

WEEK 46

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

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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:

Lord, we pray, absolve your people from their offences; that through your bountiful goodness we may be set free from the chains of those sins which in our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

We give thanks to God for the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with the community in Sandakan on 9 December 2018 at Padang Bandaran Sandakan. The celebration is jointly organized by Sandakan Interchurch (SIC), Kementerian Kesihatan dan Kesejahteraan Rakyat (KKKR) and Sandakan Municipal Council. The churches are invited to bring the message of Christmas through various presentations. I want to encourage you to join the body of Christ and community in Sandakan to celebrate the greatest gift that God has given to the world through His Son Jesus Christ. Our presence will be a testimony to the community in Sandakan. Let us join our hearts together to say the following prayer:

Our Gracious Father, we give thanks to you for the freedom to be able to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ with our friends, relatives and the community in Sandakan at Padang Bandaran Sandakan on 9 December.

Lord, we uphold to You, all the committee members and churches who are busy preparing for the celebration, each one with different tasks and responsibility. Lord grant them your strength, wisdom and team work to coordinate and communicate with one another to do the best for our Lord Jesus Christ. Help our performers O Lord, to act on the sketch by using their God's given gift and talents to bring out the true meaning of Christmas.

Lord, thank you for giving us the opportunity to invite our friends and relatives to come to the celebration. Open their spiritual eyes and ears, O Lord and give them the faith to believe and the will to respond to the message like the seed that falls on the good soil, retain it, and by persevering produce a good fruit.

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Rom. 10:9).

Help them to see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Corinthians 4:4)

Lord, protect those who are coming to the celebration. Lord, give us fine weather so that all Your children with their invited friends, relatives and guests will be able to celebrate the Christmas together and may the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ be lifted high through our celebration. Amen

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.

- **CHURCH & BARRETT HALL
GOTONG-ROYONG**
It was successfully carried out yesterday. A big 'thank you' to all.
 - **18—24 Nov (Sun—Sat)
COGS RESOURCE CENTRE**
will be closed.
 - **19—24 Nov (Mon— Sun)
DIOCESAN CHINESE MISSION
CONFERENCE / SHORT-TERM
MISSION.**
Please uphold the following members: Jus Chang, Ellen Cham, Chu Mui Lin, Thien Oi Mee, Hiew Ah Kyau and Chu Yit Phin who will be going to Sinkawang, West Kalimantan, Indonesia.
 - **20 Nov (Tue)
COGS KG GRADUATION DAY**
Venue: Barrett Hall @ 8:30 am—12:00 nn
 - **THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT**
 - ★ **23 Nov (Fri)**
7:30 pm—9:30 pm
 - ★ **24 Nov (Sat)**
8:30 am—5:30 pm
- Venue: St Michael's Church.

- **25 Nov (Sun)
OM (Operation Mobilization)
MINISTRY / WORKSHOP**
It's an introduction to the ship's operation & ministry. All are welcome.
Time: 12:30 pm—3:30 pm
Venue: Covenant Sanctuary, Mile 9.
- **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)**
Please pray earnestly for this ministry.
- **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.
- **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.
- **03 - 06 Dec (Mon—Thurs)
BM Carolling Nights starting @
6:00 pm nightly.**

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SMYRNA, THE CROWNED CHURCH

(Rev. 2:8-11; Mark 13:1-8)

1. The Character of Christ

Rev 2:8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

2. The Abundance in Suffering

Rev 2: 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty -- yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

3. The Call to Courage

Rev 2: 10a Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days.

4. The Challenge to Faithfulness

Rev 2: 10b Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Questions for Discussion.

1. Read Rev. 2:1-8 and Mark 13: 1-13. "The end of the age is near". How does the readings reveal to us the signs of the end time? Discuss.
2. Among the seven churches in the Book of Revelation, the church at Smyrna is the only church that Jesus has nothing against to. Why? What has suffering done to this church? How does suffering help to mature us?
3. How do we prepare ourselves to face persecution? Are we ready to suffer for Christ? End the meeting by praying for Christians around the world who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus.

- Ad T C Yong

FAMILY MATTERS

- **08 Dec (Sat)**
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm
All tickets were sold out.
- **09 Dec (Sun)**
SANDAKAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Venue: Sandakan Town Padang, @ 6:30 pm
- **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 sister as her family thanksgiving.
- Our deepest sympathy & condolence to Mr & Mrs Jimmy & Elizabeth Kho over the recent bereavement of his / her father-in-law / father, Datuk Colin Chan Ken Pin JP on 03/11/18, in Tawau.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (10/11) Sat -7:30 pm	209	169
Chi (11/11) Sun -7:00 am	226	199
Eng (11/11) Sun - 9:30 am	145	125
BM (11/11) Sun - 9:30 am	197	177
Chi (11/11) Sun - 2:30 pm	68	54
Total	845	724

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	140
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	114
Eng Children cell - COGS	45
BM Children cell	74
St Monica's Discovery Club	—
BB Junior (Boys' Brigade)	70
BB Senior (Boys' Brigade)	

Youth Ministries

Attd

Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact)	43
Eng Youth (M.A.D.)	-
BM Youth	-

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - UGANDA — central Africa.** Population: 45 million.
 - Economy—fertile agricultural land requires good management.
 - Politics—for peace among intertribal groups.
 - Health—Aids is a big problem among the population.
- **For Malaysia - Jabatan Air.**
 - For good management of all water works department.
 - For supply of treated water to smaller towns; and to the remote poor villages.
- ✧ **For Our Diocese — LOGOS Anglican Church, Putatan.**
 - Revd Aaron Chang and the church's leaders.
 - For road safety as he has to visit Papar and the kampongs.
 - For the church's various ministries.
- ✧ **For Our Parish — COGS Airport Zone.**
 - Zone Leader: Mr Yong Fook Choi and all care group leaders.
 - For meaningful mid-week care group meetings.
 - 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.
- ✧ **For personal requests.**

Order of Service	This Sunday (18/11/18)	Next Sunday (25/11/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Rejoice, the Lord is King ! (HfTC 180)	Jesus, Thou joy of Loving Hearts (HfTC 413)
<i>Greetings</i>	Steven Chung	Elizabeth Kho
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Ang Pian Ming	Eveleen K W Wong
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Hebrews 10: 11-25 Thien Lee Yee	Revelation 1: 4—8 Choo Peng Yeang
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Mark 13: 1-8 Steven Chung	John 18: 33—37 Elizabeth Kho
<i>Message</i>	Ad T C Yong	Ps Margaret Chong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Shane Ho	Steven Chung
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Saviour, like a Shepherd lead us (HOP 290)	I gave my life for thee (HOP 397)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Jesus Loves Even Me (HOP 390)	There is sunshine in my soul (HOP 345)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 3 (Mr Ho Sui Loon)	LOGOS 4 (Mr Choo Peng Yeang)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Tommy Lim	Mr & Mrs Benjamin Chow Dennis T H Chong Priscilla Chow
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Ngu Ngok Yoon Ho En Han	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Chung Tze Ken Margaret Ho
Server	Charles Chong	Eddie Wong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon, Denny Chong	Ho Sui Loon, Gina Chung
Offertory Count	Alice Chang (C) Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Michael Chin Loh Leong Len	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li fah Wong Siu Fong, Margaret Ho Hee Pui Lee
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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