



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 15 March 2020



Message from Our Senior Priest

Lately, there were reports about 'uninvited visitors' within in the Church's compound. People like the Cleaner as well as the Security Guards had such encounters with the said visitors.

Am not sure how to describe this in greater details but it is something we need to deal with it. One question came to my mind: why are the 'visitors' lingering in the Church's compound? The so-called 'visitors' are some kind of spirits.

Historical information of any place can invoke the demonic forces to move in the place. Take for example the former Sandakan Giant. At the time when the land was cleared, the contractor's workers discovered that there were human skeletons underneath the ground! If such information is true, could it be that the whole piece of land formerly was used by the Japanese during the World War II? Could it be where captives were put to death and buried all over the place? If yes, it is possible that the land was desecrated where innocent blood was shed? This was the description when the Israelites joined the pagans who worshipped their idols of Canaan land by offering their children as human sacrifices (see Psalm 106.38)? Another example of this is the Priest's House in Penangah. Before the house was erected, the local people knew that those who practiced Silat will sit and wait upon the demonic spirits on the piece of land where the current Priest's House is. Such action actually invoked and gave way for those spirits to have a foothold on the ground. There were people who had such encounter with those spirits at the Penangah Priest's House.

The main question remains and that is how to get rid of those spirits? The Bible has no clear teaching on this matter. But we can draw principles which may help. The main principle is **to set apart the land and rededicate the land to the Lord** (see **Exodus 8.22**: "And in that day **I will set apart the land of Goshen**, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that **I am the LORD** in the midst of the land." To set the Church compound apart, we will set apart ourselves to the Lord with fasting and prayer. It is to rededicate ourselves to the Lord. Then, we will do prayer walk around the Church compound with praise & prayer to rededicate the compound to the Lord. Will inform all when the date & time to execute accordingly so to act under Jesus' Lordship!

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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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 Timothy 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 3)

We beseech you, Almighty God, look on the heartfelt desires of your servants and stretch forth the right hand of your power to be our defense against all our enemies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DONATIONS TO COGS & ANGLICAN SIBUGA PROJECTS

If you are touched by the Lord to give, we suggest you to use BOOST.

Please indicate whether your donation is for COGS Stewardship or ASP.



COGS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you!



ALPHA COURSE (CHINESE AND ENGLISH)

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you!



40-DAY PRAYER MEETING

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you!



UPDATED ELECTORAL ROLL FOR 2020 AGM.

Please be informed that the updated Electoral Roll is on the notice board.

Will appreciate it if you will give it a final check. TQ.

BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you!



CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES NO GATHERINGS FOR THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE WEEKS EFFECTIVE THIS WEEK.

Thank you !

WEEK-END HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

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CHI/ENG CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2020

Chinese Confirmation Classes

Date	Time	Venue	Teacher
15 March 2020 (Sun)	01:00 pm	Counting Room, Church	Rev Chong Fen Chung
		Grace Hall	Ps Hyen Tze
19 March 2020 (Thur)	7:30 pm	Barrett Hall	Mercy Chong

English Confirmation Class

18 March 2020 (Wed)	7:30 pm	Grace Hall	Eng Li Fah
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INTAKE OF KG STUDENTS FOR YEAR 2021

For children born in years 2016 & 2017.

Registration time: 8:00 am—12:00 noon commencing 23/03/20 on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Please bring along:

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

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)



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 Kota A Famosa, Malacca.

Date: 01 - 05 June 2020

Venue: Malacca

Fee: RM400.00

Closing Date: 31 March 2020

Contact Person: Captain Eddie Wong (013-898-7880)



Intercession:



- Pray for our world - AUSTRALIA. Population 23.6 million.
 - ◆ Economy : Continue advancement in agriculture, mining, industries and tourism.
 - ◆ Thank God for rain which enables all bush fires to be totally extinguished.
 - ◆ Pray for more rain throughout the continent.
- Let's continue to pray earnestly to God to stop the spread of the Covid-19 Coronavirus.
- Pray for Malaysia - EDUCATION.
 - ◆ For good and dedicated teachers in all schools.
 - ◆ For improved and better standard of education.
 - ◆ For government support of all rural schools.
- Pray for our Diocese - ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, TUARAN.
 - ◆ Revd Jemmie Pitah
 - ◆ For their Sunday Worship Services
 - ◆ For all mid-week fellowship and ministries.
- Pray for our Parish - COGS ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICES.
 - ◆ For increase in numbers of worshippers.
 - ◆ For more to attend care group meetings.
 - ◆ For invitation of non-Christian friends to the Alpha meetings.



07 & 08/03/20 Attendance / Comm		COGS Ministries Attendance			
07/03 (Sat) Hakka 1 7.30pm	238 / 190	Children (BM)	72	Discovery Club	108
08/03/2020 (Sun)					
Hakka 2 7.00am	185 / 157	Children (Mawar)	42	B B (Jr & Snr)	-
Eng 9:30 am	160 / 134	Children (Labuk-Chi)	89		
BM 9:30 am	250 / 206	Children (Labuk - Eng)	60		
Mandarin 2.30pm	66 / 52	TOTAL	263	TOTAL	-
TOTAL	899 / 739	BM Youth	-	Cell Group Attendance	
		COGS Youth	38	Chi	-
PRAYER NIGHT (7:30 pm)	Chi / Eng	Impact	17	Eng	-
02/03/20	90	TOTAL	55	BM	-
09/03/20	93	Tadika COGS	123	TOTAL	-

● 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.



Theme : **God's _____ Gospel!**

Text : **Acts 11.1-18; Mark 6.30-56**

Mark's Gospel is about _____ ! The King is Jesus Christ, the Son of God (*Mark 1.1*) who calls people to _____ (*Mark 1.15; 3.35*). Jesus wanted us to trust God Himself with _____ (see *Mark 5.34 & 36*: "... _____ Go in peace and be freed from your suffering. ... 'Don't be afraid; _____.'")! God teaches us the necessity to _____ because of His sovereignty. _____ can be seen through _____ for the people, _____ for the people & _____ over the nature (see *Mark 6.30-56*)!

1. Jesus' _____ ! (Mark 6.30-34)

2. Jesus' _____ ! (Mark 6.35-44)

3. Jesus' _____ ! (Mark 6.45-56)

Reflection & Application:

1. The Covid-19 had taken the lives of about 4,000 people worldwide. Personally, how does it affect you emotionally for the family members who had lost their loved ones?
2. Jesus knew and met the demands of the people who followed Him for their physical needs. Please give a practical example where we can also meet the people's real needs like Jesus?
3. We have learnt who the Lord Jesus really is when He appeared to the disciples when He walked on the water. In what way can we demonstrate the sovereign power of God through our lives in our country and also with the current epidemic?