

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 1/12/2018	SUNDAY 2/12/2018	NEXT SATURDAY 8/12/2018	NEXT SUNDAY 9/12/2018
Worship Officiant	Peter Soon	Ps Yun Jing	Patrick Lee	Florence Ho
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Ds Lena, Ps Yun Jing & Peter Soon	Ps Fu-Man, Ps Yun Jing & Patrick	-	-
Community Praise Team	IHMS-Sat	Harmony	Ethan	
Preacher	Revd Peter Chen		Ds Lena Lim	
Scripture Text	Acts 1:4-11; Matthew 9:35-38		Matthew 1:18-25	
Sermon Title	When Was the Last Time You Told Someone about Jesus?		The First Christmas Day	
Scripture Reader	Sonia Ie	Tan Rui Lin	Merrilyn Ong	Choo Heng Yu
Ushering Team	C2	Friendsheep	BBW116	CH95
Floral Arrangement	Janet Kua		Helen Liew	
Refreshment	-	Doris Lee	-	Helen Lim
Treasurer	Nellie Nam	Tan Pei Ching	Felyn Chan	Boon Sing
Treasury Witness	Victor Tay	Cho Ling & Bee Kuan	Kai Ting & Judy	Esther Ling & Lye Chee
Staff On Duty	Doris & Ps Fu-Man	Doris & Ps Alan	Susan & Patrick	Susan & Ps Chwee Lian

Upcoming Events

Outreach Services on 22 & 23 December 2018
 Combined Christmas & Baptism Service on 25 December 2018
 Combined Covenant Service on 6 January 2019

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: 8.00am-11.00am & 1.00pm-6.00pm
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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 Peter Chen

Sermon Title : **When Was the Last Time You Told Someone about Jesus?**

Text : **Acts 1:4-11; Matthew 9:35-38**



Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

Mathew 9:37-38



COLLECT

Advent 1

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.

Mission and Purpose: As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Vicar writes

Dear family in Christ

In the church calendar, the liturgical season of **ADVENT** begins today. Advent comes from the Latin word “*adventus*” meaning ‘coming or arrival’. It focuses on the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation marked by prayers of humble devotion and for God’s deliverance. It is a time for calm and reflection in the midst of the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping and parties.

There is a double focus in Advent. Firstly, it is the joyous celebration of the birth of Jesus the Messiah in his **First Advent**. Secondly, it is the anticipation of His impending return as King in his **Second Advent**. It is a grateful celebration of God’s redeeming 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 eagerly 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 disciples of Jesus Christ, we have an important responsibility to live a life bringing glory to God and to share about Jesus through the gospel message and our loving deeds.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King!

Maranatha

Pastor John

Intercession

Christmas Outreach Services (22 & 23 December 2018)

Thanksgiving

- ❖ Thank God for the opportunity to have the Christmas Hymn Festival this year.
- ❖ We give all glory to God, and we are blessed and thankful for active participation from our ad-hoc members and church members.

Prayer Request

- ❖ Praying For God to use the choir through the Christmas Hymn Festival to bless and minister to all those listening.
- ❖ For many non-Christian friends and family members to be able to attend the Christmas Hymn Festival.

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 2 December 2018. 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.

2018 Tithe and Freewill Offering

Members are requested to make their Tithe and Freewill Offering for year 2018 before end of December 2018.

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 2019 Tithe and Freewill Offering. We request your help to fill up the "Pledge Form 2019" and drop the completed form into the Pledge Form Box on the ushers' table. For any queries, please approach our Pledge Secretary, Nellie Nam.

Christmas Caroling at Shaw Centre

St John's Chapel choir will be caroling at Shaw Centre (Level 1, beside concierge and information counter) on **Saturday, 15 December 2018, 7pm to 8pm**. Please invite your friends and family members and come join us!

Mission Trip to Hanoi (22 – 30 Dec 2018) – Fund Raising

The team seeks to provide 100 blankets (\$20 each) for two villagers that they will be visiting. These are for the poor villagers to keep warm during the winter months. Contribution to be in cash. Do use the "Free Will Offering" envelopes (to indicate 'Hanoi Mission Trip' and put into the offering bags during the Worship Services. This fund raising is till 16 Dec 2018.

Congratulations

We rejoice with Boon Siong & Rachel for God's gift of a baby boy, Elimelech Goh, born on 29 November 2018.

Outreach Services: "A Thrill of Hope"

The Outreach Services will be held on **Saturday, 22 December and Sunday, 23 December 2018** during the service. The theme is "A Thrill of Hope!". Children's Outreach Program will be held concurrently. Take this opportunity to invite your family members and friends.

Combined Christmas & Baptism Service

The combined Christmas & Baptism Service will be held on **Tuesday, 25 December 2018** at **10.00am** followed by a buffet lunch after the Service.

Diocesan Mission Sunday

Collection 2018 – "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, 9 December 2018**.