#### **WEEK 44**



# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

04 NOV 2018



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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

#### COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Father in heaven, keep your household the church steadfast in faith and love, that through your protection it may be free from all adversities and may devoutly serve you in good works to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# A MATTER OF LOVE

Read: Mark 12:28-34

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. —Deuteronomy 6:5

"Where intellect and emotion clash, the heart often has the greater wisdom" wrote the authors of *A General Theory of Love*. In the past, they say, people believed that the mind should rule the heart, but science has now discovered the opposite to be true. "Who we are and who we become depends, in part, on whom we love."

Those familiar with Scripture recognize this as an ancient truth, not a new discovery. The most important commandment God gave to His people gives the heart the prominent place. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:5). Not until the gospels of Mark and Luke do we learn that Jesus added the word *mind* (Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27). So, what scientists are just now discovering, the Bible taught all along.

Those of us who follow Christ also know the importance of whom we love. When we obey the greatest commandment and make God the object of our love, we can be assured of having a purpose that transcends anything we could imagine or our strength could achieve. When our desire for God dominates our hearts, our minds will stay focused on ways to serve Him, and our actions will further His kingdom on earth and in heaven.

Lord, we long to make You the supreme desire of our heart. As You taught Your disciples to pray, so too we ask You to teach us how to love.

Guide us today.

Count as lost, each day you have not used in loving God. — Brother Lawrence

#### FAMILY MATTERS

Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship Jesus. To sing praises to Him, to confess our sins to Him, to listen to His word, to pray to Him, to remember His death and to encourage one another to obey Him in our daily lives.

• **04 Nov (Today)** 

**BAPTISM:** Miss Chin Nyuk Fui was baptized at the 7:00 am (Ch Service).

• 05 - 08 Nov (Mon—Thurs)
Happiness Group ConFERENCE (CHINESE)

32 of our pastoral staff & some cell group leaders will leave for KK tomorrow by road, to attend the conference.

- 05 08 Nov (Mon—Thurs) COGS' RESOURCE CENTRE will be closed.
- 09 & 10 Nov (Fri & Sat) ATI-E (CH) BIBLE COURSE

Venue: St Michael's Church

• 10 Nov (Sat)

COGS SISTERS' RETREAT

Venue: Sepilok Nature Resort Time: 7:00 am—2:00 pm. Contact persons: Jus Ng or Ellen Cham.

• 14 Nov (Wed)
DIOCESAN CLERGY &
PASTORS IN-CHARGE
MEETING.

Venue: Diocesan Conference Room, KK.

## • 16 Nov (Fri)

"Know Your Hand-Phone" workshop.

This workshop is open to all for knowledge and information.

Language: Tri-lingual

Venue: COGS Grace Hall, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm

## • 17 Nov (Sat)

#### CHURCH GOTONG-ROYONG

We need man-power and it will be very much appreciated if you can offer assistance. Please bring along your own cleaning tools & cloth, etc. Lunch will be provided.

Time: 9:00 am-12:00 noon

### • 20 Nov (Tue)

#### **COGS KG GRADUATION DAY**

Venue: Barrett Hall @ 8:30 am—12:00 nn

## • 23-24 Nov (Fri-Sat)

# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Language: Eng & Chi Before 10 Nov 2018: Reg Fee @ RM180/pax; Group of 5 pax = RM700

After 10 Nov = RM190 / pax. Venue: St Michael's Church.

#### • 26 Nov (Mon)

#### COGS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Canon Chak Sen Fen Venue: Church portico, 7:00 pm.

Organized by the COGS Men's Fellowship. Flyers are available at the sidesmen's table.

(FOR MEN ONLY)

# HOW MUCH IS YOUR LOVE FOR GOD?

Mk 12: 28—34

## Introduction

Little boy loves mom with all his strength.

- 1. Love God with all your heart. (v30)
- 2. Love your neighbour as yourself. (v31)
- 3. You are not far from the kingdom of God. (v34)

Deny self, take up your cross. (Mk 8: 34)

#### Conclusion.

Silver is refined by fire. May God grant us the strength and faithfulness till the end.

### **Questions for discussion:**

- 1. Read Mark 12:28-34 and share why we must obey this command to love God? What God has done for us so we must love HIM?
- 2. Do you love your neighbour as yourself? How did you show your neighbours that you really love them?
- 3. To love God till the end, what must we do to remain faithful till the end? How can we help others so that they will enjoy heaven too?

#### **FAMILY MATTERS**

# • 30 Nov-02 Dec "Creativity Of Characters" Camp for Youth

For Pr 6 students. Reg fee @ RM35/pax. Maximum intake = 80 pax. Closing date: 19 Nov. Contact persons: Ps Hyen Tze or Claire Lim.

## • **08** DEC **(Sat)** CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Venue: COGS Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm Tickets @ RM10 each are available from Ps Chin Yock Len.

# • 29 DEC (Sat) BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

This year, it will be celebrated at Vision School Hall, Sibuga, Sandakan.

• **Flowers** — are contributed by the Sisters' Fellowship.

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Services/Attendance/Communicants				
Chi (27/10) Sat -7:30 pm	198	164		
Chi (28/10) Sun -7:00 am	201	177		
Eng (28/10) Sun - 9:30 am	198	142		
BM (28/10) Sun - 9:30 am	262	207		
Chi (28/10) Sun - 2:30 pm	64	58		
Total	923	748		

Children's Ministries	
Tadika COGS (KG)	140
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	
Eng Children cell - COGS	
BM Children cell	
St Monica's Discovery Club	
BB Junior (Boys' Brigade)	
BB Senior (Boys' Brigade)	

Youth Ministries	Attd
Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact )	49
Eng Youth (M.A.D.)	1
BM Youth	34

#### Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- **For Our World TURKEY** Population: 80 million.
  - Economy—Traditional agriculture / industries / and strong tourism sector.
  - Religion—The nation is over 98% muslim. Pray for the small minority of Christian churches.
  - Training— Leadership development and Bible training to be intensified.

# **※** For Malaysia - University and Colleges.

- For all institute of higher learnings to be professional and uphold highest standard of learning.
- For all lecturers and teaching staff.
- For students of all higher learnings.

# **※** For Our Diocese — Christ The King, Kingfisher, KK.

- Revd Eric Fung Wei Xiung.
- For all ministries.
- For all small groups fellowship.

#### **※** For Our Parish − COGS

- Our Care Group leaders and assistant leaders.
- For meaningful & beneficial weekly meetings.
- For spiritual growth of our members.

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Mr Chin Fook Kai @ John Chin, Mr Joseph Luruthusamy (in KL), Mr Liew En Lip, Mr Pang Ming Chiew, Mdm Chan Mei Ngo, Mdm Tham Nyuk Mui, Mr Tsen Siong Khong, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Mdm Lai Nyuk Jin, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

**%** For personal requests.

Order of Service	This Sunday (04/11/18)	Next Sunday (11/11/18)	WEEKLY SERVICES
Introit Hymn	O God. Our Help in Ages Past (HfTC 37)	The God of Abraham Praise (HfTC 9)	<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m Chinese
Greetings	Dr T M Thian	Ho Sui Ting	Sunday
Praise & Worship	Eveleen K W Wong	Claudia Lopez	7:00 a.m.
Collect for Today			Chinese
Bible Reading	Deuteronomy 26: 1—9 Ng Kong Hin	Hebrews 9: 24—28 Jimmy Kho	9:30 a.m. English 9:30 a.m.
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Gospel Reading	Mark 12: 28—34	Mark 12: 38-44	2:30 p.m. Chinese
Gospei Reduing	Dr T M Thian	Ho Sui Ting	CHAPEL
Message	Revd K J Chin	Revd K J Chin	PRAYERS Wed - 7:00 a.m.
Response Hymn			Thur - 6:30 a.m.
Intercession	Stephanie Chin	Margaret Chu	Sat - 4:30 a.m.
Confession			CONTACTS:
Offertory Hymn	Day by Day (HOP 296)	Dear Lord & Father of mankind (HfTC 356)	Ad Yong Thiam Choy 013-851-2389
Holy Commun	Revd K J Chin 089-667698		
Thanksgiving Hymn	I am Thine O Lord (HOP 253)	Constantly Abiding (HOP 363)	Revd F C Chong 019-813-3152
			Revd Timithy
	Jerry 016-692-9031		
Cell Group	LOGOS 1	LOGOS 2	Ps Yock Len 019-807-0781
Leader	(Dr Arthur Chung)	(Dr Robert Ong)	Ps Hyen Tze 013-883-7782
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Eddie Wong Mr & Mrs Chang Wei Khin	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Dr Robert & Melissa Ong	Dr T M Thian 089-213418
Sidesmen	Dr Arthur Chung & Yen Lee Ngo Su Hian, Angela Hon	Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho Emily Ng, Melissa Ong	Yong Fook Choi 016-822-0995
Server	Lam Kai Kwong	Foo Chee Hiong	Steven Chung 017-817-7871
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon, Annie Liu	Margaret Chu, Melissa Ong	Patrus Tamuai
Offertory Count	Yee Chee Hong ( C ) Mr & Mrs Christopher Kwan	Rona Yuen ( C )	011-298-3381
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Washing up

Mr & Mrs Anton Ngui

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Dr Robert & Amanda Ong