

**WEEK 14**

**EASTER 2**

**08 APRIL 2018**



## **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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**Welcome to a gathering of God's people.**

### **COLLECT FOR TODAY:**

Almighty God, you have given your only Son, to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life, give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

## **Come To Me**

Read: John 20:24-31

*Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* —John 20:29

Charlotte Elliott wrote the hymn “Just As I Am” in 1834. She had been an invalid for many years, and though she wanted to help with a fund-raising for a girl’s school, she was too ill. She felt useless, and this inner distress caused her to begin doubting her faith in Christ. She wrote “Just As I Am” as a response to her doubt. The crux of her distress is perhaps best expressed in these words:

*Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come!*

Three days after His death and burial, Jesus rose from the grave and invited the disciple whom history has nicknamed “Doubting Thomas” to examine the marks of His crucifixion (John 20:27). When Thomas touched Jesus’ wounds, he finally believed in the resurrection. Christ responded, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (v.29).

As Christians today, we are the ones who have not seen but still believe. Yet at times our earthly circumstances create serious questions in our souls. Even then, we cry out: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24). Jesus welcomes us to come to Him just as we are.

*Dear Jesus, help me to trust You when life doesn't make sense. Please take my doubt and replace it with fresh faith in You.*

**The risen Christ opens the door for you to have fullness of life.**

[\(From Our Daily Bread\)](#)

## 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.

- **09 April (Mon) - COGS Keenagers' Fellowship.**

Venue: Barrett Hall, at 8:45 am

- **Diocesan Chi & Eng Senior Citizens Retreat.**

Date : 16 - 19 July 2018

Venue: The Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan.

Registration fees @ RM120/pax. Closing Date: 02 July 2018

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

- **13 April— The Alpha** continues. Last Friday's attendance: 264

Session 5 - Topic: Why & how should I read the Bible ?

Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm

- **14 Apr (Sat) - COGS Youth Alpha.**

Venue: COGS at 4:00 pm

- **21 & 22 April (Sat & Sun) COGS Education Award** will be awarded next week to students with excellent results for the UPSR, PT3, SPM & STPM in 2017.

- **25—28 April (Wed - Sat)**

### **Ellel Healing Retreat**

Full details are on the registration form. Person in charge: Ps Hyen Tze.

Fees : Free of charge

Speaker: Ps Thomas Thien

Venue: St Michael's Church

- **08 May 2018 - Anglican Training Institute (ATI) 6<sup>TH</sup> Graduation Service.**

Church members are cordially invited to the above event. (RSVP before 16 April, Mon).

Venue: All Saints' Cathedral, K K, 7:30 pm

Graduation will be Officiated by The Right Revd Datuk Melter J Tais, Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of Sabah.

- **27 May - Blood Donation**

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

- **Flowers** - contributed by the Sisters' Fellowship this week.



## FROM FEAR TO COURAGE (John 20:19-31)

### **Jesus Came to Them**

- ★ **John 20:19**<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

### **Jesus Reassured Them**

- ★ **John 20:20**<sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

### **Jesus Commissioned Them**

- ★ **John 20:21**<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

### **Jesus Enabled Them**

- ★ **John 20:22-23**<sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Read John 20:19-31. What are some of the fears you have? Why? How do you overcome them? Discuss.
2. How does Jesus' appearance to the disciples reassure them? How does Jesus reassure of His presence in your life?
3. Read John 20:21. As a group and individual, how do we obey Jesus' commission to go into the world to do God's will, preach the HisWord, do His works and bring the salvation to the lost by the power of Holy Spirit? Share some practical ways.

## FAMILY MATTERS

### Confirmation classes are as follows ...

Day	Time	Venue	Leader
<b>English</b>			
Wed	7:30 pm	LOGOS Grp	Ho Sui Ting
Sun	11:30 am	Chapel	Stephanie Chin
<b>Chinese</b>			
Sun	1:00 pm	Church	Revd Chong
Sun	7:30 pm	Mawar Centre	Revd Chong
Sun	1:00 pm	Grace Hall	Ps Hyen Tze
Sun	7:30 pm	Level 4 Glory Hall	Ps Hyen Tze
Mon	7:30 pm	Level 2 Meeting room	Ps Yock Len
<b>BM</b>			
Sun	1:30 pm	Level 3 Agape Hall	Rev Timothy
Sun	4:00 pm	Level 3 Agape Hall	Maylianhi

### Services/Attendance/Communicants

Maundy Thur (29/03) 7:30 pm	429	301
Good Fri (30/03) 12 nn—3 pm (Avg)	280	-
Chi [Easter Eve] (31/03) Sat - 7:30 pm	261	210
Chi & Eng comb'd [Easter Day] (01/04) Sun - 7:30 am	361	308
BM [Easter Day] - (01/04) Sun - 10:30 am	343	281
Chinese [Easter Day] - (01/04) Sun - 2:30 pm	65	41
Mawar Children	41	-
Labuk Children (Ch)	92	-
Labuk Children (En)	51	-
BM Children	119	-
<b>Total</b>	2042	1141

## Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - NORWAY** — north of Sweden. Population 5 million.

- Economy — Proper management of its strong and wealthy oil, mineral, mining and fishing products.
- Church— Pray for the traditional Lutheran Church to be a pillar of the society.
- Young people— youth ministry to continue to reach out to the young people.

✧ **For Malaysia - Road safety.**

- For traffic on the super high way of West Malaysia with speed limit of 120 km/hr.
- Rural road traffic in Sabah and Sarawak.
- The Government to build and repair pot holes in the town areas.

✧ **For Our Diocese - St Paul's Church, Beaufort.**

- Revd Thien Vun Fui.
- Their Chinese & BM congregations.
- Children, youth and all other adults ministries.

✧ **For Our Parish - COGS members' activities.**

- Ad Yong Thiam Choy, priests, pastors and ministry team-leaders.
- All mid-week care groups.
- The children & youth ministries.
- The BB activities in church and schools.
- The ladies and men's ministry.

✧ For the sick: **Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Tony Wong, Mrs Irene Leong, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Yim Tin Yau, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Mdm Lee Soi Chin, 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.**

✧ **For personal requests.**

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b><i>This Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Next Sunday (15/04/18)</i></b>
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	<b>The Strife is past (HFTC 163)</b>	<b>Hallelujah for the cross (HOP 160)</b>
<i>Greetings</i>	Ho Sui Ting	Stephanie Chin
<i>Praise &amp; Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Evelyn Poon
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<b>Acts 4: 32 - 35 Eng Li Fah</b>	<b>Acts 3: 12 - 19 Emily Ng</b>
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<b>John 20: 19—31 Ho Sui Ting</b>	<b>Lk 24: 36 - 48 Stephanie Chin</b>
<i>Message</i>	<b>"From Fear to Courage "</b> Ps Margaret Chong	Ad T C Yong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	<b>Ng Kong Hin</b>	<b>Dr Robert Ong</b>
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	<b>My faith looks up to Thee (HOP 280)</b>	<b>Whiter than snow (HOP 240)</b>
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing &amp; Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	<b>Bring Them In (HOP 330)</b>	<b>When We All Get to Heaven (HOP 419)</b>
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	<b>LOGOS 1 (Dr Arthur Chung)</b>	<b>LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)</b>
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	<b>Dr &amp; Mrs Arthur Chung Mr &amp; Mrs Eddie Wong</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs David Ngui Dr Robert Ong &amp; Melissa</b>
Sidesmen	<b>Angela Hon, Hee Pui Lee Henley Liew, Ngo Su Hian Annie Liu</b>	<b>Jimmy Kho, Stephen Ho Emily Ng, Melissa Ong</b>
Server	<b>Lam Kai Kwong</b>	<b>Foo Chee Hiong</b>
Prayer Ministry	<b>Ho Sui Loon, Stephanie</b>	<b>Frankie Poon, Melissa Ong</b>
Offertory Count	<b>Lily Mok ( C ) Emily Ng Mr &amp; Mrs Yuen Kat Min Lena Wong, Mark Mak</b>	<b>Ngu Ngok Yoon ( C ) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong Margaret Ho</b>
Washing up	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Anton Ngui</b>	<b>Jonathan Ong, Amanda Ong</b>

*Saturday*

*Sunday*

9:30 a.m.  
English

2:30 p.m.  
Chinese

## Wed - 7:00 a.m.

Thur - 6:30 a.m.

Sat - 4:30 a.m.

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