

WEEK 16

EASTER 4

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Malaysian Election Commission in Kuala Lumpur on 10 April 2018 announced that the general election in Malaysia is to be held on 9 May 2018 (Wednesday). The general election is very important for all citizens, Christians included. The government is one of the institutions ordained by God for a very definite purpose to do good, to maintain law and order, as well as ensure what is right for the well-being of the nation. Churches should pray about the elections and exercise our right to vote responsibly. We have considered two aspects last week:

A. What does the bible say about our primary concerns?

B. Political Parties: Their Policies And Delivery of Promises

The third aspect to be considered is the CANDIDATES. Examine carefully the ability of candidates, their standard of accountability, integrity, values and leadership skills. Pay attention to their past performance and for their stand on issues related to constitutional rights, civil liberties and the freedom of religion. Have they been consistently accessible and available?

MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRAY for candidates in your constituency, the issues herein highlighted and the outcome of the General Elections. Set aside time to pray daily. Participate in local church prayer programmes.

MAY GOD'S SPIRIT GUIDE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US to make wise decisions in casting our votes. May the results of the elections be fair and representative of the will of the people of Malaysia, trusting that God's purpose will always prevail above the affairs of human beings.

Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.

- **22 April (Today)**

English Confirmation class begins. Leader: Stephanie Chin

Venue: chapel, 11:30am.

- **22 April (Tonight)**

Men's Fellowship gathering.
Venue: church portico. 6:30 pm.

- **23 April (Mon)**

Keenagers' Fellowship gathering. Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:45 am.

- **25—28 April (Wed - Sat)**

Ellel Healing Retreat (Chi & Eng).

Person in charge: Ps Hyen Tze.

Fees : Free of charge

Speaker: Ps Thomas Thien

Venue: St Michael & All Angels' Church

- **27 April (Fri)**

Blood check at our care centre at Mile 3 1/2 is now rescheduled to Friday. Time: 8:00 am—9:00 am

- **27 April (Fri) - The Alpha** continues. Last Friday's attendance: 226

Session 7 - Topic: "How does God guide us ? "

Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm

- **29 April (Sun)**
Mawar sisters care group gathering.

Topic: A natural and effective way to overcome "depression & emotional problems".

Venue: Mawar care centre, 7:00 pm

- **30 April (Mon)**
Sandakan Anglican Churches combined Prayer Meeting.

We encourage you to participate

Venue: St Michael & All Angels' Church, 7:30 pm.

- **15 May (Tue) - Anglican Training Institute (ATI) 6th Graduation Service.**

Please note the change of date.

Church members are cordially invited to the above event.

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

- **27 May (Sun)**

Blood Donation

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

22 April 2018

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE (Acts 4:1-21)

1. Expect Persecution (Acts 4:1-3)

Acts 4:1 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ²being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached about Jesus' resurrection from the dead. ³And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

2. Proclaim Jesus Christ (Acts 4:8-12)

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ "If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' ¹² "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

3. Reject Compromise (Acts 4: 18-20)

¹⁸ And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

Questions for Discussion . . .

1. In what ways do Christians tend to compromise in their faith? (money, material wealth ...)
2. Peter and John preached about Jesus with boldness. What would they lose if they were timid? When we preach about Jesus to others, what are the things that make us feel setback? (mocking, rejection)
3. Peter and John did so for the sake of Christ. What can we learn from their attitude. Can we hold on to our faith in the midst of opposition and rejection? Do you have any further action?

FAMILY MATTERS

● **11 - 14 June (Mon—Thurs) Diocesan Chinese / English Youth Camp (DCEYC).**

Venue: Christ Church, KK

Person in-charge: Claire @ 017-228-0271.

● **16 - 19 July (Mon—Thurs) Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat (Chi & Eng).**

Venue: The Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan.

Registration fees @ RM120/pax.

Closing Date: 02 July

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

Contact persons: Ps Soo Nyuk Fong / Mrs K J Chin.

- **Flowers** - contributed by a brother as his birthday thanksgiving.
- **House / shop blessings—**
 - ★ 16/04/18 - home of Ms Tan Yin Fun at Tmn Sejati Ujana.
 - ★ 18/04/18 - Mr Frankie Poon's office at Tmn Grandview.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (07/04) Sat -7:30 pm	262	212
Chi (08/04) Sun -7:00 am	228	192
Eng (08/04) Sun - 9:30 am	165	132
BM (08/04) Sun - 9:30 am	275	244
Chi (08/04) Sun - 2:30 pm	81	57
Mawar Children	40	
Labuk Children (Ch)	85	
Labuk Children (En)	55	
BM Children	92	
Total	1283	837

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - PAKISTAN —** Population—200 million.

- Crippling economic factor and widespread corruption are major problems.
- Poverty and unemployment create dis-satisfaction and resentment against the government.
- Monsoon floods devastate villages and homes in outlying villages.

✧ **For Malaysia - Health care.**

- Hospitals in all towns to be well equipped with the best facilities.
- Doctors and nurses to be dedicated and committed to their profession.
- For better health clinics in the outlying and remote kampongs.

✧ **For Our Diocese - Gereja Anglikan Sidang Hidup, Sipitang.**

- Revd Alexander Jabong and Ev Roland Marcus.
- All members to be dedicated and committed.
- Regular visitation to out-lying villages.

✧ **For Our Parish - COGS Youth Ministry.**

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze and all helpers.
- Youth Alpha to reach out to non-believers.
- For all youth to attend church worship services.

✧ **For the sick: Mr Frankie Mok, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Tony Wong, Mrs Irene Leong, Mr Francis Lam, 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.**

Order of Service	This Sunday	Next Sunday (29/04/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	In Christ, there is no east or west (HfTC 322)	Fairest Lord Jesus (HfTC 209)
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr T M Thian	Jus Ng
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Ang Pian Ming	Eveleen Wong
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Acts 4: 5 - 12 Thien Lee Yee	Acts 8: 26 - 40 Albert Yeo
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 10: 11 - 18 Revd Timothy Jerry	John 15: 1 - 8 Jus Ng
<i>Message</i>	" For Christ's Sake " Revd Timothy Jerry	Ps Margaret Chong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Shane Ho	Ho Sui Ting
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	What a friend we have in Jesus (HOP 279)	Turn your eyes upon Jesus (HOP 147)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Trusting Jesus (HOP 230)	Bringing in the Sheaves (HOP 317)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)	LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Min	Lai Chung Seng, Albert Yeo Priscilla Chow, Margaret Ho
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Liew Vun Men, Ho En Han	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mr & Mrs Benjamin Chow
Server	Charles Chong	Eddie Wong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon, Low Mooi	Monica Ho, Annie Liu
Offertory Count	Rosie Chia (C) Yee Chee Hong Betty Kwan Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Alvin Wong	Lily Mok (C) Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Ming Emily Ng, Lena Wong Mark Mak
Washing up	Maggie Yap, Lily Ho	Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang

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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