

TODAY
2nd Sunday of Christmas

| | E1 (8am) | E2 & E3 Combined (10am) |
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| Celebrant | Ven Wong Tak Meng | Ven Wong Tak Meng |
| Preacher | Rev David Lee | Rev David Lee |
| Song Worship Leader | Christina Ratnam | Wendy Yong |
| Sound | Nikki Chuang Tong Kian Beng William Lian | Sim Tse Jong |
| Lay Readers / Service Leader / Service Coord. (E3) | *RL/FKH/AC/SO/RJ | *CMS/CT/AC/DS/KSK |
| Intercessor | - | - |
| Scripture Reader | Chan Siew Cheng | Angeline Loh |
| Servers | Peter Sung & Kenneth Chew | Henry Poh & Jimmy Ng |
| Multi-Media | Vivien Hing & Ian Sim | Adelene Teow & Vivien Tam |
| Sidesmen / Hosp Team | Lawrence & May Koh Roger & Shirley Yeo | Taman Selamat HCG Freddy Choo & Team |

Ministry Team (10am): All Teams and Lay Readers on duty
Floral Arr. Team: Team B
(duty on Sat 7.1.17)

NEXT SUNDAY 8.1.17
1st Sunday of Epiphany

| | E1 (8am) | E2 (10am) | E3 (10am) |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Celebrant | Ven Wong Tak Meng | Ven Wong Tak Meng | - |
| Preacher | Ven Wong Tak Meng | Ven Wong Tak Meng | Calvin Tan |
| Song Worship Leader | Brigitte Lim | Ian Poulier | Adele Soh |
| Sound | Steven Shinchu Michelle Cheok Joseph Tan | Lawrence Yee | Tan Shin Yee |
| Lay Readers / Service Leader / Service Coord. (E3) | *PH/AS/CJK/SO/ WY/AC | *JT/VS/MH/DO/ DyK/WY/AC | Calvin Tan (SL) Alex Low (SC) |
| Intercessor | Allison Chee | Danny Koh | - |
| Scripture Reader | Judy Wee | Madalina Yee | David Mark Lim |
| Servers | Peter Sung Chang Pao Li | Wilson Yeo Brendan Say | - |
| Multi-Media | Ian Sim Elaine Chua | Adelene Teow Kennif Lim | Caitlyn Tan |
| Sidesmen / Hosp Team | Kenneth & Hedy V. Janney Lee Gary Choo | Laguna HCG Thomas Aw & Team | Alex Low Louisa Ng Abigail Wee |

Ministry Team (10am): All Teams and Lay Readers on duty
Breakfast Ministry: Taman Selamat (Team 1)

Bishop: **Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah**
 Asst. Bishops: **Rt Rev Low Jee King**
Rt Rev Kuan Kim Seng

Vicar: **Ven Wong Tak Meng**
 Clergy: **Rev Huang Hui Jen**
Rev David Lee



Our Vision: *In Christ we serve the COMMUNITY as a beacon of FAITH, HOPE & LOVE.*

Our Mission: To be a worshipping community that is grounded in God's Word, empowered by the Holy Spirit for sanctification, ministry and missions and is growing in Christ to reach out as a beacon of **Faith, Hope & Love.**

Worship & Ministry

Services

English

Sunday

E1 8am (Holy Communion)
E2 10am (Holy Communion)
E3 10am (Holy Communion on 1st)

Mandarin

Sunday

10.30am (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd)

Hokkien

Saturday

3pm (Holy Communion on 1st & 3rd)

Children's Ministries

Sunday, 8am to 9:15am (0-5yrs & Pri.School)

Sunday School

Sunday, 10am to 11.30am

Cradle Club (Toddlers)

Praise Club (Preschool)

Kids' for Christ (Primary school)

Sunday, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Victory Kids (Preschool)

Youth Ministry

Sunday, 11.30am to 12.30pm

Young Adults Ministry (18 - 25yrs)

Friday, 8pm to 10pm

DATE: Sunday, 1st January 2017
New Year's Day

THE COLLECT

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Almighty God, who in the birth of Thy Son hast poured upon us the new light of Thine incarnate Word and revealed to us the fullness of Thy love: help us so to walk in His light and dwell in His love that we may know the fullness of His joy; who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings & Sermon Title

OT/ NT: Joshua 24: 14 - 28 (Pg 369)

Gospel: Matthew 6: 19 - 24 (Pg 1504)

***"As For Me and My House,
We Will Serve the Lord"***

A very warm *Welcome!*
We invite members and visitors to stay back after the worship service for refreshments and fellowship at the Manna House.

HOME

1. FIRST STEPS

Do you have family or friends who have questions about the Christian faith? Invite them to First Steps! This is a course for all who are searching or who would like to find out more about our faith.

Church members can also join the course as First Steps is a good training ground for anyone who is keen to learn to give a ready defence and to present our Christian faith in a reasonable manner.

First Steps will start next Sunday, 8 January 2017.
Please refer to the insert for more information.

2. ~ SATURATE ~

Let us come together for a time of worship and prayer for His church, **next Tuesday, 3 January 2017 at 8pm in Daniel Room.**

3. THE MEETING PLACE

The Meeting Place resumes on Tuesday, 10 Jan 2017 with a talk by Rev Daniel Tong at 2pm in Daniel Room.
Please refer to Pg 4 and 5 for more information.

4. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & BIBLE STUDIES

+ Fire Place Bible Study
(Tuesdays at 10.30am in the Care Lounge)
This resumes this Tue. 3 January 2017.
We will continue with the study on the book of Mark.
All are welcome!

5. ITEMS FOR SALE

+ CDs – An Album of 6 Original Songs
Rev Christopher Chan from Chapel of the Resurrection and Century Christian Fellowship (extension congregation of COR) has released an album of 6 original songs. The CDs are available at 1 for \$15 and 3 for \$40. Proceeds from this sale will go to CCF's fundraising for Church of the Epiphany's building redevelopment project. (CCF is preparing to become COTE's English Congregation.)

+ Limited Edition St Hilda's Cooler Bags @ \$10/bag

The above items are available at the Info Desk.

6. NEW CHURCH STAFF

We welcome Mr Yeo Liang Chai who joined our staff team as Facilities Assistant on 1st December 2016.

7. SHC CHURCH CAMP 2017

Mark these dates:
Fri 9th June to Mon 12th June
in Kuala Lumpur
More details to follow

8. COLLECTION

We have received to date:
\$176,313 for the 82nd Anniversary and \$200,958 for the Svay Prahoot Building Fund
Thank you for your generous giving.

9. F.I.S.H (Faithful Intercessors of St Hilda's)

Tuesdays (except the first Tuesday of every month) in the Care Lounge at 9am.

FAMILY

10. JOB VACANCIES

The Diocese of Singapore has the following vacancies:
+ HR Manager
+ Finance Officer
+ Administrative Officer (Board of Chinese Speaking Work)
Please see the church notice board for more information.
Closing Date: 10 January 2017

MEMORY VERSE

January 2017

"Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Phil 2: 9 - 11

PRAYING FOR THE DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE

Bishop of Singapore:

Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishops:

Rt Rev Low Jee King,

Rt Rev Kuan Kim Seng

Archdeacon of Singapore:

Rt Rev Low Jee King

Archdeacon:

Ven Wong Tak Meng

Diocesan Officers:

Chancellor: Mr Richard Magnus

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Asst Secretary: Mr Burton Chen

Treasurer: Mr Joseph Liew

Asst Treasurer: Mr Tan Kian Woo

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Rt Rev Kuan Kim Seng

Assoc Director of Missions:

Canon Yee Ching Wah

Diocesan Secretary for Sch:

Mrs Chan Siew Cheng

Group CEO SACS/SAMH:

Dr Arthur Chern

Diocesan Office

Staff Executive Officer:

Mrs Sasha Michael

Synod & Diocesan Boards

Standing Committee

Development Board

Youth Board

Missions Board

Board of Chinese Work

Finance Board

Theological Education Board

Women's Board

Education Board

Singapore Anglican Indian Board



The Meeting Place Resumes in January 2017

We can't thank you enough for your support and participation in The Meeting Place this past year when we first launched it. Kamsiah!

After a month-long break, The Meeting Place will resume on Tuesday, 10 January 2017.

Rev Daniel Tong will return to St Hilda's to speak on the thinking behind and the practices of Fengshui, Traditional Chinese Medicine, Acupuncture, Qigong, Tai Chi, Yoga, and Pilates, and what they mean to our Christian faith.

Rev Daniel was enthusiastically received last October 11 when he spoke on Chinese Traditions and Beliefs. His books were a sell-out too!

His talk in January will kick off The Meeting Place programme for 2017.

Except for January, when The Meeting Place falls on the second Tuesday because of Chinese New Year, for the rest of the year, The Meeting Place will be scheduled on the third Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise stated.

The Meeting Place is now being fully integrated with the Senior Ministry's programme for the year. It will be held,

once a month, from 2.00pm to 4.30pm with talks and singalongs in Daniel Room and Tea in Manna House.

Attached is our Senior Ministry's 2017 Calendar. We encourage you to dot your personal calendars and we look forward to serving and bonding with you once again with all glory to God! Do note that there may be changes to talk topics etc as we go along.

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| 10 January 2017 | Talk | On Fengshui, TCM, Acupuncture, Qigong, Tai Chi, Yoga, and Pilates |
| 21 February | Homily & Singalong | Rev David/James & Tommy |
| 21 March | Seniors' 1-day Outing | Ps Allison |
| 18 April | Talk | Eye Health & Screening (to be confirmed) |
| 16 May | Homily & Singalong | John Teo/James & Tommy |
| June | B R E A K | |
| 18 July | Talk | Self -releasing muscle tightness (to be confirmed) |
| 14-16 August | Seniors' 3-day Overseas Outing | Ps Allison |
| 19 September | Homily & Singalong | Vicar/James & Tommy |
| 17 October | Talk | Diet (to be confirmed) |
| 21 November | Seniors' 1-day Outing | Ps Allison |
| December | B R E A K | |

FIRST STEPS

Come and find out more about
the Christian faith!

Topics include:

Who are you God?

Is Jesus Christ really God?

Did Jesus die for my sins?

Did Jesus rise from the dead?

What must I do to be saved?

Course Dates:

8, 15, 22 January; 5, 12 February 2017

Time: 10am

Venue: St Hilda's Church

Email wendy@sthildas.org.sg or call 6344 3463
to register by **6 January 2017**



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**"Heal me, O LORD,
and I shall be healed"**

~Jer 17:14

HEALING SERVICE

Date: Friday, 13 January
Time: 800-1000 pm
Venue: St Hilda's Church
Bethel Hall (Level 2)

41 Ceylon Road, Singapore 429630 Tel 6344 3463 Email: church@sthildas.org.sg

“SIMPLY SERVING GOD”

(Reflections on Servanthood)

“You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” - Galatians 5:13

In the November just passed, calls to ministry descended on St Hilda's Church. Did they awaken in us a spirit of servanthood?

I was writing a devotion to our Car Park Marshalls recently to wrap up the year.

It occurred to me then that serving the Lord in any ministry is not easy. There are of course, across the ministries, varying degrees of difficulties and inconveniences.

It could mean doing a thankless task week in and week out. It might mean, as one of our marshalls put it, having to extend “grace upon grace upon grace” when the same church members insist on parking their way even while knowing their way causes inconvenience to other drivers. It would mean having to bear the pain of being belittled by jibes like “you are just a car park attendant” – although, yes, in many ways marshalls are car park attendants but only with the tender authority of God's grace. It might mean preparing and reflecting on the Word to teach every week at home cell - which can become a chore if one's spirit wanes. It might mean no one seems to know what we are doing. It might mean having to hear members discouraging other members from joining your ministry. It might mean....the list goes on.

Yet our Lord's urging to serve is as clear as a clarion call: “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” (1Peter 4:10)

I am convinced each of us has been called by Him to serve in His ministries, for reasons only known to Him. Some will come willingly. Some others, like me, may have to be “dragged” to serve! But we will one way or the other serve the Lord.

As a church elder explained to me when I reflected how difficult being a marshall can sometimes be: “You marshalls perform tasks that are

humble and shunned. For this reason I believe our people volunteer as marshalls because they are truly moved by the Spirit of God.”

He added: “Many of you display amazing cheerful dispositions in whatever weather. This is your transformation. But your transformation also has the power to be transformative. The rest of the church, by your example as well as others in other ministries, is also transformed in its perception of what is true service to God.”

But serving God is not about not having “fun”. There is the fulfilment of knowing we are meeting a need that God has identified for us often for our own benefit. There is the closeness of brothers and sisters in Christ to share our griefs and our joys, and who sincerely care for one another. We become a church family with God as our head. What else can be better than this?

There are many in St Hilda’s who serve God faithfully for years, humbly, and in obedience. They simply serve Him, uncomplainingly. They do not serve to please themselves but to please God. These are our unsung Dorcas’ and Epaphroditus’. They are each called by God to meet a need that He knows will complete the body of His church.

I would like to quote what another of our marshalls reflected on: “As we continue to humble and surrender ourselves to His will and in deepening our relationship with Him each day, He will never fail to embrace us with unending love and grace for our every need. Above all, He is faithful even when we are faithless!”

Remember Hebrews 6:10: “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

As we move into the New Year together, may God our Father continue to bless us all and our loved ones. May He keep us safe in His love, lead us, and provide for us. May He continue to refine each of us according to His plans and may He prosper this unity in our Church! In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Amen.

Colin Chee