

# ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Truly, I say to you, among  
those born of women  
there has arisen no one  
greater than John the  
Baptist. Yet the one who is  
least in the kingdom of  
heaven is greater than he.  
Matthew 11:11 ESV



*14 December 2025*

# Third Sunday of Advent

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 for ever. Amen.

## Sunday Service

9.00am

Main Sanctuary

## Scripture Readings

First Reading:

Isaiah 35 : 1-10

Gospel Reading:

Matt 11 : 2-11

## Link to Worship Songs

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpffUtxaaOo3tckMM8oHYvDyY7xvT4Uce)

[list=PLpffUtxaaOo3tckMM8oHYvDyY7xvT4Uce](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpffUtxaaOo3tckMM8oHYvDyY7xvT4Uce)

**Bishop** The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung, **Vicar** Revd Jeremy Ponniah  
**Clergy** Revd. Dino Thangamany, Revd Yap Chee Han , Revd Ezra Sivakumar



# Today's Sermon

## **When Faith Has Questions : The Greatness of John**

Matthew 11: 2–11

Mr Benjamin William

### QUESTIONS

for individual reflection, family devotion  
or cell group discussion

Although John was a mighty prophet, like all of us he experienced doubt in prison.

1. What do you think caused John to question Jesus' identity while in prison? What situations in your life have caused you to question or wonder where God is? Have you ever felt disappointed because God didn't act the way you expected?
2. Jesus goes out of His way to affirm John in front of the crowd. What does John's life teach us about humility ("He must increase; I must decrease")?
3. While honoring John, Jesus makes the point that even the least in the kingdom is greater than John? How does this shape your understanding of your identity as a follower of Jesus? How does God invite ordinary people to participate in His kingdom work today? How about you?



# Next Sunday's Sermon



Matthew 1: 18–25

Revd Dr Soh Guan Chin



# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES



Date		Time	Event
Wednesday	24-Dec	10.30pm	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday	25-Dec	9.00am	Christmas Day Service
Thursday	1-Jan 2026	9.00am	New Year's Day Covenant Service



# FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR JAN - OCT 25 PARISH

Average Number of Communicants  
(for 3 congregations)  
was 326 against a target of 358  
(variance of -8.9%)

Item	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$847,508	\$949,483	-10.7%
Expenses	-\$883,196	-\$949,469	-6.98%
Surplus/ Deficit	<b>-\$35,688</b>	-	-

# **St Paul's Church & St James' Church Youth Mission Trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand 9 - 16 December**

## **SPC Team members: -**

- 1. Ps. Chua Wee Lynn**
- 2. Clement Hong**
- 3. Hu Pei Pei**
- 4. Keira Lye**
- 5. Harriet Phuah**
- 6. Eric Yow**
- 7. Terence Ng**
- 8. Merry Lu**
- 9. Chris Lu**



Kindly uphold the team  
members in your prayers

# Genesis Kidz

## SPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Calling all children from  
**3 to 11** years old! Join us for a  
time of Praise & Worship,  
Bible stories and games!

3 - 6 yo | 7 - 9 yo | 10 - 11 yo

Preschool   P1 - P3   P4 - P5

**When: Sundays, 9am to 10.30am**

**Where: NexGen Hub**

For more information, please contact  
Mei Xin at 9115 6695



**'NEW SEASONS'**  
**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS**  
**FELLOWSHIP**



**EVERY SUNDAY @ 11AM**  
**SECOND SANCTUARY**

# SPC EC CELL GROUPS

SN	Cell Name	Cell Leader	Venue/Location	Frequency
1	Barnabas	Arul John	Members Homes -Rotation	2nd Saturdays, 6.30pm
2	Evergreen	Ebe William	Sirat Road	Every Tues except 1st week, 8.00pm
3	Faithful	Sheila David	Florida Condo	Fortnightly on Fridays, 8.00pm
4	Galilee	Clarence Fong	NextGen Hub	1st Mondays, 9.30 - 11.00am
5	Gardens	Georgie Ong	Serangoon Gardens	Fortnightly on Fridays, 8.30pm
6	Hebrews	Ben William	SPC	3rd Sundays, 10.45am
7	Living Waters	Thomas Foo	SPC	Fortnightly on Sundays, 10.45am
8	Genesis	Arul John	The Helping Hand	Fortnightly on Wednesdays, 7pm
9	True Vine	Sebastian Choong	Leith Road	4th Thursdays, 3.00pm
10	Young Parents	Joe and Christina Liu	Kindness Room	3rd Sundays, 11.00am
11	New Seasons Youth/YA	Ps Steven Thomas	2nd Sanctuary	Sundays, 11am-12.30pm
12	Koinonia	Leon Stewart	Over Zoom	Last Fridays, 8.00pm
13	Generations	Tan Shen Hsiao	Serangoon Gardens	3rd Saturday, 6.30pm

**Please contact Revd Dino @ 9297 2392 if you are interested to visit or join any of the cell groups.**

A grayscale photograph of a person with long, wavy hair seen from behind. Two hands are placed on their shoulders, one from the left and one from the right, suggesting a comforting or supportive gesture. The background is dark and out of focus.

# Pastoral Care

For those who require prayer or pastoral care, do drop us an email at [contact@stpaulschurch.org.sg](mailto:contact@stpaulschurch.org.sg) or contact the respective pastoral staff directly.

**Revd Jeremy : 9477 5476**

**Revd Dino : 9297 2392**

**Pastor Leroy : 9710 2900**

**Pastor Steven : 8289 3248**

# ONLINE GIVING

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart,  
not reluctantly or under compulsion,  
for God loves a cheerful giver.  
2 Corinthians 9 : 7

YOU CAN GIVE ELECTRONICALLY  
THROUGH THE FOLLOWING MODES :



PAYNOW  
USING BANK APP

Scan the QR Code or enter  
UEN: T08CC4082E



INTERNET  
BANKING

St Paul's Church

DBS Current Account No. : 023-000684-7

**PLEASE INDICATE "EC" UNDER REFERENCE NO.  
THE CODE "EC" REFERS TO THE ENGLISH CONGREGATION.  
OTHER INFORMATION LIKE SPECIFIC GIVING (E.G. MISSION,  
BUILDING, ETC.) AS NEEDED. NAMES ARE OPTIONAL.**



GIVE BY CHEQUE

Made payable to "St Paul's Church"

Either drop into the offertory box or mail to our Church  
address - 843 Upper Serangoon Road Singapore 534683.  
Kindly indicate "EC" at the back of the cheque.