

SERMON OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's Word for the _____

Text: **Haggai 2.10-19; John 8.2-11**

From **Haggai 1.1-2.9**, we already noted the Israelites were DISTRACTED & DISCOURAGED with God's plan after their return from exiles. Now, they were _____ (see **v 14b**: "Whatever they do and whatever they offer there is _____." God rebuked with the purpose to draw them back so to be blessed! Who wants to be blessed by God? God said it very clearly in **Haggai 2.19b**: "**From this day on _____ you.**" _____ always come with _____. How can the defiled be blessed again? Let us see God's way of true blessedness is through **Haggai 2.10-19** in the following 3 matters below:-

1. God's Word: To review _____ (**Haggai 2.10-14**)
2. God's Word: To preview _____ (**Haggai 2.15-17**)
3. God's Word: To renew _____! (**Haggai 2.18-19**)



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 28 April 2019



Message from our Senior Priest



God is always an amazing God! He is truly in control of all things. Personally, I am not a person who likes disruption or change of plan. For example, we are supposed to finish the Book of Haggai by this weekend but see what happened? In view of the Resurrection Day, we move the last 2 sermons from the Book of Haggai forward.

Guess what? God in His divine wisdom knows better what should be done instead of following man's plans. The Bible truth for this is found in **Proverbs 16.9** "In their hearts humans plan their course, but **the LORD establishes their steps.**" I believe that many of us may have this similar experience in our lives' different situations too.

Today's sermon at COGS is an example that is truly under the Lord's determination & not what I planned. This was planned sometime in early March 2019 but God knows better. Because what we are going to look at in **Haggai 2:10-19**, yet it is so relevant to reflect upon Christ's powerful resurrection last weekend. If I continue with what I planned, then very likely we will not be able to enjoy what God has in store for COGS today! Why? We will miss God's very best for us!

I am amazed all the times how God works. If God can speak through a mule when His prophet is heart hardened (**Numbers 22.20-31**), what more for God's people! God spoke to me when the Staff team referred me about last week's Bible reading texts. Thank God indeed that He wanted me to take note and change accordingly. If I failed to pay attention or take note, surely we will miss one of God's best for us. God's ways are always greater, better and higher than our ways and ideas.

How then can we continuously be keeping in step with the Holy Spirit's leading (see **Galatians 5.25** "Since we live by the Spirit, let us **keep in step with the Spirit.**")? The key is not what we do but how we maintain a strong relationship with the Lord! God amazes me that He was speaking through His servants who are also reminding God's people today! God's main purpose of creating humankind is purely for the sake of being connected with us always. This is reminded through the returned remnants of Israel during Haggai's time. God wants His people to be blessed through a right relationship & not a right religion!

I am appealing to all members of COGS this weekend to really consider your personal relationship with God. What must be done to have a right relationship with God today? First, you need to have Jesus inside your heart. Second, you can talk to Jesus every moment of your life. Third, let God talk to us through His word, the Bible. These are the basic steps to have a strong relationship with God. When we continue to build this relationship with God, He said, "**From this day on I will bless you.**" (see **Haggai 2.19b**).

- Canon James Lee

COGS Vision

To Be like Jesus (Rom 8.29) so to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat 28.18-20) by obeying the Great Commandment

(Mat 22.37-39) with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8) in Sandakan & beyond.

Worship Services

Saturday:

7:30 pm (Chi), Church

Sunday:

7:00am (Chi), Church

9:30am (Eng), Church

9:30am (BM), Barrett Hall

2:30pm (Chi), Church

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- Ps. Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Wong Hyen Tze

Collect for Today (EASTER 1)

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification, grant that we may put away the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, and always serve you in sincerity and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BAPTISM SERVICE

Candidates : Mdm Ku
Mu Jin &
Mana Wong Yung
Date: 28 April (today)



YOUTH ALPHA

Date: 04 May (Sat)
Time: 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Venue: COGS Grace



SIBUGA & MAWAR SISTERS CARE GROUP GATHERING

Speaker: Dr Thian
Date: 28 April (Tonight)
Time: 7:00 pm



Venue: Mawar Care Centre

WEEKLY BRIEFING

For all Chi & Eng Cell Group
Leaders / Interns

Date: 29 April (Mon)
Time: 7:45 pm

Instructor (Chi)	Mrs Emily Lee	Grace Hall
Instructor (Eng)	Canon James Lee	Meeting Room

COGS - 264th PCC MEETING

Date: 01 May 2019
Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Meeting Room
(Lev 2)



SISTERS FELLOWSHIP MONTHLY GATHERING

Date: 04 May (Sat), 2:00 pm
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall



ANGLICAN TRAINING INSTITUTE (ATI) 7TH GRADUATION SERVICE

Date: 14 - 15 May, 2019
Time: 7:30 pm
Venue: All Saints' Cathedral, KK



TADIKA GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN'S CAMP

Date: 16 & 17 May, 2019
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall



MINISTRY REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

Canon James Lee will attend
the above meeting.

Date: 20—21 May, 2019
Venue: Wisma Anglican, KK



CATALYST DIOCESAN CHI & ENG YOUTH CONFERENCE

Date: 27 - 30 May 2019
Venue: St Patrick's Church, Tawau
Fees : RM180 currently
RM250 (after 28 April)
Closing Date: 04 May 2019

WORKING ADULTS WORSHIP NIGHT

Date: 06 June, 2019
Time: 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Venue: Church



BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

Date: 23 June, 2019
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall (Lev 2)



COMBINED CELEBRATIONS OF HARVEST & GAWAI

Date: 30 June, Sunday
Time: 8.30 am - 11.30 am
Venue: Church



CONFIRMATION

Please hand in your
registration form by
today: 28 April, 2019



Pray for the sick:

Ps Margaret Chong, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Sr Low Maoi Gaik, Francis Lam, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Tay Phui Teen, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Chia Soon Yin, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min, Chong Hyun Vui.

Intercession:

Pray for our world - BARBADOS in the Caribbean. Population: 260,000

- ◆ Economy—thank God for being one of the most successful and prosperous Island state in the Caribbean.
- ◆ For the church—as 95% of the Population are Christians.



Pray for Malaysia - TRADE

- ◆ For trade in palm oil world-wide to prosper.
- ◆ For more and better trading partners in Asia.

Pray for our Diocese - GEREJA ANGLIKAN SIDANG HIDUP, SIPITANG

- ◆ Revd Alexander Jabong and Ev Roland Marcus.
- ◆ For all mid-week ministries.
- ◆ For regular visits to kampongs.

Pray for our Parish - COGS YOUTH MINISTRY

- ◆ Ps Wong Hyen Tze and her team of helpers / workers.
- ◆ For all Youth ministries including Youth Alpha.
- ◆ For all youth to know / accept Jesus as Saviour.
- ◆ For all the helpers in the Youth ministry.
- ◆ The spiritual growth of the youth.

20 & 21 April Attendance / Communicants		Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 7.30pm	280 / 176	Children (BM)	115	Dis- covery Club	-
Hakka 7.00am	421 / 361	Children (Mawar)	37	BB	176
English 9.30am		Children (Labuk - Chi)	119		
BM 9.30am	296 / 265	Children (Labuk - Eng)	-	TO- TAL	176
Hakka 2.30pm	-	BM Youth	-	Cell Group Attendance	
TOTAL	997 / 802	COGS Inspired Youth	51	Chi	-
Maundy	490 / 370	Impact Youth	-	Eng	-
Good Fri	313	Tadika COGS	133	BM	-
		TOTAL	455	TO- TAL	-