

### THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

# The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 03 May 2020





### Message from Our Senior Priest

It is the 8th weekend where we go Online Service since 15th March 2020! This event seems to be what the people of Judah experienced at the time when they were exile in Babylon. They were no longer able to worship

God at the Jerusalem Temple! Just imagine how the faithful people of Judah longs for the worship but no longer possible in a foreign land. We can see this in Daniel. Daniel remained faithful to God despite of the fact that he and many others were no longer able to worship God. Daniel has been praying since his time in Babylon (see **Daniel 6.10**). Daniel trusted God all his life in exile without giving up his faith and hope in God. The key thing is that Daniel remembered what the Lord had spoken especially through Prophet Jeremiah. For example, the Lord spoke through a letter written by Jeremiah encouraging the Jews in exile (Jeremiah 29.1-3). Surely Daniel must have heard knowledge of Jeremiah's letter to start a new life in Babylon and pray for the well being of the city (Jeremiah 29.4-7). What we can see from Daniel's life in exile should encourage us how we should continue to trust and rely on God even though we are restricted from gathering or meeting other fellow Christians to worship & fellowship. Eventually the Lord fulfilled His words to restore Israel after 70 years in exile as Daniel recalled and prayed (see Daniel 9.1-3; Jeremiah 25.11-12).

Since God has proven His faithfulness again and again throughout the history, I like to invite all members of COGS Sandakan to follow Daniel's example to remember the Lord and His word. Even in times of pestilence widespread, the Lord is still in full control over the whole situation worldwide. I also like to urge all COGS' Care Groups to get in touch with one another. If you've not yet started to use Zoom, please get into it. If you need help, please call the Church Office we will help you to start. For your information, the Church Office will be opened on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm. Church Ministry Staff in the compound will take turn to manned the Office. So if you happened to be out for a while, please plan your trip to drop by and we will help you with it. It will not take much time to install it. On Monday, 20 April 2020, the Church Staff had our first Staff Meeting since MCO via Zoom. It is surely not the same compared to our regular weekly meeting when we can gather together. We have to move on and move forward with a 'new norm' until such time when we can gather together again. Let us continue to stay focus & stay strong together in the Lord as we join our Nation to break the spread of Covid-19. Together in the Lord we will come out stronger and greater for His glory!

### **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:

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

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#### **Our Team**

### **ARCHBISHOP**

The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

#### PRIEST IN-CHARGE

Canon James T V Lee

#### **PASTORAL ZONE**

Revd Timithy Jerry Revd Chin Kah Jin Revd Chong Fen Chung Revd Albert Lintikan Ps Wong Hyen Tze Ps Chin Yock Len

#### **ZONES**

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

#### MINISTRIFS

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

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

### Collect for Today (Easter 4)

Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





### **CONTRIBUTIONS & GIVINGS**

#### 1. OFFERING & TITHING



### 2. ANGLICAN SIBUGA PROJECT (ASP)

- By online transfer to Alliance Bank A/c: 101320010031353.
- Official receipts to be issued upon request via WhatsApp no: 0198905604.





### 3. SEKOLAH RENDAH VISI, SANDAKAN

- By online transfer to Alliance Bank A/c: 101320010073123.
- Official receipts to be issued upon request via WhatsApp no: 0109836142.

For the convenience of members who wish to put in your donations into the offering box, it will be placed there on the following days and times: Every Monday & Wednesday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Please indicate your type of givings. Thank you.



Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7-8 NIV



### **#PLEASE STAY AT HOME**



### Let us pray for...

#### 1. THANKSGIVING:

"If you deligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord who heals you." (Ex 15: 26)

- We praise God for the excellent service of the medical personnel in this nation, the Director General of Health and the leadership of the nation, in combating COVID-19 and keeping the people protected from this virus.
- Thank God for healing many from this COVID-19 Virus infection.

# 2. PRAY FOR THE CHURCHES IN MALAYSIA:

Pray for the leadership of God's churches - for divine wisdom to make Godly decisions and provide Godly leadership. Pray that they will hear what God speaks to them concerning His church in the midst of this pandemic. Remember especially, our Archbishop and all Bishops.

#### 3. PRAY FOR THE NATIONS:

- Pray for God's mercy over nations affected by COVID-19 virus. Pray for God to save the nations.
- Pray for an availability of resources to help in the fight against this virus, particularly in poorer nations.
- Pray for the healing and recovery of the economy of the nations and the finances of the people after the MCO is lifted.
- Pray that the nations will turn their eyes and put their hope on God.
   Pray that many will humble themselves and turn to God for help and mercy.

### Pray for the sick:

Mdm Chan Fon Ping, Michael Yio Cho Kui, Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.

## Honoring The Servant King Genesis 2: 4-25; Mark 10: 1-16

### **Outline:**

### 1. The Heart of the Servant King

- People hardened their hearts
- Obey God

### The Five "love" Languages

- Words of Affirmation
- Quality time
- Receiving Gifts
- Acts of Service
- Physical touch

### 2. The Approaches of the Servant King

- Not ignoring but approaching
- Entirely rely on Him

### **Conclusion:**

### 1 Corinthians 13: 4

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.