

SERMON OF THE WEEK

Theme: Season of _____

Text: **Genesis 12:1-10; Matthew 2:1-15**

There is a saying: '_____ *is inevitable.*' Change literally takes place in everything: people, places, career and life! Only God is the _____ (**Exodus 3.14**) who changes the changeable. In this season of _____, we are focusing on being transform into Jesus' image, in our relationship with God, we are to realign in the following 3 areas:-

1. Realign to God's _____ (**Genesis 12:1**)
2. Realign to God's _____ (**Genesis 12:2**)
3. Realign to God's _____ (**Genesis 12:3**)



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 31 March 2019



Message from our Senior Priest



It is the Lord's Day as we gather here at COGS this morning! Rejoice, children of God! We are God's Family among the BM, Hakka/Mandarin & English speaking congregations of COGS! Today, is also our Big Day to come together for our Annual General Meeting to look at all that God had done especially in the whole year of 2018. We are to see how God had blessed us all through the ministries and the giving towards God's Kingdom. More importantly, we are here to take a look at the Season of Realignment!

As we all know that vehicles need realignment check-up annually as to avoid any unnecessary effects on the vehicle. Similarly, our physical health. Nowadays, we are blessed by God in Malaysia that we are provided with medical care through Government Hospitals. While we are so concerned about our physical health, what about our spiritual health? How healthy are we in our relationship with our Heavenly Father? Are we wholly intact with Him in our walk with Him? What about our love for Him and His people as well as the others around us? Have our diet increase with His love letter, the Bible? How closely are we connected with Him daily by talking & listening to Him? These are some of the conditions which we all need to take stock personally as a child of God through faith in Christ Jesus, our Lord! Please do not worry about the reality and truth of oneself because the point is very much more about getting back in shape with the Lord Himself again!!

If you take a close look at the God's very own special people Israel, you will notice that we are no different from the Israelites. We are also very much like them who sinned, felled, disconnected and then, disciplined by the loving Father. Then they come back. Not long after being restored, back again into the problems again and again! It is recorded in the book of Judges as well as the history as found in **1 & 2 Samuel and 1 & 2 Chronicles**. But the bottom line is that God still remains faithful (see also **2 Timothy 2:13**). Just a test of faith we will notice how we again & again needs to realign ourselves during our journey with the Lord! We need to realign so that we can really get ourselves becoming more & more like Jesus (**Philippians 3:10, Colossians 3:10**). We also need to at this first stage of alignment in order to fulfill the destiny God has for us as individuals and as God's people at COGS! This vision needs time to become a reality. We also need to internalize & keep working on it in all that we do from now on. So let us embrace the God-given vision and move on during the Season of Realignment!

COGS Vision

To Be like Jesus (Rom 8.29) so to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat 28.18-20) by obeying the Great Commandment (Mat 22.37-39) with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8) in Sandakan & beyond.

Worship Services

Saturday:

7:30pm (Chi), Church

Sunday:

7:00am (Chi), Church

9:30am (Eng), Church

9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30pm (Chi), Church

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Rev Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Ps Chin Yock Len

ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee

Eng Adult- Canon James Lee

BM Adults - Rev Timothy Jerry

MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (Lent 4)

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

40-Days Lenten prayer



It will be held daily at:

Time: 6:30 am, Mawar Centre (Chi)

7:00 am, Chapel (Eng/Ch/BM)

31 March (Today)

Sunday Schools at COGS and Mawar Centre are in recess.

Will resume on 07/04/2019.

COGS 35th AGM

Date: 31 Mar (Today)

◆ Combined Chinese & English Worship Service

Time: 8:00 am

◆ BM Worship Service

Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:00 am

(Breakfast will be served after Service.)

◆ AGM begins: 10:45 am

Venue: Church

◆ Hakka 3 Worship Service @ 2:30 pm is OFF.



Weekly Briefing

For all Cell Group Leaders / Interns commencing 01 April 2019

Day: Mondays

Time: 7:45 pm

Instructor (Chi)	Mrs Emily Lee	Grace Hall
Instructor (Eng)	Canon James Lee	Meeting Room

Combined Prayer Meeting

- in preparation for Ps Julius Suubi's 'Open Night Meeting' on 09/04/19.

Date: 03 April 2019 (Wed)

Venue: COGS Church

Time: 7:30 pm

Sisters' Fellowship AGM

Date: 06 Apr (Sat)

Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: COGS Barrett Hall

YOUTH ALPHA

Date: 06 April (Sat)

Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Venue: Grace Hall

SPIRIT AFLAME REVIVAL

- Open Night Meeting
Speaker—Ps Julius Suubi
Language: English with BM & Chinese translation

Date: 09 April, 7:30 pm

Venue: Vision School Hall

• Training for Intercessors (Eng / Chi)

Speaker: Ps Julius Suubi

Date: 10 April, (Wed)

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Venue: Elton Hall, St Michael's Church

Making of Palm Crosses

Date: 13 April, 2019 (Sat)

Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Venue: Barrett Hall

Light lunch will be provided.

◆ Maundy Thursday Service

Date: 18 April 2019 (Thurs)

Time: 7:30 pm

◆ Good Friday Memorial Service

Date: 18 April 2019, 7:00 am

Venue: Sibuga Anglican Cemetery

◆ 3-Hour Devotion

Date: 18 April 2019

Time: 12:00 noon — 3:00 pm

Venue: Church

◆ Easter Sunday

Date: 21 April 2019

Time: 8:00am (Chi & Eng combined)

◆ Saturday Night (20 Apr) 7:30 pm & Easter Sunday (21 Apr) 2:30 pm

No Services but are encouraged to attend the combined Service on Easter Day (8:00 am).

Baptism Service

Date: 27 & 28 April 2019

Intercession:

- Pray for our world - AZERBAIJAN** between Iran and Russia. Population: 9.5 million. Pray for:

- ◆ Economy: Its becoming oil-dominated economy.
- ◆ Church: The small minority of Christians and churches about 3% of the population. Pray for church growth as it faces intensifying opposition.

- Pray for Malaysia—TOURISM.** Pray for

- ◆ More tourists to come to Sandakan to boost our failing economy.
- ◆ For more tourists to visit Sabah.
- ◆ For increase of Chinese tourists to Malaysia.

- Pray for our Diocese - ST PETER'S CHURCH, TENOM.** Pray for:

- ◆ Revd James Yap and Ev Frances Ayeb

- Pray for our Parish—COGS BB Ministry**

- ◆ All Captains, Officers & Instructors to lead in humility and harmony.
- ◆ Be courageous & to have the burden to bring the Gospel to the unreached.

- Our 35th AGM today — the nomination of the PCC members (2019—2021)

- For the sick: Ps Margaret Chong, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Sr Low Mooi Gai, Francis Lam, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Tay Phui Teen, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Chia Soon Yin, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min, Chong Hyun Vui.

23 & 24 March Attendance / Communicants		Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 7.30pm	360 / 214	Kids Children (BM)	—	Discovery Club	102
Hakka 7.00am	200 / 175	Kids Children (Mawar)	25	BB Camp	108
English 9.30am	147 / 120	Kids Children (Labuk Chi)	64		
BM 9.30am	246 / 175	Kids Children (Labuk Eng)	45	TOTAL	210
Hakka 2.30pm	82 / 59	BM Youth	27	Cell Group Attendance	
		COGS Youth	38	Chinese	-
		Impact Youth	13	English	-
		Tadika COGS	133	BM	-
TOTAL	1035 / 743	TOTAL	345	TOTAL	-