

WEEK 47

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Stir up, Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that they may produce abundantly the fruit of good works, and receive your abundant reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

A CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING

Greetings! Christmas is a special time of the year. It is a time of carols, beautiful decorations, special programmes, lovely meals and meaningful worship Services. It is also a time of receiving and giving. We remember with gratitude what we have received from the good Lord; chiefly in the person of Jesus Christ. We receive because God gave. We love because He first loved us.

Many of you have given so much throughout the year. Through our many activities, you gave your time, energy, efforts and money to so many people. As a result, many people have been blessed .

To educate young children. After years of preparation, our Vision Primary School, Sandakan, started in January last year. Congratulations to all of you. Your support made it possible. We have come to the end of the second year. At present we have 3 classes, with 88 students. We are expecting the number to increase to more than 100 students by next year.

As a fully private school, we need to raise our own funds. At Good Shepherd Church, we are fully committed to the success of this school. The next project is the construction of the Secondary School Building. By year 2021, we need to have the secondary school ready for our students. The PCC has agreed to continue raising funds for Secondary School Building. Please consider giving a 'Thanksgiving Gift' this Christmas season. Special envelopes are available.

May God bless all of us richly.

- Ad T C Yong

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.

19—24 Nov (Mon— Sun) DIOCESAN CHINESE MISSION CONFERENCE / SHORT-TERM MISSION.

The team is expected to arrive today. Please continue to uphold each and everyone of them in prayers.

- **25 Nov (Sun)**

OM (Operation Mobilization) MINISTRY / WORKSHOP

It's an introduction to the ship's operation & ministry. All are welcome.

Time: 12:30 pm—3:30 pm

Venue: Covenant Sanctuary,
Mile 9.

- **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)**

Please pray earnestly for this ministry.

- **26—29 Nov (Mon— Thur)
DIOCESAN BM CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP CONFERENCE**

Please commit to our Lord for the 4-day live-in camp. Altogether, registered participants came to around 1210 excluding teachers & helpers and outstation accompanying family members.

Venue: Sekolah Rendah VISI,
Sibuga.

- **30 Nov—02 Dec
"CREATIVITY OF CHARACTERS"
CAMP FOR YOUTH**

For Pr 6 students entering Bridge or Form I. Reg fee @ RM35/pax. Maximum intake = 80 pax.

Contact person: Ps Hyen Tze

- **03 Dec (Mon)
KEENAGERS' FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Each member is encouraged to bring along a gift worth RM10 for exchange.

Begins @ 9:30 am. Lunch will be served @ 11:00 am.

Venue: Barrett Hall.

- **03 - 06 Dec (Mon—Thurs)
BM Carolling Nights starting @
6:00 pm nightly.**

- **08 Dec (Sat)
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

Venue: COGS Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm

- **09 Dec (Sun)
SANDAKAN CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

Venue: Sandakan Town Padang, @
6:30 pm

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CHRIST THE KING

(John 18:33-37)

★ The Nature of His Kingdom

John 18:36 ³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place."

★ The Purpose of His Coming

John 18:37 ³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

★ The Response of His Hearers

John 18:37 ³⁷ "Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Questions for Discussion

1. Read John 18:33-37. If Jesus is the King of our life, how can you put God first in your life today?
2. Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world". What is your understanding of Jesus' answer to Pilate? Discuss.
3. What is the purpose of Jesus' coming into this world (Read John 18:37). How does this verse remind us the message of Christmas?
4. Do we always listen to the truth (Jesus) instead of other voices? Share your experience of the hearing from Jesus recently.

FAMILY MATTERS

- **24 Dec (Mon)**
CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION
Venue: Church, @ 8:00 pm
- **25 Dec (Tue)**
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
 - ★ Chinese & English combined @ 8:00 am
 - ★ BM @ 10:30 am
- **29 Dec (Sat)**
BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION
Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga, Sandakan, @ 11:00 am — 3:00 pm.
- **House Blessing** — the home of Mr Desmond Ling Yee Kim at Tmn Melrose Jaya was blessed on 19 Nov.
- **Flowers** — are contributed by a couple as their family thanksgiving.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

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| Chi (17/11) Sat -7:30 pm | 209 | 169 |
| Chi (18/11) Sun -7:00 am | 207 | 184 |
| Eng (18/11) Sun - 9:30 am | 115 | 100 |
| BM (18/11) Sun - 9:30 am | 244 | 205 |
| Chi (18/11) Sun - 2:30 pm | 62 | 47 |
| Total | 837 | 705 |

Children's Ministries

Attd

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| Tadika COGS (KG) | 140 |
| Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS | 125 |
| Eng Children cell - COGS | 37 |
| BM Children cell | 76 |
| St Monica's Discovery Club | - |
| BB Junior (Boys' Brigade) | - |
| BB Senior (Boys' Brigade) | - |

Youth Ministries

Attd

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| Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact) | - |
| Eng Youth (M.A.D.) | - |
| BM Youth | - |

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - UKRAINE — south of Russia.** Population: 43 million.
 - Economy—Good and efficient management of their rich mineral deposits.
 - Population— for government care of the population which is hovering on the edge of poverty.
 - Church—Ukraine has a strong Christian legacy. Pray for continued growth in the churches.
- **For Malaysia - Jabatan Kerja Raya.**
 - The public works department to efficiently manage and repair all roads especially our trunk roads.
 - For repair to all pot holes in urban roads.
 - For tender and fare award of all government projects.
- ✧ **For Our Diocese — Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan.**
 - For Revd James Lee, Revd Daniel Losung, Revd Hendrik Linggallo.
 - For outreach to university students.
 - For all midweek ministries, such as cell group meetings, children and adults groups.
- ✧ **For Our Parish — COGS Agape Zone.**
 - Zone Leader and assistant leaders.
 - For their cell group meetings on Thursday nights.
 - For their carolling preparations.
- ✧ **For the sick:**
Mr Lim Ting Poh, 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, 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 (25/11/18) | Next Sunday (02/12/18) | WEEKLY SERVICES |
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| <i>Introit Hymn</i> | Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (HfTC 413) | Safely through another week (HOP 57) | <i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m. Chinese |
| <i>Greetings</i> | Elizabeth Kho | Stephanie Chin | <i>Sunday</i> 7:00 a.m. Chinese |
| <i>Praise & Worship</i> | Eveleen K W Wong | Claudia Lopez | 9:30 a.m. English |
| <i>Collect for Today</i> | | | 9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia |
| <i>Bible Reading</i> | Revelation 1: 4—8 Choo Peng Yeang | 1 Thessalonians 3: 9—13 Jimmy Kho | 2:30 p.m. Chinese |
| <i>Nicene Creed</i> | | | CHAPEL PRAYERS |
| <i>Gospel Reading</i> | John 18: 33—37 Elizabeth Kho | Luke 21: 25—36 Stephanie Chin | Wed - 7:00 a.m. |
| <i>Message</i> | Ps Margaret Chong | Revd K J Chin | Thur - 6:30 a.m. |
| <i>Response Hymn</i> | | | Sat - 4:30 a.m. |
| <i>Intercession</i> | Steven Chung | Denny Chong | CONTACTS: |
| <i>Confession</i> | | | Ad Yong Thiam Choy 013-851-2389 |
| <i>Offertory Hymn</i> | I gave my life for thee (HOP 397) | Something for thee (HOP 383) | Revd K J Chin 089-667698 |
| <i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i> | | | Revd F C Chong 019-813-3152 |
| <i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i> | There is sunshine in my soul (HOP 345) | Follow On (HOP 402) | Revd Timothy Jerry 016-692-9031 |
| Serving One Another : | | | Ps Yock Len 019-807-0781 |
| Cell Group Leader | LOGOS 4 (Mr Choo Peng Yeang) | EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho) | Ps Hyen Tze 013-883-7782 |
| Welcome Team / Visitors Centre | Mr & Mrs Benjamin Chow Dennis T H Chong Priscilla Chow | Mr & Mrs Francis Ng Annie Chok, Ivy Khong | Dr T M Thian 089-213418 |
| Sidesmen | Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Chung Tze Ken Margaret Ho | Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Lena Wong | Yong Fook Choi 016-822-0995 |
| Server | Eddie Wong | Terry Chan | Steven Chung 017-817-7871 |
| Prayer Ministry | Ho Sui Loon, Gina Chung | Lue Fui Hua Betty Kwan | Patrus Tamuai 011-298-3381 |
| Offertory Count | Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li fah Wong Siu Fong, Margaret Ho Hee Pui Lee | Yee Chee Hong (C) Mr & Mrs Christopher Kwan Francis Voo Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew | |
| Washing up | Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang | Lue Fui Hua Maxwell Ng | |

