see Revelation 4:11)

As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, may we always keep Jesus Christ at the centre of His Church and as the strong anchor, the firm foundation and the blessed hope of our Christian faith and practice.

Maranatha

Pastor John

Intercession

Cantonese Service

There is 1 candidate for the next baptism service in December. Baptism class is arranged for her on Sunday after service. 2 new friends who participated in our Autumn Celebration have been attending the Sunday Service for the past three weeks.

Prayers

- a) The changing of leadership in the Cantonese Service.
- b) God’s protection and guidance on the spiritual and physical health of the elderly members.

Hokkien Service

Thank God for raising new worship leaders and musician to help out in the Sunday service.

Prayers

- a) For elderly couple who are hospitalized in SGH.
- b) God’s protection and guidance on the spiritual and physical health of the elderly members.

Church Leaders' Training

The training will be held on **Sunday, 5 November 2017, 11.30am to 1.30pm** at the SMSS Learning Lab. The training is based on the book "Leadership Essentials". Please prepare Bible study lesson 4 "The Posture of a Leader: KNEELING – Embracing servant love as our primary model."

Young Adults' Ministry

A discussion on 'Dating Towards Marriage' will be held on **Friday, 3 November 2017 at 7.30pm** in Patmos Hall. Do invite friends to find clarity and purpose on exploring God's Word.

Diocesan Day of Prayer & Fast 2017

The Diocesan Day of Prayer & Fast will be held on **Saturday, 4 November 2017, 9am to 12noon** in the Cathedral New Sanctuary. The theme is on "Arise and Shine, for the harvest has come". Let us be encouraged to come together as one Diocesan family for a time of prayer and fast.

Christmas Outreach Concert

The Christmas Outreach Concert will be held on **Saturday, 23 December 2017, 4.30pm** in SJCp Sanctuary. The organizers are looking for participants for the choir and creative skits in this endeavor. Do approach Eileen Chiu and Benjamin Kirk for more details for the choir and creative skits respectively.

There will be a Children's evangelistic programme held concurrently. A buffet dinner will be held after the concert. Take this opportunity to invite your family members and friends.

Please note that there will be NO English Service on Sunday, 24 December 2017.

Combined Christmas & Baptism Service

The combined Christmas & Baptism Service will be held on **Monday, 25 December 2017** in our sanctuary at **10.00am** followed by a buffet lunch after the Service.

Congratulations

We rejoice with Nicholas Kua & Xinyi for God's gift of a baby boy, Daniel Kua Fu Wei, born on **23 October 2017**.

25th Anniversary Celebration - 31st GB & 64th BB Coy

There will be a 25th Anniversary Celebration for 31st GB Coy & 64th BB Coy on **Saturday, 19 November 2017**. Programme starts 3pm to 8.30pm in St Margaret's Secondary School. Please RSVP with Ps Florence for catering purpose.

Collection 2017 – "Give Him A Hundred" Coin Box

The "Give Him A Hundred" coin boxes is part of this year's Diocesan Mission Sunday Collection in November. It is also a family activity to educate and encourage young children to give to Missions. If you require more coin boxes, please collect from the ushers' table. Please return by **Sunday, 19 November 2017**.

2018 Church Retreat

The church retreat will be held from the **3 to 6 June 2018 (Sunday to Wednesday)** at Tunamaya Beach Resort, Desaru. You are encouraged to set aside this dates to attend this retreat and we look forward to seeing you there!