

#### THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

# The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 01 DECEMBER 2019



# **Message from Our Senior Priest**



COGS Sandakan just hosted the Diocesan Children Worship Conference which ended a few days ago. It was indeed God's amazing grace upon the whole event with the 3 Anglican churches working side by side wholeheartedly together under the banner of Christ's love! What is even more impressive at COGS Sandakan as the host of the said event is

the spirit of unity & cooperation among the members of the 3 congregations that come together to prepare the place ready and running so well! Truly God be praised for all His grace. May God's blessings be upon the participants and their helpers as well as all volunteers who worked very hard behind the scenes.

On behalf of the Diocesan Bishop, DCWC Coordinator, PCC as well as the Pastoral & Staff Team of COGS Sandakan, I like to say thank you very much to all who have contributed in various capacities!

We thank God that we are giving such attention and working among our young ones really reminds me about God's plan of family! Ministry focus on children is very significant because we surely know the challenges our children are facing in this current world. The task & responsibility is tremendously heavy. It is getting heavier and heavier than before because we know many children who suffer more than ever! At times, it is really overwhelming to see all the current issues faced by the children and young people. The onslaught of moral decay and evil exposures that our children & young people have to face is more than we can imagine. There are many who suffer from lack of parental cares and love at home. When they are deprive of such emotional needs, imagine where do they turn to for such love? They will become prey to people who take advantage of them and destroy them. As this affects our young people, it effect will impact the community at large eventually. When it is widespread over time, we will see the vicious cycle of the said problem.

What do we need to do then? I like to ask that we continue to pray that we will build God's family wellbeing together. Why? Because we need to work with the Lord who will build His family (see Psalm 127.1: "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.") This is simply because we know that when the family unity breaks down, the effect will eventually infest the community at large! Therefore, pray more fervently for Christian parents of young family and newly married couple to remain continuously under God's protection and covering as they learn to build up Godly family! May the fear of the Lord be the firm foundation of every family so that parents and children will learn to develop family that honor the Lord.

Canon James Lee

#### **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:

7:30 pm (Hakka 1), Church

Sunday:

7:00am (Hakka 2), Church 9:30am (Eng), Church 9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall 2:30pm (Mandarin), Church

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#### **Our Team**

**BISHOP** 

The Rt Revd Melter Jiki Tais

PRIEST IN-CHARGE
Canon James TV Lee

#### PASTORAL ZONE

Revd Timithy Jerry Revd Chin Kah Jin Revd F C Chong Revd Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze
Ps Chin Yock Len

#### **ZONES**

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee Eng Adult- Canon James Lee BM Adults - Revd Timithy Jerry

#### MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)
- Ps Chin Yock Len

- Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)
  - Ps Wong Hyen Tze

# Collect for Today (Advent 1)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

#### **MISSION SUNDAY**

An amount of RM157.00 was received last Sunday totalling RM 6,129 todate. Thank you very much for your contributions!

### DIOCESAN CHILDREN'S CHI/ ENG WORSHIP CONFERENCE

Dates: 25 - 27 Nov 2019

Thank God for the smoothly run, wonderful event held last Monday to Wednesday. Our sincere, heartiest gratefulness goes to all who rendered assistance in one way or another which made the whole event concluded suc-



## MAWAR CHILDREN MINISTRY THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date : 01 Dec 2019 (Today)

Time : 2:00 pm Venue : Mawar Centre

# KEENAGERS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 02 Dec 2019 (Mon)

Time: 9:30 am

Venue: COGS Barrett Hall

Special attention:

 No breakfast will be served, instead, lunch will be served thereafter.

 All are encouraged to bring along an exchange gift worth RM10 of fruits only. No other goods are preferred.

#### CHRISTMAS T-SHIRTS

The seasonal T-shirts are now available for sale at COGS Resource Centre. Cost @ RM30.00 each. While stock lasts!!

## 04 DEC 2019 (Wed)

For all staff who were heavily & directly involved during the recent DCWC, will be replaced with a day "off". Sorry for any inconvenience which may cause.

# COGS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 07 Dec 2019 (Sat)

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Venue: Barrett Hall

Catering for children aged 4 - 12 years

Ticket: RM10 / child

Contact person: Ps Chin Yock Len

019-807-0781

## **CANON JAMES TO PENANGAH**

Date : 07-08 Dec 2019

Purpose: St. John's Mission Parish,

56th Anniversary.

## **2019 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING**

Dates: 09 - 11 Dec 2019
Request forms are available on the sidesmen's table.

Contact person:



Ps Wong Hyen Tze (013-8837782)

YOUTH CAMP (CHI/ENG)

Date: 19 - 20 Dec 2019 Venue: Wisma COGS

Fees @ RM40/pax

Pastor In-charge: Ps Wong Hyen Tze Catering for youth between ages 12 & 13. Topic: "Character Development"

# **BAPTISM (CHINESE / ENGLISH)**

Dates: 21 & 22 December 2019

 Please contact the church Office as soon as possible to arrange for Baptism classes.



2019	Time	Event / Venue	
08/12 (Sun)	6:30 pm	SIC Christmas Celebration @ town padang	
21/12 (Sat)	7:30 pm	Chi/Eng Youth Christmas Celebration @ Grace Hall	
24/12 (Tue)	8:00 pm	Christmas Eve Celebration @ Vision School Hall, Sibuga	
25/12 (Wed)	9:00 am	Christmas Day Service @ Vision School Hall, Sibuga	

# **CHRISTMAS EVE (ENG/CHI/BM)**

Date: 24 Dec (Tuesday)

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga

 Please invite new friends by buying an invitation card @ RM10.00/pax

Tickets are for sale after weekly

church services.

 Invitation card is exchangeable for food from the food trucks.

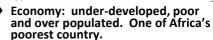


## Pray for the sick:

Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.

# Intercession:

 Pray for our world - COMOROS Population: 800,000. Small island State on the South Eastern coast of Africa.



- ♦ Religion: 98% Muslims and unevangelized.
- Pray for Malaysia SHIPPING
  - ♦ Shipping improvement between east and west Malaysia.
  - More effecient port clearance of cargoes.
  - ♦ The Officers and the crew members to work closely with one another.
- Pray for our Diocese CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, PENAMPANG.
  - Canon Chin Pit Vun and his team of priests and staff.
  - ♦ Godly love and care for one another.
  - Their various ministries and their leaders.
- Pray for our Parish SIBUGA & MAWAR ZONES; & UP-COMING CHURCH EVENTS.
  - ♦ Revd F C Chong and all leaders.
  - preparation for the Christmas festive season, and the carolling teams.
  - ♦ the Keenagers' Christmas Celebration.

23 & 24/11/19 Attendance / Communicants		COGS Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 1 7.30pm	264 / 196	Children (BM)		Dis- covery Club	-
Hakka 2 7.00am	197 / 170	Children (Mawar)	35	BB (Jr & Snr)	-
Eng 9.30am	147 / 125	Children (Labuk- Chi)	-		
BM 9.30am	290 / 194	Children (Labuk - Eng)			
Mandarin 2.30pm	No Service	TOTAL	35	TOTAL	-
		BM Youth	100	Cell Group Attendance	
		Inspired Youth		Chi	ı
		Impact Youth		Eng	•
		Tadika COGS	-	ВМ	-
TOTAL	898 / 685	TOTAL	100	TOTAL	-



Theme : Is Christ?					
Text : Romans 13.11-end; Matthew 24.36-44					
Before Jesus was crucified and died, He spoke about the His many times (see <i>Matthew 24.27, 30, 37, 39; Mark 13.26; Luke 21.27; John 14.3; 18</i> )! Jesus wants all His followers to remember always until today because it is! The reason is that we must and not left behind (see <i>Matthew 24.40-41</i> ). To do, Jesus clearly instructed to stay alert by at all times (see <i>Matthew 24.44</i> ). Let's learn how to get ready before Christ come again as Paul teaches in the followings:-					
1 Time (Romans 13.11-12a)					
2 Time (Romans 13.12b-14)					