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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

YOU FIRST!

Read: Philippians 2:1-11

[Jesus] humbled himself. Philippians 2:8

Tibetan-born Sherpa Nawang Gombu and American Jim Whittaker reached the top of Mount Everest on May 1, 1963. As they approached the peak, each considered the honor of being the first of the two to step to the summit. Whittaker motioned for Gombu to move ahead, but Gombu declined with a smile, saying, "You first, Big Jim!" Finally, they decided to step to the summit at the same time.

Paul encouraged the Philippian believers to demonstrate this kind of humility. He said, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Phil. 2:4 nkjv). Selfishness and superiority can divide people, but humility unites us, since it is the quality of "being one in spirit and of one mind" (v. 2).

When quarrels and disagreements occur, we can often diffuse them by giving up our right to be right. Humility calls us to show grace and gentleness when we would rather insist on our own way. "In humility value others above yourselves" (v. 3).

Practicing humility helps us to become more like Jesus who, for our sake, "humbled himself by becoming obedient to death" (vv. 7-8). Following in Jesus' footsteps means backing away from what is best for us and doing what is best for others.

Jesus, You gave up Your life for me. Help me to see each sacrifice I make as a reflection of Your humility. In putting others first, let me honor You.

HUMILITY PROMOTES UNITY.

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.

By the Grace of God & with thanksgiving, we are pleased to announce that effective 06 January 2019, Canon James Lee Tect Vun will be posted to COGS to be the Rector. Please uphold Canon James Lee & family in your prayers during this busy time.

© A notice to those ministry groups who have borrowed our Christmas play costumes, accessories, etc last year to return them as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your co-operation. We need them urgently.

© We are pleased to announce that **Mr Tsen Kang Yin**, was baptized last Sunday (02 Dec) at the Chinese Service in the afternoon.

© We want to express our heartiest gratefulness and appreciation to all who rendered assistance to the :

★ **KEENAGERS' FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

★ **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

● **09 Dec (Today)**

BM CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.

Venue: Grace Hall, @ 9:15 am.

● **09 Dec (Tonight)**

SANDAKAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Venue: Sandakan Town Padang

Time: 6:30 pm

● **10—13 Dec (Mon—Thur)**

CHI / ENG CAROLLING NITES

★ **10 Dec (Mon)**

All carollers to assemble at the church portico, by 6:30 pm.

● **15 Dec (Sat)**

CHI / ENG YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Each participating youth is to bring along a gift worth RM10.

Venue: Grace Hall

Time: 7:00 pm

● **16 Dec (Sun)**

BM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Time: 5:00 pm

Notice: **NO Holy Communion Service** in the morning.

● **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

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UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST'S RETURN

(Ref: Philippians 1:9-11)

1. MATURE CHRISTIAN LOVE (Phil 1:9)

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your **love** may abound more and more in **knowledge** and **depth of insight**,

2. MATURE CHRISTIAN CHARACTER (Phil 1:10)

¹⁰ so that you may be able to **discern** what is best and may be **pure** and **blameless** until the day of Christ,

3. MATURE CHRISTIAN SERVICE (Phil 1:11)

¹¹ . . . filled with the **fruit of righteousness** that comes through Jesus Christ--to the Glory and praise of God.

FAMILY MATTERS

● 29 Dec (Sat)

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

Venue: Sekolah Rendah Vision Hall, Sibuga, Sandakan, @ 11:00 am — 3:00 pm.

- **Banns of Marriage** is announced between Mr Raymond Heng Zen Hwa and Miss Chong Yee Wei. They plan to be married on 29 December, 2018.
- Please be advised that there will be no flowers decoration during the Advent Season, effective last Sunday until Christmas Eve.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (01/12) Sat -7:30 pm	209	176
Chi (02/12) Sun -7:00 am	190	166
Eng (02/12) Sun - 9:30 am	136	123
BM (02/12) Sun - 9:30 am	278	186
Chi (02/12) Sun - 2:30 pm	65	53
Total	878	704

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	69
Eng Children cell - COGS	40
BM Children cell	-
St Monica's Discovery Club	-
BB Junior (Boys' Brigade)	-
BB Senior (Boys' Brigade)	-

Youth Ministries

Attd

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

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - URUGUAY (south of Brazil)**

Population: 3.4 million.

- Economy — Potential mineral resources offer future economic growth.
- Religion — strong Catholic Church but increasing secularism is a problem.
- Church— for the struggling evangelical churches.

✧ **For Malaysia - Plantations**

- For the two main crops. The palm oil and rubber plantation.
- For the government to resolve the acute shortage of manpower.
- For good / better price of the products.

✧ **For Our Diocese — Gereja Anglikan Sumur Hidup, Kuala Penyu.**

- Revd Daniel Losung.
- For their regular Sunday worship services.
- The spiritual commitment of all members.

✧ **For Our Parish — COGS LOGOS ZONE**

- Dr Thian Thau Min.
- All leaders and assistant leaders.
- Their Christmas dinner celebration.

✧ **For the sick:**

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, Mr Tai Nyuk Min and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

✧ **For personal requests.**

Order of Service	This Sunday (09/12/18)	Next Sunday (16/12/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Come! We that love the Lord (HOP 9)	Holy, Holy Holy (HFTC 7)
<i>Greetings</i>	Ho Sui Ting	Dr T M Thian
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Philippians 1: 3—11 Flora Hiew	Philippians 4: 4-7 Eng Li Fah
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Luke 3: 1—6 Ho Sui Ting	Luke 3: 7-18 Dr T M Thian
<i>Message</i>	Revdt Timothy Jerry	Revdt Timothy Jerry
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Evelyn Poon	Ng Kong Hin
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	O to be like Thee (HOP 251)	While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks ... (HFTC 94)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Now I belong to Jesus (HOP 377)	Would You Live for Jesus ? (HOP 239)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	YOUNG ADULTS & M.A.D. YOUTH	LOGOS 1 (Dr Arthur Chung)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Elton Liew, Audrey Ho Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	Mr & Mrs Eddie Wong Dr Arthur Chung & Yen Lee
Sidesmen	Danny Tang, Kelvin Chin Andrew Chin, Angel Woo	Henley Liew, Hee Pui Lee Ngo Su Hian, Angela Hon
Server	Lam Kai Kwong	Foo Chee Hiong
Prayer Ministry	Edwin Lam, Reg Sin Lim Chiew Yee	Ho Sui Loon Stephanie Chin
Offertory Count	Rona Yuen (C) Yuen Kat Min, Mark Mak Lena Wong, Emily Ng	Alice Y M Liew (C) Loh Leong Len Mr & Mrs Michael Chin Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon
Washing up	Elton Liew, Audrey Ho Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	Mr & Mrs Anton Ngui

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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