

# THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

# The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 22 March 2020





## **Message from Our Senior Priest**

As Covid-19 was declared pandemic, it is very alarming and depressing also. In time like this, it is good to reflect and think about questions such as: What is God saying to us as His people through this

pandemic? Is there a particular matter God wants us to pay attention to? What should be our attitude upon understanding God's point? How do we respond to God in a manner that we may rise above the pandemic?

While in the process of thinking through, a picture came into mind. It is not exactly similar to the current pandemic scenario but we can draw the principle from such event. It was the picture of the universal flood in the days of Noah (see Genesis 6)! Surely we all know the details of this particular historical event. The main point of the flood is not the world and those who died. Rather, it is Noah and his family who were delivered by the Almighty God!! The cause of the destruction of the world is stated in Genesis 6.5, NKJV: "Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Inspired by the Holy Spirit, St Paul wrote similar truth about the condition of mankind in the last days (see 2 Timothy 3.1-5). The bottom line is that history can repeat itself if people choose to go against God.

We thank God for giving the wisdom to our Government to take action for the good of our beloved country Malaysia. God graciously has to push the "PAUSE" button so that we can have a short "pause" from the norm of daily hectic busy livelihood. During this "break", we can take stock and review. It is very interesting to see how God inspired people to come out with great comforting words using the abbreviation of L.O.C.K.D.O.W.N.: L-isten to God's voice and reflect. O-bey His word and His teachings. C-all on Jesus name and be calmed. K-now what is the purpose of all this. D-well in His presence. Do not panic. O-ffer a prayer for everyone's safety. W-ait and be patient. This too shall passover. N-uture our personal relationship with Him. Let us all work together for the good of each other by following the Order of Restricted Movement. This is a simple way of doing a favor for our Nation and for the glory of the Almighty God together.

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:

7:00 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 Bin 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

#### MINISTRIES

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

Youth Zone (Ch/Eng/BM)

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

#### Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### 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.

# Service

#### WEEK-END HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

No Sunday No gatherings for three (3) consecutive weeks effective last week 15 Mac 2020. Although the sermon will be preached on air through the Live Streaming. Thank you!



#### OFFERING, TITHING & ANGLICAN SIBUGA PROJECTS (ASP)

- If you are touched by the Lord to give, we suggest you to use BOOST apps by scanning the QR Code behind.
- Please indicate whether your giving is for COGS Stewardship or ASP. Thank you!





#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

In order that our church also subscribed to the Government's Movement Control Order throughout the country: Church Office is closed from 18 March 2020 - 31 March 2020. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## COGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Postponed until further notice.

## SABAH FIRE CONFERENCE 2020 Date: 27 - 30 July 2020

Venue: Hakka Hall, Kota Kinabalu

Fee:- RM120 (Early Bird) -

Closing date: 31 March 2020 Language: Chinese Mandarin Only Person-in-charge: Jus Ng (019-8131280)

Ps Hyen Tze (013-8837782)

### INTAKE OF KG STUDENTS FOR YEAR 2021

For children born in years 2016 & 2017. Registration time: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon commencing 01/04/20 on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. Please bring along:

- Photocopy of child's birth certificate
- Photocopy ICs of parents



#### BB FUND RAISING FOR BB Pesta

The Boys will do any form of odd jobs for them to attend the Pesta to be held in A Famosa Resort, Malacca.

Date: **01 - 05 June 2020** 

Venue: Malacca Fee: RM400.00

Closing Date: 31 March 2020

Contact Person: Captain Eddie Wong

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# SCHEDULE

2020 HOLY WEEK EVENTS				
Date & Day	Type of Service	Venue	Language	
05/04 Palm Sunday	Holy Comm Services Time: as usual	Church	Tri-lingual	
09/04 Maundy Thurs	Holy Comm Service 7:30 pm	Church	Tri-lingual	
10/04 Good Friday	Good Friday Memorial Service 7:00 am	Anglican Sibuga Cemetery	Tri-lingual	
10/04 Good Friday	3-Hour Prayer/ Devotion 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm	Church	Chi/Eng	
		Barrett Hall	BM	
11/04 Easter Eve (Sat)	Holy Comm Service 7:30 pm	Church	Hakka 1	
12/04 Easter Sunday	Holy Comm Services 7:00 am	Church	Hakka 2 No Mandarin Service	
	10:00 am		BM/Eng Combine	

# Intercession:



- Pray for our world AUSTRIA Population 8.5 million.
  - ♦ Economy: Tourism, industries and agricultural products.
  - Religion: Continue strong state and religious relationship.
  - ♦ Tourism: For upkeep of her natural scenery which commands major atraction to the tourism industries.
  - Church: 82% of the population are Christians. For regular attendance of church services.
- Let's continue to pray earnestly to God to stop the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus.
- Pray for Malaysia HEALTH.
  - ♦ For God to intervene & control of the spread of Covid-19 epidemic.
  - Pray for all those who are affected by the ongoing spread of the coronavirus; pray for God's healing.
  - For protection upon medical staff and personnels;
- Pray for our Diocese ST JAMES' CHURCH, KUDAT.
  - Revd Canon Chak Sen Fen & his staff team.
  - For their Sunday Worship Services & ministries.
- Pray for our Parish COGS BM WORSHIP SERVICES.
  - ♦ For spiritual growth of the worshippers.

#### • 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.

14 & 15/03/20 COGS Ministries Attendance / Comm Attendance
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Due to the outbreak of the ongoing
Covid-19 epidemic there was no Holy
Communion Services nor any other
ministries last week.

# of God's Gospel!

# Acts 13.1-12; Mark 7.24-37

Mark's Gospel is about	! The King is Jesus Christ, the Son		
of God ( <i>Mark 1.1</i> ) who calls people to			
Jesus wanted us to trust God Himself with			
" Go in peace and be f	reed from your suffering 'Don't be		
afraid; ."")! God wanted us to			
because of His sovereignty. Mark had shown	is seen through		
for the people & also _	over the nature (see		
Mark 6.30-56)! Mark elaborated further how the			
through in <i>Mark 7.24-3</i>	<b>7</b> as follow:-		
1. The Gospel &! (Mark 7	7.24-30)		
2. The Gospel &! (Mark 7.31-37)			
Reflection & Application:			

- 1. The grace of God is extended to all people disregards of race, religion or status. How did Jesus display this during His time with the woman at Tyre? Remember Tyre was an out of bound place for any Jew because it was a Gentile place.
- 2. What was Mark's intention for recording Jesus' trip to Tyre? What elements are involved in the kind of faith which the Syro-Pheonician woman indicated in her conversation with Jesus? Read Mark 7.25-26, 28-29.
- 3. The deaf and mute man received divine healing because of the faith of the man's friends (Mark 7.32). How did the man who was deaf hear about Jesus? Read Mark 7.33-35 and see how Jesus communicated the truth with the man. Share 1 personal experience of what God had done in your own life.