

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>SUNDAY 7/1/2018</b>	<b>NEXT SATURDAY 13/1/2018</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY 14/1/2018</b>
Worship Officiant	Revd Bernard Yee	Patrick Lee	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	Revd John Lin	-	-
Holy Communion Assistant	Revd Bernard, Hide le, Patrick Lee, Ps Roger & Ps Luyang	-	-
Community Praise Team	Livingstreams	Ethan	Harmony
Preacher	Revd John Lin	Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Matthew 22:34-40	Genesis 1:1-5	
Sermon Title	Remember the Lord your God	In the Beginning, God ...	
Scripture Reader	Tan Rui Lin	Seah Bee Kheng	Joshua Tung
Ushering Team	TAAF Club / DR30	Claypots	FH50K
Floral Arrangement	Helen Lim	Hazel Foo	
Refreshment	Wong Lee May	-	Helen Lim
Treasurer	Florence Ho	Felyn Chan	Ho Boon Sing
Treasury Witness	Cho Ling & Bee Kuan	Kai Ting & Judy Siak	Esther Ling
Staff On Duty	Ps Fu-Man & Susan; Lydia & Ps Luyang	Doris & Patrick Lee	Ps Fu-Man & Ps Chwee Lian

### Upcoming Events

Church Leaders' Training on 14 Jan 2018  
PCC Meeting on 16 Jan 2018  
Church Prayer Meeting on 26 Jan 2018  
Children's Ministry Workers Workshop on 28 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

**7 January 2018**  
**Covenant Service**

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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 : Remember the Lord your God

Scripture Text : Deuteronomy 8:1-20;  
Matthew 22:34-40



So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Deuteronomy 8:6



**COLLECT**

**First Sunday of Epiphany**

Almighty God, who anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son: inspire us, your children, who are born of water and the Spirit, to surrender our lives to your service, that we may rejoice to be called the sons of God; 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

As the Psalmist remembered the sovereign Lord's grace and goodness to His people Israel, he declared in Psalm 90:1-2, "*Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*"

The well-known hymn-writer Isaac Watts faced difficult circumstances and uncertain times in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. As Isaac Watts read the Scriptures, Psalm 90 ministered deeply in his heart. Paraphrasing the words and expressing the thoughts of Psalm 90:1-5, he composed this wonderful hymn "***Our God, our Help in ages past***".

In the first stanza, Isaac wrote such comforting words, "*Our God, our Help in ages past, our Hope for years to come, our Shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal Home.*" What a great reminder that God is our faithful **Help**, our secure **Hope**, our strong **Shelter** and our eternal **Home**. God does not change and He stands above human time, for He is the everlasting God. May the six stanzas of this hymn encourage and strengthen your heart.

As we start the new year 2018, many of us may face challenges, uncertainties, struggles and fears. In the midst of the heavy storms of life and the difficult turmoil of this world, may we rest secure in the Lord God Almighty, who is our dwelling place in all generations. Let us trust in God and hope in his loving grace, because from everlasting to everlasting, He is the eternal mighty God.

Pastor John

## Intercession

### LOOKING BACK AT 2017

#### THANKS TO GOD

**Lyrics:** August Ludvig Storm

**Music:** John Alfred Hultman

Thanks, O God, for boundless mercy  
From Thy gracious throne above  
Thanks for ev'ry need provided  
From the fullness of Thy love  
Thanks for daily toil and labour  
And for rest when shadows fall  
Thanks for love of friend and neighbour  
And Thy goodness unto all

Thanks for thorns as well as roses  
Thanks for weakness and for health  
Thanks for clouds as well as sunshine  
Thanks for poverty and wealth!  
Thanks for pain as well as pleasure  
All Thou sendest day by day  
And Thy Word our dearest treasure  
Shedding light upon our way

Thanks, O God, for home and fireside  
Where we share our daily bread  
Thanks for hours of sweet communion  
When by Thee our souls are fed!  
Thanks for grace in time of sorrow  
And for joy and peace in Thee  
Thanks for hope today, tomorrow  
And for all eternity!

### Covenant Renewal Service

Today is Covenant Renewal Service. There is no children's programme. All children will be seated together with the parents for a time of thanksgiving and renewal of our covenant with God.

### Choir AGM

The choir will be having their AGM today at 12.30pm at the Theatrette.

### Reading through the whole Bible

We encourage everyone to make time to read through the whole Bible in 2018. You may collect a copy of the "Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan (Navpress)" at the church usher's table. Let us encourage one another to grow in spiritual maturity.

### 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.

### Church Leaders' Training

The training will be held on **Sunday, 14 January 2018, 11.30am to 1.30pm** at the SMSS Learning Lab. The training is based on the book "Leadership Essentials". Please prepare Bible study lesson 5 "The Posture of a Leader: TEAMING – Building teams to accomplish our corporate mission."

### PCC Meeting

There will be a PCC meeting on **Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 7.30pm**. PCC members are encouraged to come from 6.45pm onwards for a time of prayer.

### Church Prayer Meeting

The church prayer meeting will be held in the Patmos Hall on *Friday, 26 January 2018, 7.45pm to 9.15pm*. Let's come together as one body to intercede for individuals, families, various ministries in the church, and for Singapore and other nations. The prayer leader is Hide le, the praise team is FH50K homecell and staff on duty is Ps Fu-Man & Ps Qiu Yue.

### Children's Ministry Workers' Workshop

A Workshop for Children's Ministry Workers will be held on **Sunday, 28 January 2018, 11.30am to 3.00pm** at School Learning Lab. This workshop aims to revisit your response to God's call for teaching the children.

### Appreciation

Paul & Elsie Lim and their family wish to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all church leaders and members for their prayers and condolences during their recent bereavement on the demise of Paul's mother on 27 December 2017.