

WEEK 48

ADVENT I

02 DEC 2018



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

This Sunday is Advent Sunday. Advent is traditionally celebrated the four Sundays before Christmas as a means of preparing our hearts for the miraculous birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word Advent is derived from the Latin *adventus*, which means coming.

The focus of Advent is not only limited to just Christ's first coming. It is a period to remind us about the Second Coming of Christ when He comes again to judge the world. Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. A Blessed New Year to you all! The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. It is a time of PREPARATION, WAITING and HOPE.

One author puts it: "It's telling and re-telling the story of why God came into this world, the Incarnation, and also pointing and looking forward to His coming again."

As we enter the Season of Advent, I would like to encourage you to spend more time to draw nearer to God by reading the Scriptures. You can follow the readings according to the Lectionary Readings for this week:

- ★ 3 Dec: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Matthew 8: 5-11
- ★ 4 Dec: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72: 1-4, 18-19; Luke 10:21-24
- ★ 5 Dec: Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23; Matthew 15: 29-37
- ★ 6 Dec: Isaiah 26:1-6; Psalm 118: 18-27a; Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- ★ 7 Dec: Isaiah 29:17-end; Psalm 27:1-4; 16-17; Matthew 9: 27-31
- ★ 8 Dec: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 146: 4-9; Matthew 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8.

Spend time to pray for the preparations: Home Carolling, Sandakan Christmas Celebration on 9 December, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services. May we have a meaningful Advent Season!

- Ad T C Yong

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, the following events were successfully carried out. We express our gratefulness to all who rendered their tireless assistance during the period.

★ **26 Nov**

**COGS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MEETING**

★ **26—29 Nov**

**DIOCESAN BM CHILDREN'S
WORSHIP CONFERENCE**

★ **30 Nov—02 Dec**

**"CREATIVITY OF CHARACTERS"
CAMP FOR YOUTH**

● **03 Dec (Mon)**

**KEENAGERS' FELLOWSHIP
CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Each member is encouraged to bring along a gift worth RM10 for exchange.

Begins @ 9:30 am. Lunch will be served @ 11:00 am.

Venue: Barrett Hall.

Time: 9:30 am—12:00 noon

● **03 - 06 Dec (Mon—Thurs)**

BM CAROLLING NIGHTS

starting @ 6:00 pm nightly.

● **07 Dec (Fri)**

**JOYOUS CHRISTMAS 2018 AT
HARBOUR MALL**

Venue: Harbour Mall Concourse

Time : 7:00 pm

● **08 Dec (Sat)**

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

Venue: COGS Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm

● **09 Dec (Sun)**

**SANDAKAN CHRISTMAS
CELEBRATION**

Venue: Sandakan Town Padang

Time: 6:30 pm

● **10—13 Dec (Mon—Thur)**

CHI / ENG CAROLLING NITES

● **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

● **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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JESUS' PROMISES IN TIMES OF ADVERSITY

Bible Text : Luke 21:25-36

Introduction:

- ★ Verses 25-28 = Stand up and lift up your heads, your redemption is near.
- ★ Verses 29-33 = Jesus' words will never pass away.
- ★ Verses 32-36 = Be always on the watch and pray.

Conclusion

Questions For Discussions:

1. Read Luke 21:25-36 two times looking out especially for description of natural happenings towards God's creation.
2. Verse 28 – Jesus tells us to “stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” As a cell group, how can we help one another to remain firm in our faith.
3. Verse 33 – When Jesus said this, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” What must we do towards God's Word?
4. Share your Bible reading plan.
5. Share with your group members, if you need prayers over any of your problems.

FAMILY MATTERS

● 29 Dec (Sat)

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION

ALL ARE WELCOME !!

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

- **House Blessings** — homes of the following members were blessed on:

- ★ 25 Nov 2018 — Lim Shui Ying's at Tmn Permata Apartment, Blk 1, 1F-8, Lot 18.
- ★ 01 Dec 2018 — Sarah Chin Yun Ting's nursery at Tmn Megah, Lrg 4, Lot 83.

- Please be advised that there will be no flowers decoration during the Advent Season, effective this Sunday until Christmas Eve.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (24/11) Sat -7:30 pm	206	169
Chi (25/11) Sun -7:00 am	202	146
Eng (25/11) Sun - 9:30 am	164	136
BM (25/11) Sun - 9:30 am	306	220
Chi (25/11) Sun - 2:30 pm	64	53
Total	942	724

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	-
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	108
Eng Children cell - COGS	46
BM Children cell	-
St Monica's Discovery Club	-
BB Junior (Boys' Brigade)	-
BB Senior (Boys' Brigade)	-

Youth Ministries

Attd

Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact)	41
Eng Youth (M.A.D.)	-
BM Youth	-

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - U S A**

Population: 340 million.

- Politics — to be at peace with the world.
- Economy — world's largest and most diverse. To resolve on-going "trade-war" with China.
- Religion — continue to uphold the rich legacy of Christian faith.

✧ **For Malaysia - Private Sectors**

- Continued strong economy to uphold strong private sectors.
- For government to support the strong palm oil industry of the country.
- For government to resolve the shortage of manpower in the private sectors.

✧ **For Our Diocese — Church of The Good Samaritan, Penampang, KK.**

- For Revd Chin Pit Yun, Ps Rojie Songkia & Ps Grace Thien.
- For their children's & youth ministry.
- For their preparations for the Christmas season.

✧ **For Our Parish — COGS Sibuga & Mawar Zones.**

- Revd Chong Fen Chung.
- All their care groups & their leaders.
- For the Mawar children's ministry & sister Chin Yun Len.

✧ **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 and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

✧ **For personal requests.**

Order of Service	This Sunday (02/12/18)	Next Sunday (09/12/18)	WEEKLY SERVICES
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Safely through another week (HOP 57)	Come! We that love the Lord (HOP 9)	<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Greetings</i>	Stephanie Chin	Ho Sui Ting	<i>Sunday</i> 7:00 a.m. Chinese
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming	9:30 a.m. English
<i>Collect for Today</i>			9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia
<i>Bible Reading</i>	1 Thessalonians 3: 9—13 Jimmy Kho	Philippians 1: 3—11 Flora Hiew	2:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Nicene Creed</i>			CHAPEL PRAYERS
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Luke 21: 25—36 Stephanie Chin	Luke 3: 1—6 Ho Sui Ting	Wed - 7:00 a.m.
<i>Message</i>	Rev'd K J Chin	Rev'd Timothy Jerry	Thur - 6:30 a.m.
<i>Response Hymn</i>			Sat - 4:30 a.m.
<i>Intercession</i>	Denny Chong	Evelyn Poon	CONTACTS:
<i>Confession</i>			Ad Yong Thiam Choy 013-851-2389
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Something for Thee (HOP 383)	O to be like Thee (HOP 251)	Rev'd K J Chin 089-667698
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>			Rev'd F C Chong 019-813-3152
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Follow On (HOP 402)	Now I belong to Jesus (HOP 377)	Rev'd Timothy Jerry 016-692-9031
Serving One Another :			Ps Yock Len 019-807-0781
Cell Group Leader	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)	YOUNG ADULTS & M.A.D. YOUTH	Ps Hyen Tze 013-883-7782
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Francis Ng Annie Chok, Ivy Khong	Elton Liew, Audrey Ho Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	Dr T M Thian 089-213418
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Lena Wong	Danny Tang, Sophia Soh Andrew Chin, Angel Woo	Yong Fook Choi 016-822-0995
Server	Terry Chan	Lam Kai Kwong	Steven Chung 017-817-7871
Prayer Ministry	Lue Fui Hua Betty Kwan	Edwin Lam, Reg Sin Eveleen K W Wong	Patrus Tamuai 011-298-3381
Offertory Count	Yee Chee Hong (C) Mr & Mrs Christopher Kwan Francis Voo Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew	Rona Yuen (C) Yuen Kat Min, Mark Mak Lena Wong, Emily Ng	
Washing up	Lue Fui Hua Maxwell Ng	Elton Liew, Audrey Ho Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	

