

WEEK 45

3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of your church: and grant that what we ask in faith we may surely obtain; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mission Sunday 2018

Making a difference: Mission Conference and Short-term Mission Trip

“However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” (Acts 20: 24)

This year is our third consecutive year of holding our Diocesan Mission Conference outside of Sabah. We hosted our 2016 Diocesan English Mission Conference in Manorom, Thailand and was able to impact many schools and the community in the vicinity. The 2017 Diocesan BM Mission Conference was held in Nunukan, Indonesia and we encouraged our mission churches and their work in East Kalimantan.

Our 2018 Diocesan Chinese Mission Conference will be held in Sinkawang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia from 19 - 24 November. Our theme for this year is *“Workplace as Mission”*.

Some of us are called by God to live and follow Christ in our workplace. Our workplace is God’s mission field, so that we can make a difference. *“Work-place as Mission”* is part of the larger move of God calling His people to do Kingdom Business for transformation. I encourage you to take initiative in your workplace or business to use it as God’s Kingdom Business!

Those who have been involved in short-term missions can testify that orientation and debriefing is critical for the trip to impact our lives. It will help participants to reflect on their personal spiritual development and the plan God has for our lives. Their mission experience will give them a purpose and enrich their “ordinary” life. Short-term mission creates a platform for interaction between people and an opportunity to understand and accept different cultures.

I pray that through a short-term mission trip, participants will see the heart and the hand of Christ and have a life-changing experience.

I invite you to join Him in His mission! We are made to do good works so that it will glorify our Father in heaven.

Canon Chak Sen Fen

Chairman of Diocesan Mission Board

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.

HAPPINESS GROUP CONFERENCE (CHINESE)

Praise God ! 32 of our pastoral staff & some cell group leaders returned home safe and sound last Friday. All were refreshed.

- **MISSION SUNDAY**

Envelopes are enclosed for the above purpose. Please read the front page written by Canon Chak Sen Fen, Chairman of the Diocesan Mission Board for more details. Please donate with a grateful heart & a thoughtful mind. Thank you !

- **12 Nov (Mon)**

KEENAGERS' FELLOWSHIP

Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:45 am.

- **14 Nov (Wed)**

DIOCESAN CLERGY & PASTORS IN-CHARGE MEETING.

Venue: Diocesan Conference Room, KK.

- **16 Nov (Fri)**

"KNOW YOUR HAND-PHONE" workshop.

This workshop is open to all for knowledge and information.

Fees : **FOC**

Language: Tri-lingual

Venue: COGS Grace Hall, 7:30 pm—9:00 pm

- **17 Nov (Sat)**

CHURCH GOTONG-ROYONG

We need man-power and it will be very much appreciated if you can offer assistance. Please bring along your own cleaning tools & rags, etc. Lunch will be provided.

Time: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

- **20 Nov (Tue)**

COGS KG GRADUATION DAY

Venue: Barrett Hall @ 8:30 am—12:00 nn

- **23—24 Nov (Fri— Sat)**

THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Language: Eng & Chi

Before 10 Nov'2018: Reg Fee @ RM180/pax ; Group of 5 pax = RM700

After 10 Nov = RM190 / pax.

Venue: St Michael's Church.

- **26 Nov (Mon)**

COGS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Canon Chak Sen Fen

Venue: Church portico, 7:00 pm.

Organized by the COGS Men's Fellowship. Flyers are available at the sidesmen's table. **(FOR MEN ONLY)**

- **30 Nov—02 DEC**

"CREATIVITY OF CHARACTERS" CAMP FOR YOUTH

For Pr 6 students. Reg fee @ RM35/pax. Maximum intake = 80 pax. Closing date: 19 Nov.

Contact persons: Ps Hyen Tze or Claire Lim.

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THE WIDOW'S GENEROUS OFFERING

(Mark 12:38-44)

The Pride of The Scribe (Mark 12: 38-40)

Mark 12:38 - 40 ³⁸As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, ³⁹and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

The Pride of the Rich (Mark 12:41)

Mark 12:41 ⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.

The Sacrificial Generosity of the Widow (Mark 12: 42-44)

Mark 12:42 - 44 ⁴²But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything -- all she had to live on."

Questions for Discussion

1. Read Mark 12:38-44. What are the characteristics of a good steward?
2. Explain what each of the actions Jesus mentions in vs. 38-39 reveal about these men and why Jesus condemns them. Consider the heart issues revealed in each of these acts and ask the Lord to reveal any of these issues that may be found in your own life.
3. According to Jesus, what is the difference between the widow's offering and everyone else's ?
4. Is your contribution to the gospel ministry, the best described as being out of your excess (i.e., you only give after you have taken care of your wants & needs) or out of your poverty (i.e. you give of your first fruits no matter on what circumstances)? How does the passage challenge you to use the resources (time, money, talent etc) that God gives you to glorify Him?

FAMILY MATTERS

- **08 DEC (Sat)**
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm
Tickets @ RM10 each are available.
- **09 DEC (Sun)**
S'KAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Venue: Sandakan Town Padang
- **29 DEC (Sat)**
BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION
Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga, Sandakan, 11:00 am — 3:00 pm.
- **Flowers** — are contributed by a brother for his birthday thanksgiving.
- Our condolence & sympathy to Mr & Mrs Nicholas Luk (Amy Kong) over the recent bereavement on 04/11/18 of their daughter, Lucine Luk Xin, aged 4+ .

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (03/11) Sat -7:30 pm	194	166
Chi (04/11) Sun -7:00 am	223	196
Eng (04/11) Sun - 9:30 am	143	134
BM (04/11) Sun - 9:30 am	284	225
Chi (04/11) Sun - 2:30 pm	73	62
Total	917	783

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	140
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	107
Eng Children cell - COGS	44
BM Children cell	68
St Monica's Discovery Club	-
BB Junior (Boys' Brigade)	150
BB Senior (Boys' Brigade)	

Youth Ministries

Attd

Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact)	48
Eng Youth (M.A.D.)	-
BM Youth	-

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - TUVALU** — small little island situated north of New Zealand. Population: 10,000 people.

- Economy—fisheries and remittance from workers abroad.
- Religion— Strong protestant church a legacy of Britain.

● **For Malaysia - Diversity of culture.**

- Society : pray for the multi-culture and different peoples of Malaysia.
- Harmony : For harmony between the different races especially in the cities.
- Schools : For schools to cultivate good relationship between the different races.

✧ **For Our Diocese — Church of Ascension, Papar.**

- Revd Aaron Chang and Ev Habismadin B Uloi,
- For regular Sunday services and mid-week meetings,
- For encouragement and reaching out to new Christians.

✧ **For Our Parish — COGS Labuk Zone.**

- Zone Leader: Revd Chin Kah Jin
- For all care groups to meet regularly.
- For preparations to reach out to non-Christians during the season of carolling.

✧ **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, Mr Tsen Siong Khong, 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 and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

Order of Service	This Sunday (11/11/18)	Next Sunday (18/11/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	The God of Abraham Praise (HfTC 9)	Rejoice, the Lord is King ! (HfTC 180)
<i>Greetings</i>	Ho Sui Ting	Steven Chung
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Hebrews 9: 24—28 Jimmy Kho	Hebrews 10: 11-25 Thien Lee Yee
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Mark 12: 38-44 Ho Sui Ting	Mark 13: 1-8 Steven Chung
<i>Message</i>	Revd K J Chin	Ad T C Yong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Margaret Chu	Shane Ho
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Dear Lord & Father of mankind (HfTC 356)	Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us (HOP 290)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Constantly Abiding (HOP 363)	Jesus Loves Even Me (HOP 390)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)	LOGOS 3 (Mr Ho Sui Loon)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Dr Robert & Melissa Ong	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Francis Lo
Sidesmen	Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho Emily Ng, Melissa Ong	Mr & Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Ngu Ngok Yoon Liew Yun Men
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Charles Chong
Prayer Ministry	Margaret Chu, Melissa Ong	Ho Sui Loon, Annie Liu
Offertory Count	Rona Yuen (C) Yuen Kat Min, Emily Ng Lena Wong, Mark Mak	Alice Chang (C) Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Michael Chin Loh Leong Len
Washing up	Dr Robert & Amanda Ong	Maggie Yap, Lily Ho

WEEKLY SERVICES
<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m Chinese
<i>Sunday</i> 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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