

WEEK 19

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

13 MAY 2018



**THE CHURCH OF
THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven, leave us not desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us; and exalt us to where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

10 May 2018 (Thursday) was the Ascension Day. It commemorates the ascension of Christ into Heaven. It occurs on the Thursday, 40 days after Easter. Because it is on weekday, many churches do not hold service to celebrate the important event. I was reminded the significance of it as I meditate on the following devotion in *Our Daily Bread*.

Four supernatural events have kept humanity from self-destructing. Like beacons of light across a storm-tossed sea, these miracles have shown the way of salvation to a world in despair. We celebrate them on Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, and Ascension Day.

Most of us recognize the significance of Christ's birth, when God became flesh; the cross, when sin's penalty was paid; and the resurrection, when the power of death was broken. But what about His ascension? Why is that event so important?

Jesus' return to His Father affected the lives of everyone, believers and unbelievers alike. After returning to heaven, He sent the Spirit, who would show people their need for a Savior (John 16:8). Jesus said that the Spirit would also be the believer's Helper (v.7) and Teacher (14:16; 16:13-15). Had Christ remained on this earth following His resurrection, His continuing ministry would have been limited. He would not have accomplished what He is presently doing through the Holy Spirit.

Ascension Day reminds us that our exalted Lord is not only continuing His ministry for us, but through the Spirit He is also calling sinners to Himself.

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.

At this juncture, we wish all our Mothers, Grandmas, Great grandmas a very blessed 'Mother's Day'. May God's bountiful blessings be upon you.

- Congratulations to **Mr Poon Ming Fung @ Frankie** for his success in the GE14 (N46: Tanjong Papat). May God continue to lead and guide him as he serves the community.

- **14 May (Mon)**
Keenagers' Fellowship
Venue / time : Barrett Hall, @ 8:45 am

- **15 May (Tue) - Anglican Training Institute (ATI) 6th Graduation Service.**
Church members are cordially invited to the above event.
Enc Albert Lintikan from the BM congregation will be graduated with "Certificate of Theology."
Venue: All Saints' Cathedral, K K, 7:30 pm

- **18 May (Fri)**
The ALPHA continues next Friday.

Session 10 - Topic "Does God heal today?"

Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm

Attendance for 11 May = 170

- **27 May (Sun)**
Blood Donation

Venue: Grace Hall, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

- **29 - 31 May (Tue - Thur)**
Boys' Brigade Junior Officers Training

Venue: KOKOL Hilltop, Kota Kinabalu.

- **11 - 14 June (Mon—Thurs)**
Diocesan Chinese / English Youth Camp (DCEYC).

Venue: Christ Church, KK

Person in-charge: Claire @ 017-228-0271.

- **12 - 15 June (Tue - Fri)**
Diocesan BM Youth Camp.

Venue: Valley of Blessings, Telupid.

Person in-charge: Maylianhi @ 011-1057-7285

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HONOR YOUR MOTHER (Proverbs 31:10-31)

1. The works that she does

¹³She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. ¹⁴She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. ¹⁵She gets up while it is still dark; she provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls.

2. The words that she speaks

²⁶"She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue."

3. The love that she shows

¹¹⁻¹² "Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life."

²⁸Her children arise and call her blessed;

³⁰Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

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Questions for Discussion.

1. Read Proverbs 31:10-31. What do you admire the most of your mother? Why?
2. The text helps us to get a glimpse of women who live their lives for God. What examples can we follow from what the mother does and the words she speaks? How do you show honor to your mother for what she has done for the family?
3. How do parents teach the children to honor God? How do parents equip themselves to speak with wisdom and faithful instruction?
4. End the meeting by praying for mothers.

FAMILY MATTERS

- **16 - 19 July (Mon—Thurs)**
Diocesan Senior Citizens
Retreat (Chi & Eng).

Venue: The Church of Our
Holy Saviour, Labuan.

Registration fees @ RM120/pax.
Closing Date: 02 July

Please note: T-shirt is inclusive before 11 June; after-which T-shirt is not inclusive.

Contact persons: Ps Soo Nyuk
Fong / Mrs K J Chin.

- **Flowers** - contributed by a sister as her thanksgiving.
- **Blessing of Bubbles Nursery** at Casa San Uno on 10 May 2018. The nursery is run by Amy Kong.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (05/05) Sat -7:30 pm	252	175
Chi (06/05) Sun -7:00 am	222	200
Eng (06/05) Sun - 9:30 am	184	156
BM (06/05) Sun - 9:30 am	266	217
Chi (06/05) Sun - 2:30 pm	72	57
Mawar Children	50	
Labuk Children (Ch)	93	
Labuk Children (En)	47	
BM Children	89	
Total	1275	805

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - PARAGUAY, in South central America.**
Population — 7 million people
 - Economy — Poor landlocked with no access to the sea. Vast hydro-electric potential and agriculture.
 - Religion — Roman Catholic Church has long dominated its political life.
 - Christian leaders are most desired in all churches.
- ✧ **For Malaysia - the new Government.**
 - Praise God for a smooth GE14 election throughout the nation.
 - Continue to uphold and pray for the new government.
 - May peace and prosperity be upon our nation.
- ✧ **For Our Diocese - Church of Christ The Cornerstone, Tarakan.**
 - Revd Clarence Chin and Revd Jakobus Chong.
 - For all leaders of fellowship groups.
 - For regular visitation of out-lying kampongs.
- ✧ **For Our Parish - COGS Men's Fellowship.**
 - Leader - Mr Yong Fook Choi and his team.
 - For regular and meaningful meetings / fellowship.
 - To encourage more men to take part in this ministry.
- ✧ For the sick: **Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Mr Frankie Mok, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Tony Wong, Mrs Irene Leong, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Miss Vivian Chin, Mdm Lai Nyuk Jin, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.**

Order of Service	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday (20/05/18)</i>
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Rejoice, the Lord is King (HfTC 180)	O for a thousand tongues to sing (HfTC 219)
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr T M Thian	Ho Sui Ting
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Ang Pian Ming	Eveleen K W Wong
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Proverbs 31: 10—31 Charles Lee	Acts 2: 1—21 Ng Kong Hin
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 17: 6—19 Dr T M Thian	John 15: 26—27; 16: 4—15 Ho Sui Ting
<i>Message</i>	Revd K J Chin	Ps Margaret Chong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Desmond Chong	Stephanie Chin
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	He leadth me (HOP 285)	Spirit of God, descend upon my heart (HOP 129)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Let all the world in every corner sing (HfTC 342)	Go ye into all the world (HOP 333)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	YOUNG ADULTS & M.A.D. YOUTH	LOGOS 1 (Dr Arthur Chung)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Audrey Ho, Mitchell Lo Kelvin Chin, Elton Liew	Mr & Mrs Eddie Wong Angela Hon, Annie Liu
Sidesmen	Danny Tang, Edwin Ngo Wong Ee Syinn Nicole Liew	Eng Li Fah, Ngo Su Hian Hee Pui Lee, Henley Liew
Server	Lam Kai Kwong	Foo Chee Hiong
Prayer Ministry	Peter Soo, Evelyn Poon Edwin Lam	Steven Chung, Annie Liu
Offertory Count	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong Margaret Ho	Rosie Chia (C) Yee Chee Hong, Betty Kwan Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Alvin Wong
Washing up	M.A.D. Youth	Dr Arthur Chung, Chin Yen

WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday

7:30 p.m.
Chinese

Sunday

7:00 a.m.
Chinese

9:30 a.m.
English

9:30 a.m.
Bahasa M'sia

2:30 p.m.
Chinese

CHAPEL PRAYERS

Wed - 7:00 a.m.

Thur - 6:30 a.m.

Sat - 4:30 a.m.

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