

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 15/12/2018	SUNDAY 16/12/2018	NEXT SATURDAY 22/12/2018	NEXT SUNDAY 23/12/2018
Worship Officiant	Hide le	Ho Boon Sing	Ps Loon Fu-Man	Ps Loon Fu-Man
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Ps Fu-Man, Hide le & Patrick Lee	Ps Yun Jing, Boon Sing & Florence Ho	-	-
Community Praise Team	Ethan		Choir	
Preacher	Ps Loon Fu-Man		Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	James 2:14-26; Luke 3:7-18		Romans 15:8-13	
Sermon Title	The Works of Faith		A Thrill of Hope	
Scripture Reader	Priscilla Yau	Joshua Tung	Jaymie Lin-Kirk	Aileen Tung
Ushering Team	Claypots	TAAF Club	Ut	FH50K
Floral Arrangement	Luanna Yau		Audrey Kua	
Refreshment	-	Helen Lim	-	Doris & Patrick
Treasurer	Nellie Nam	Helen Sng	Dawn Cheong	Ding Cho Li
Treasury Witness	Audrey & Merrilyn	Eileen & Florence	Lijie	Aimin & Alyss
Staff On Duty	Doris & Ps Yun Jing	Ps Yun Jing & Ps Lawrence	Ps Florence & Ds Lena	Patrick & Ps Lyu Yang

Upcoming Events

Outreach Services on 22 & 23 December 2018
 Combined Christmas & Baptism Service on 25 December 2018
 Combined Covenant Service on 6 January 2019
 Celebration of Hope from 17 – 19 May 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 : Pastor Loon Fu-Man

Sermon Title : The Works of Faith

Text : James 2:14-26; Luke 3:7-18



But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2 Peter 3:13-14



COLLECT

Advent 3

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.

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

For many people living in countries that experience the four seasons, the melancholy of the Fall season deepens into the depression of Winter. Scientists and researchers agree that people who suffer from winter depression, also known as "Seasonal Affective Disorder" (S.A.D.), have one thing in common – they are particularly sensitive to light, or the lack of it. This winter depression is felt deeply even in the midst of busy Christmas festivities.

Some years ago, I had to provide emergency pastoral care for a church member who wanted to end her life. She felt very depressed and suicidal amidst all the Christmas festivities because of a very difficult family situation. Amidst all the bright lights, loud music and festive shopping along Orchard Road and the heartland shopping malls, I wonder how many people amongst the festive throng are depressed, lonely or even suicidal. Some may be grieving over a relationship loss, experiencing conflicts in their family, or feeling anxious about their health, finances and future.

During this Christmas season, may I encourage you to look out for those in your family, in our church, at your workplace and among your friends, who may be feeling down, depressed or lonely. Pray and ask God for a compassionate and discerning heart to care for them in several ways: (1) Share a word of encouragement; (2) Write a card to cheer them up; (3) Spend time with them over a meal or outing; (4) Invite them to your family meal or to your Home Cell Christmas celebration or our church Christmas service.

May the **Light of Christ** fill your hearts with God's unfailing **love**, unspeakable **joy** and unceasing **peace** always.

Maranatha
Pastor John

Intercession

Christmas cum Baptism Service on Tuesday, 25 December 2018

We thank God for:

- 1) The opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth and reflect again on His grace and love for us.
- 2) The Baptism candidates, that they will continue to grow in their faith in Christ and experience God's grace and leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Pray for:

- 1) Seeking and open hearts of the non-Christian visitors & friends to receive the message of God's love
- 2) God's presence and that the focus will be on Him and for His glory.

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.

Invitation cards are available at ushers’ table. 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. There will also be Children’s Programme at the Indoor Sports Hall (ISH) open court during service time.

Take this opportunity to invite your family and friends for the Service.

Baptism Candidates

We give thanks to God for his grace and mercy upon the following brothers and sisters who will be baptized on Tuesday, 25 December 2018.

Chinese congregation: Liew Sung Fung; Henry Chew Chye Huat; Molly Tay Guat Goh; Toh Lai Bea; Lim Seok Yee

English congregation: Ariss Yee; Aaron Asher Teoh Jun Le; Ezekiel Ethan Teoh Jun Kang; Teoh Kok Heng @ Hasan; Lee Jianliang Warren; Rio Tiffany Estralita

Mission Trip to Hanoi (22 – 30 Dec 2018)

The team from Brew It cell group consisting of 3 men and 4 ladies will be serving alongside with Church of True Light, Hanoi, to bring the Christmas message in the city centre and to visit 2 villages from 22 to 30 December 2018. The team will depart via VJ916 @ Terminal 4. ETD is 2.55pm.

For Hanoi mission trip fund raising, S\$2,490 (above the required budget) collected for the purchase of 100 blankets for two villages. Thank you for your generous donation.

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.

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.