

**WEEK 21**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**27 MAY 2018**



## **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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**Welcome to a gathering of God's people.**

### **COLLECT FOR TODAY:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and by your divine power to worship you as one: we humbly pray that you would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**1 Peter 1:2** *God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.*

Today, we observe Trinity Sunday as a way to remember and honor the Holy Trinity — our triune God consisting of three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Three, and yet *one* God. The word *Trinity* is not found in the Bible. But the New Testament reveals a triune God (Matthew 3:16-17, Matthew 28:19; John 14:16; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 1 Corinthians 12:3-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 3:14; Hebrews 10:29; 1 Peter 1:2).

Although the apostle Peter didn't use the word Trinity, he certainly wrote about our three-in-one God. In 1 Peter 1:2, Peter described what each Person of the Trinity did to save us (1 Peter 1:2):

***God the Father knew you and chose you long ago.*** You belong to God, not by chance or human merit, but by God's sovereign and unconditional choice. God set His love upon you and purposefully chose you to be His child long before you were born and the world was created (Psalm 139:13-16; Ephesians 1:4-5).

***His Spirit has made you holy.*** Peter says that the Holy Spirit is molding, shaping, and maturing you (2 Thessalonians 2:13). He's making you holy and transforming you more and more into Jesus' image (Romans 8:29).

***You have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.*** Peter affirmed the basis of our salvation. Our becoming God's children and our growth in holiness is possible because of what Jesus did on the cross, for in the shedding of His blood He made it possible for God to forgive our sin (Hebrews 9:22).

As we observe Trinity Sunday, let us be thankful that Triune God intimately involved with us: We have been chosen, consecrated, and cleansed!

## 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.

**The ALPHA** has completed. Please continue to support the newly joined members in prayers.

*Attendance on 25 May = 209*

- **27 May (Today)**  
**Baptism** - we welcome to the family of God: 1. Samson Choo Yu Cheng and 2. Feng Ling Dee.
- **27 May (Today)**  
**Blood Donation**  
Venue: Grace Hall, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **28 May (Mon)**  
**Keenagers' Fellowship**  
Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:45 am
- **29—31 May (Tue - Thurs)**  
COGS Church office will be closed. We wish our kadazan staff & friends "Kotobian Tadau Kaamatan."
- **02 June (Sat)**  
**The Sisters' Fellowship** monthly gathering.  
The talk will be on "Understanding medicines".  
Venue: Grace Hall, 2:00 pm.

- **8 June (Fri)**  
**PCC Meeting.**  
Venue: Meeting room, 7:30 pm.
- **11 - 14 June (Mon—Thurs)**  
**Diocesan Chinese / English Youth Camp (DCEYC).**  
**Closing date: today.**  
Venue: Christ Church, KK  
Person in-charge: Claire @ 017-228-0271.
- **12 - 15 June (Tue - Fri)**  
**Diocesan BM Youth Camp.**  
Venue: Valley of Blessings, Telupid.  
Person in-charge: Maylianah @ 011-1057-7285
- **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
- **28 - 31 Aug**  
**Diocesan SYNOD Meeting.**



## NICODEMUS – Seeker of God (John 3:1-17)

### Seeking God's Presence

**John 3:1-2** Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

He came to Jesus at night because he suspected this young teacher might be the Messiah promised to Israel by God.

### Seeking God's Answer

**John 3:3-10** <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"

### Seeking God's Salvation

**John 3:11-15** <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except him who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."

### Questions for Discussion

Read John 3:1-17. Who was Nicodemus? Why did he come to see Jesus?

1. How do you understand the phrase "born again"? Are you a born again Christian?  
Read John 3: 5,14-16 to be assured of your salvation in Christ.
2. How does Jesus transform your life? Share your experience.
3. Do you know how to bring a person to receive Jesus Christ? Share the lesson you learn in the Personal Evangelism Training with you group and discuss your plan for evangelism this year as a group.

## FAMILY MATTERS

### • **ATI - E**

Extension Programme will begin & to be held at Sandakan very soon.

Any one interested to pursue theological study, please fill in a registration form which is available from our church office.

**Requirements:** SPM certificate or above; passport-sized photos; RM100 non-refundable fees.

- **Flowers** - contributed by a family as their thanksgiving.
- **Sekolah Rendah Visi Sandakan** has 2 vacancies for security guards. Contact person — Desmond Chong @ 012-650-6962.

### Services/Attendance/Communicants

|                           |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Chi (19/05) Sat -7:30 pm  | 253 | 200 |
| Chi (20/05) Sun -7:00 am  | 183 | 165 |
| Eng (20/05) Sun - 9:30 am | 177 | 152 |
| BM (20/05) Sun - 9:30 am  | 238 | 205 |
| Chi (20/05) Sun - 2:30 pm | 93  | 72  |
| <b>Total</b>              | 944 | 794 |

### Children's Ministries

### Attd

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Tadika COGS (KG)                 | 140 |
| Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS | 127 |
| Eng Children cell - COGS         | 50  |
| BM Children cell                 | 88  |
| St Monica's Discovery Club       | 106 |
| BB (Boys' Brigade)               | 294 |

### Youth Ministries

### Attd

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Ch Youth (Impact & Inspired) | 54 |
| Eng Youth (M.A.D.)           | 14 |
| BM Youth                     | 30 |
| BB (Boys' Brigade)           | 24 |

## Lord, teach us how to pray ...

### ✧ **For Our World -**

**PHILIPPINES** - Population — 100 million.

- Security — a nation consisting 7,250 islands of which 700 are inhabited.
- Drug war— for control of drug which is the president priority project.
- Administration—control of rampant corruption in both private and public sector.

### ✧ **For Malaysia - Trade.**

- For efficient trade between all neighbouring nations.
- For all port authority to be efficient in dealing with incoming and outgoing ports.
- For crude oil and palm oil to find good market.

### ✧ **For Our Diocese— Good Tidings' Church, Semarak.**

- Revd Timothy Sng and family.
- All their fellowship and house group leaders.
- Their children and youth ministry.

### ✧ **For Our Parish— COGS Keenagers' ministry.**

- Mrs Chin Kah Jin and her team of leaders and helpers.
- All who drive and provide transport to ferry the senior citizens.
- For good and meaningful fellowship on alternate Mondays.

✧ For the sick: **Mdm Chia Khyun Thai, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Mr Frankie Mok, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Tony Wong, Mrs Irene Leong, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, 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.**

| <b>Order of Service</b>     | <b>This Sunday</b>                                    | <b>Next Sunday<br/>(03/06/18)</b>       |
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| <i>Introit Hymn</i>         | <b>Holy, Holy, Holy<br/>(HfTC 7)</b>                  | <b>Blessed be the name<br/>(HOP 33)</b> |
| <i>Greetings</i>            | Stephanie Chin  | Steven Chung                            |
| <i>Praise &amp; Worship</i> | Ang Pian Ming   | Claudia Lopez                           |
| <i>Collect for Today</i>    |   |   |
| <i>Bible Reading</i>        | <b>Isaiah 6: 1— 8</b><br>Emily Ng                     | <b>2 Cor 4: 5—12</b><br>Loh Leong Len   |
| <i>Nicene Creed</i>         |   |   |
| <i>Gospel Reading</i>       | <b>John 3: 1— 17</b><br>Stephanie Chin                | <b>Mk 2: 23 - 3: 6</b><br>Steven Chung  |
| <i>Message</i>              | <b>Nicodemus</b> - seeker of<br>God<br>Rev'd K J Chin | Ad T C Yong                             |
| <i>Response Hymn</i>        |   |   |
| <i>Intercession</i>         | <b>Margaret Chu</b>                                   | <b>Betty Kwan</b>                       |
| <i>Confession</i>           |   |   |
| <i>Offertory Hymn</i>       | <b>Nothing, but the blood ...<br/>(HOP 176)</b>       | <b>O to be like Thee<br/>(HOP 251)</b>  |

*Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal*

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| <i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i> | <b>We've a story to tell<br/>(HOP 337)</b> | <b>Higher Ground<br/>(HOP 252)</b> |
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**Serving One Another :**

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| Cell Group Leader                 | <b>LOGOS 2<br/>(Dr Robert Ong)</b>  | <b>LOGOS 3<br/>(Ho Sui Loon)</b>   |
| Welcome Team /<br>Visitors Centre | <b>Mr &amp; Mrs David Ngui<br/>Dr Robert &amp; Melissa Ong</b>                                | <b>Vun Fon Foh, Kenneth Fong<br/>Ho En Han, Lily Ho</b>  |
| Sidesmen                          | <b>Dr Robert &amp; Melissa Ong,<br/>Stephen Ho, Emily Ng<br/>Emily Ng</b>                     | <b>Liew Vun Men, Francis Voo<br/>Ngu Ngok Yoon<br/>Terence Fung</b>                                      |
| Server                            | <b>Charles Chong</b>  | <b>Eddie Wong</b>  |
| Prayer Ministry                   | <b>Mary Ngui, Margaret Chu</b>  | <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Ho Sui Ting</b>  |
| Offertory Count                   | <b>Ngu Ngok Yoon ( C )<br/>Mr &amp; Mrs Yuen Kat Min<br/>Emily Ng, Lena Wong<br/>Mark Mak</b> | <b>Alice Y M Chang ( C )<br/>Mr &amp; Mrs Loh Leong Len<br/>Ho Sui Loon, Francis Voo<br/>Hee Pui Lee</b> |
| Washing up                        | <b>Jonathan Ong &amp; Amanda</b>  | <b>Lily Ho, Ho En Han</b>  |

#### 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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