

<b>DUTY ROSTER</b>	<b>SATURDAY 8/12/2018</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9/12/2018</b>	<b>NEXT SATURDAY 15/12/2018</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY 16/12/2018</b>
Worship Officiant	Patrick Lee	Florence Ho	Hide le	Ho Boon Sing
Celebrant	-		Rev'd John Lin	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Ps Fu-Man Hide le & Patrick Lee	Ps Yun Jing, Boon Sing & Florence Ho
Community Praise Team	Livingstreams		Ethan	
Preacher	Ds Lena Lim		Ps Loon Fu-Man	
Scripture Text	Matthew 1:18-25		James 2:14-26; Luke 3:7-18	
Sermon Title	The First Christmas Day		The Works of Faith	
Scripture Reader	Merrilyn Ong	Florence Ho	Priscilla Yau	Joshua Tung
Ushering Team	BBW116	CH95	Claypots	TAAF Club
Floral Arrangement	Helen Liew		Luanna Yau	
Refreshment	-	Doris Lee	-	Helen Lim
Treasurer	Felyn Chan	Ho Boon Sing	Nellie Nam	Helen Sng
Treasury Witness	Kai Ting & Judy	Esther Ling & Lye Chee	Audrey & Merrilyn	Eileen & Florence
Staff On Duty	Susan & Patrick	Susan & Ps Chwee Lian	Doris & Ps Yun Jing	Ps Yun Jing & Ps Lawrence

### 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

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** : Ds Lena Lim

**Sermon Title** : The First Christmas Day

**Text** : Matthew 1:18-25



**“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”  
(which means, God with us).**

**Matthew 1: 23**



**COLLECT**

**Advent 2**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and forever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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

This Advent-Christmas season is an opportune time for spiritual reflection. In what ways can Advent encourage us in our spiritual walk with the Lord?

**Firstly, be Faithful followers of Christ.** As we live in between the two Advents, let us live our lives with gratitude to God and with accountability to Him. We are called to holy living and be faithful stewards of what had been entrusted to us. In our spiritual journey as a Christ-following community, we have an important responsibility to live lives that bring glory to God. We have the joy and privilege to share about Jesus through the gospel message and our loving deeds. The lights in Advent are a reminder of our calling from Jesus to *“let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”* (Matthew 5:16).

**Secondly, be Ready for Christ’s return.** This will be the Second Advent. *“so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.”* (Hebrews 9:28). In great triumph and with loud trumpet sounds, Christ will come again to bring his people to dwell in his presence for all eternity. We need to be watchful and alert spiritually in our daily living. Is the Lord pleased and satisfied with the way we are living our life? Is there true worship of God in the total surrender of our life to Jesus and His kingdom?

Are you ready for His Return?

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.

### 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.

### 2019 Pledge Envelopes

The pledge envelopes for 2019 are ready for collection at ushers' table.

### 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 villages 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.

### 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.

### Covenant Renewal Service

There will be a combined Covenant Service on **Sunday, 6 January 2019** 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, 5 January 2019.

### 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. Please return by **Sunday, 9 December 2018**.