

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>SATURDAY 2/12/2017</b>	<b>SUNDAY 3/12/2017</b>	<b>NEXT SATURDAY 9/12/2017</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY 10/12/2017</b>
Worship Officiant	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Kenneth Sng	Patrick Lee	Ho Boon Sing
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Ps Fu-Man, Hide le & Patrick Lee	Ps Fu-Man, Kenneth & Lim Ah Kau	-	-
Community Praise Team	Ethan	Harmony	Livingstreams	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd Bernard Yee	
Scripture Text	Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 24:29-31		Revelation 11:15-19	
Sermon Title	Joy to the world! The Lord is Come		The Return of the King	
Scripture Reader	Sonia le	Samuel Lim	Sonia le	Tan Rui Lin
Ushering Team	BBW116	Kopi Gao	DR30	BBW113
Floral Arrangement	Ds Lena Lim		Luanna Yau	
Refreshment	-	Doris & Patrick	-	Aileen & Mae
Treasurer	Nellie Nam	Ding Cho Li	Nellie Nam	Florence Ho
Treasury Witness	Elly	Aimin & Alyss	Audrey & Merrilyn	Cho Ling & Bee Kuan
Staff On Duty	Doris & Ps Yun Jing	Patrick & Ps Chwee Lian	Susan & Ps Fu-Man	Ps Florence & Lydia

### Upcoming Events

Chiangmai Mission Trip from 11 to 18 Dec 2017  
 Thai-Karen Mission Trip from 16 to 22 Dec 2017  
 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 : Joy to the world! The Lord is Come

Scripture Text : Philippians 2:5-11;  
Matthew 24:29-31



Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

Philippians 2:5-7



**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 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

The liturgical season of **ADVENT** marks the beginning of the Church calendar. Advent comes from the Latin word “*adventus*” meaning ‘coming or arrival’, as it focuses on the coming of the Saviour Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation marked by prayer – Prayers of humble devotion, commitment, submission and for God’s deliverance. It is a time for calm and reflection, so that we will not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and gatherings.

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 Advent-Christmas Devotional Guide (*available at the reception table*) to teach and transmit the Christian faith to your children and involve them in reading the Scriptures, lighting the Advent wreath candles, in interaction and prayer.

Advent reminds us of three ways in which Jesus Christ comes to us:

- 2000 years ago, as God incarnate in the new-born Jesus at Bethlehem
- Today, as Christ our Lord in our lives, calling us to follow Him faithfully
- Some day in the near future, as Christ triumphant, returning as Judge and King

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

As we live in between the two Advents, we need to live our lives with gratitude to God and with accountability to Him. As we live “*between the times*”, we are called to holy living and be faithful stewards of what has been entrusted to us as God’s people. In our spiritual journey as a Christ-following community, we have an important responsibility to live lives that bring glory to God and share about Jesus Christ through the gospel message and our loving deeds.

Maranatha

Pastor John

## Intercession

We continue to uphold the following missionaries in prayer:

### 1. Gosling Family

- The Gosling family conducts Outreach training course. For those completing the course, they will be able to relate naturally to local people.
- For Mrs Gosling, whose cataract operation to take place before February 2018.

### 2. Gerry & Yahui’s Family (St Andrew’s Centre in Chiang Mai)

- For regular church members continue to grow in their faith and walk with our Lord Jesus Christ and the spiritual maturity of the first-generation leaders in the church.
- For St Andrew’s Anglican School, which is officially registered as Siriaunda School, the school’s first PR drive in Mid-Nov to Dec 2017, many new families will come to know and visit the school.
- For the salvation of parents and children in the school and God’s word to take root in their lives. The chaplaincy staff to be a good testimony to them.

### 3. Deborah Loh Wei Juan (Isaan, Northeast Thailand)

Pray for smooth transition as she moves towards language and culture learning in the first six months at Lopburi, shadow internship with a church plant team for the second six months, and join a church plant team in Isaan (north-east Thailand).

### 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 3 December 2017. 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.

### Mission Trips

The Chiangmai Mission Trip from 11 to 18 December 2017 and Thai-Karen Mission Trip from 16 to 22 December 2017 will be commissioned for prayers on **Saturday, 9 December 2017**. Let us uphold the team members in prayer.

### 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.

### 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. The distribution of flyers are scheduled on Saturday, 9 December, 1pm to 3pm and Sunday 10 December, 12pm to 2pm. For registration, please contact Ps Fu-Man at [fuman@patmos.org.sg](mailto:fuman@patmos.org.sg).

**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.

### Christmas Caroling to Homes

The choir will be doing a Christmas caroling to homes of church members or friends who would like to open their homes. The dates are **16 & 17 and 23 December 2017**, with 2 visits per night. Take this opportunity to invite pre-believer friends/relatives if you are participating in opening your homes. For further details, please contact Joanna Phone Ko.

### 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 for frequent updates of the camp.

Collect your camp form from Bernice (94319422) / Priscilla (98220601) or register online: <http://tinyurl/sjcpspy2017>. Join us to unmask the adventure of a S.P.Y.

### Vicar Overseas 7 – 11 December

Our vicar is overseas at Vietnam from 7 – 11 December 2017 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.