

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 16/12/2017	SUNDAY 17/12/2017	NEXT WEEK	COMBINED CHRISTMAS & BAPTISM SERVICE 25/12/2017
Worship Officiant	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Ho Boon Sing	Saturday, 23 Dec '17 Christmas Outreach Concert at 4.30pm Sunday, 24 Dec '17 No English Service	Peter Soon
Celebrant	Revd John Lin			Revd John Lin
Holy Communion Assistant	Ps Fu-Man, Peter Soon & Patrick Lee	Ps Fu-Man, Kenneth Sng & Boon Sing		Revd Bernard, Ds Lena Peter Soon, Ps Alan, Ps Chwee Lian
Community Praise Team	David's Legacy			Combined Team
Preacher	Revd John Lin			Revd John Lin
Scripture Text	Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 3:13-17			John 1:1-18; Isaiah 9:1-7
Sermon Title	The loving Father heart of God			What if there had been no Christmas?
Scripture Reader	Merrilyn Ong	Joshua Tung		Tan Rui Lin
Ushering Team	Claypots	Kopi Gao		Brew It / Selah
Floral Arrangement	Helen Liew			Doris Lee
Refreshment	-	Susan / Cho Ling		Buffet lunch
Treasurer	Felyn Chan	Ho Boon Sing		Helen Sng
Treasury Witness	Kai Ting	Esther Ling		Pei Ching & Eileen
Staff On Duty	Ps Florence Hou & Ps Yun Jing	Ps Qiu Yue & Ps Roger		Patrick & Doris, Ps Lawrence & Ps Chwee Lian

Upcoming Events

Christmas Outreach Concert on 23 Dec 2017
Christmas Evangelistic Service (Mandarin) on 24 Dec 2017
Combined Christmas & Baptism Service on 25 Dec 2017
SJCp Youth Camp from 28 to 31 Dec 2017
Combined Covenant Service on 7 Jan 2018

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 : The loving Father heart of God

Scripture Text : Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 3:13-17



But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming age he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7



COLLECT

Third Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of your Son: inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; that when he comes again in glory, we may stand with confidence before him as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

In the first week of Advent, the Spirit of the Lord moved powerfully at the unprecedented “*Love Hanoi Festival*”. For two evenings on 8-9 December, 6,000 Vietnamese inside the Indoor stadium and another 20,000 seated outside watching the giant screens, heard Revd Franklin Graham preaching on the love of God, the problem of sin, the cross of Christ and the forgiveness of God.



As I sat among the gathering, I sensed a deep hunger for God amongst the people. It was a joy to see thousands coming from the other provinces and the multiple ethnic minority people groups in their traditional costumes. I was deeply moved in my heart to witness the hundreds of Vietnamese responding to the altar call to believe in Jesus and receive God’s gift of eternal life. The power of God was ministering to many lives calling upon the name of the Lord because of the amazing grace and bountiful mercy of God.

Thanks be to God for 500 over churches in Hanoi (many of them are very small unregistered congregations) coming together in partnership with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Evangelical Church of Vietnam (North) to proclaim Jesus Christ publicly. Several key government officials were present at the opening ceremony of “*Love Hanoi Festival*”. Many Vietnamese pastors were encouraged to see the increasing openness of the Vietnam government for Christians to share about Jesus Christ openly, especially on such a large scale.

Let us continue to pray for the Lord of the harvest to do His mighty work in Vietnam. Praise be to God.

*“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “**Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**”* Revelation 7:9-10

Maranatha
Pastor John

Intercession

Thai-Karen Mission Trip 2017 (16 - 22 Dec 2017)

Team Pastoral Liaison: Ps Lawrence Mun (Cantonese Congregation)

Team Leader: Hide Ie (English Congregation)

Team Assistant Leader: Heindric Lui (Mandarin Congregation)

Treasurer: Jemimah (Su ‘er shimu) (Cantonese Congregation)

Members: Judy Siak (English Congregation), Marx Lui, Amanda Cheng, Grace Goh, Olivia Lui , Rae Lee (Mandarin Congregation)

Revd Bernard Yee (Mandarin Congregation), Dorcas Kim, Arwen Yee-7.5 years old, Arlyn Yee 5.5 years old (English Congregation) **Total: 12 adults 2 children**

Area of missions work: Children and evening Christmas programme, family visitations at Mae Salid, Maw Kwee, Toh Tah Villages, Children's programme Mae Salid and Maw Kwee Boarding Houses

Pray for:

1. Unity of the team and that the Lord will prepare those we are visiting.
2. Great partnership with local Christians when doing outreach.
3. Protection in the travelling.
4. Our health; spiritually and mentally.
5. The salvation of the people that we would meet.

2017 Tithe and Freewill Offering

Members are requested to make their Tithe and Freewill Offering for Year 2017 before end of December 2017.

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 2018 Tithe and Freewill Offering. We request your help to fill up the "Pledge Form 2018", which is available at the ushers' table, and drop the completed form into the Pledge Form Box. For any queries, please approach our Pledge Secretary, sister Nellie Nam.

2018 Pledge Envelopes

The pledge envelopes for 2018 are ready for collection at ushers' table.

Christmas Outreach Concert

The Christmas Outreach Concert will be held on **Saturday, 23 December 2017, 4.30pm** in SJCp Sanctuary. 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. For Adults and infants who wish to be baptised, please approach Pastor Loon Fu-Man.

Baptism Candidates

We give thanks to God for his grace and mercy upon the following sisters who will be baptised on Monday, 25 December 2017.

Chinese Congregation: Wu Juying and Lau Kum Lin

Covenant Renewal Service

There will be a combined Covenant Service on **Sunday, 7 January 2018** at **10.00am** in our sanctuary. It will be a time of thanksgiving and renewal of our covenant with God.

"1 John" Service will not be held on Saturday, 6 January 2018.

S.P.Y. Camp 2017

Join us for our very own SJCp Youth Camp. The camp will be held from **28 - 31 December 2017** in St John's Chapel. The camp fee will be S\$35. Follow us on Instagram @teknayouth. Sign up online: <http://tinyurl/sjcpspy2017>. There will be an outreach event on 30 December with the elderly from Toa Payoh. If you are available, do join us for this outreach.

For more information, please contact Bernice (9431 9422) / Priscilla (9822 0601).