

Theme : Is Christ Really \_\_\_\_\_?  
Text : James 5.7-12; Matthew 11.2-11

What could be the possible outcome when one's aspiration and hope is not fulfilled? Disappointed? Doubted? Doubt is defined as a feeling of uncertainty about the truth of a particular matter. Doubt may seem to be the opposite of faith. In fact it is not. Because doubt can help by urging one to yearn and search deeper for the truth and integrity of belief. The question asked by John the Baptist (**Matthew 11.2-3**) actually enhances Christ's true identity who is really the \_\_\_\_\_!

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Kingdom (Matthew 11.2-3)

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Kingdom (Matthew 11.4-6)

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THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

*The Church of The Good Shepherd*

Weekend Worship Service: 15 DEC 2019



### Message from Our Senior Priest



Thank you very much for all our Caroling teams from the BM, Chinese & English zones who went out to do Caroling this year from 2-11 December 2019! All have put in so much efforts, time & energy to prepare and go out visiting so many homes where many are truly blessed by the good Lord through all who went out!

Thank God for giving us strength and good health during the Caroling as well as the joy of various celebrations such as the Children's Christmas Celebration!

What is most exciting is not the event itself, but the purpose of the event! Remember always the reason for the season. Being busy with many events might detour us from the actual meaning for planning & organizing the event. Let nothing distract us from God's original meaning and goal for all that we have done and are doing.

Paul's principle to keep moving on with Christ's mission is found in **1 Corinthians 15.58**, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." There are 2 important points to take note: (1) **Stand firm** & (2) **Serve faithfully**.

The charge to stand firm is repeatedly mentioned in the NT. It calls for steadfastness without being shaken or taken back by whatsoever circumstances. Situations at times can be very disturbing, distracting as well as discouraging. This is the reality that God's people have to deal with all the times. In order to stand firm, we need God's truth, the Bible with Christ as our foundation! Remember to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us (**John 15.4-5**).

Then Paul strongly urges the people of God to serve faithfully by engaging in the work of the Lord. Many common thinking is we are doing the work for the Lord. But the Lord wants us to work with Him and in Him! The Lord is King, who commands us as His servants so to do what He wants us to do in His ways! As people of God's Kingdom, surely all that we do will be remembered by the good Lord Himself (**Hebrews 6.10**: "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people and continue to help them.") Let us joyfully, firmly & faithfully serve the Lord & glorify His name!

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### 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** (Hakka 1), Church

**Sunday:**

**7:00am** (Hakka 2), Church

**9:30am** (Eng), Church

**9:30am** (BM), Barrett Hall

**2:30pm** (Mandarin), Church

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### Our Team

#### BISHOP

The Rt Revd Melter Jiki Tais

#### PRIEST IN-CHARGE

Canon James T V Lee

#### PASTORAL ZONE

Revd Timothy Jerry

Revd Chin Kah Jin

Revd F C Chong

Revd Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Ps Chin Yock Len

#### ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee

Eng Adult - Canon James Lee

BM Adults - Revd Timothy Jerry

#### MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze

### Collect for Today (Advent 3)

Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the way of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### COUNSELLORS (ENG/CHI) TRAINING & BRIEFING FOR 24 DEC

Date: 16 Dec 2019 (Monday)  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Venue: Barrett Hall  
Person in-charge: Rev Timothy Jerry



### YOUTH CAMP (CHI/ENG)

Date: 19 - 20 Dec 2019  
Venue: Wisma COGS  
Fees @ RM40/pax



Pastor In-charge : Ps Wong Hyen Tze  
Catering for youth between ages 12 & 13.  
Topic: "Character Development"

### ENG/CHI YOUTH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Date: 21 Dec 2019  
Venue: Grace Hall  
Time: 7:30 pm



### BAPTISM (CHI/ ENG)

Dates: 21 & 22 December 2019  
21 Dec, Sat - 7:30 pm (Chi)  
22 Dec, Sun - 9:30 am (Eng)



Let's support them in our prayers!

### CHRISTMAS EVE (ENG/CHI/BM)

Date: 24 Dec 2019 (Tuesday)  
Time: 8:00 pm  
Venue: Vision School Hall, Sibuga

- ◆ Please invite new friends by buying an invitation card @ RM10.00/pax
- ◆ Invitation cards are for sale after the weekly church services.
- ◆ Invitation card is exchangeable for food from the food trucks commencing 6:30 pm.



### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE (ENG/CHI/BM)

Date: 25 Dec 2019 (Wednesday)  
Time: 9:00 am  
Venue: Vision School Hall,  
Sibuga



on

26 & 27 Dec 2019 (Thu & Fri)

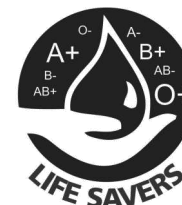
### ENG/BM COMBINED SERVICE

Date: 29 Dec 2019 (Sunday)  
Time: 9:30 am  
Venue: Church  
Note: Hakka & Mandarin  
Services remain as usual.



### BLOOD DONATION

Date: 29 Dec 2019  
Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
Venue: Barrett Hall



Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS T-SHIRTS

The seasonal T-shirts are still available for sale at COGS Resource Centre. Black & White are available.



Cost @ RM30.00 each.  
While stock lasts !!

### • Pray for the sick:

Soh Lai Pok, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min.



### Intercession:



- **Pray for our world - COOK ISLANDS.**  
Cluster of small islands north of New Zealand. Population: 20,500.  
◆ Economy: Tourism and fisherless.  
◆ Problems: Population moving to New Zealand and Australia.  
◆ Water: Fresh water shortage.
- **Pray for Malaysia - AIRFARE.**  
◆ Affordable airfare for all internal flights.  
◆ For regular flights in Sabah and Sarawak.  
◆ Reasonable airfare to all smaller towns.
- **Pray for our Diocese - CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER, KOLOMBONG.**  
◆ Ps Ivy Long Oi Mee.  
◆ For their Sunday Worship Services.  
◆ For their Christmas programmes preparation.  
◆ For their members' commitment to various ministries.
- **Pray for our Parish — EMMANUEL ZONE.**  
◆ Elizabeth Kho and the members.  
◆ For increase in their members attendance.  
◆ Spiritual growth of their members.

07 & 08/12/19 Attendance / Communicants		COGS Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 1 7.30pm	284 / 227	Children (BM)	138	Dis- covery Club	-
Hakka 2 7.00am	199 / 166	Children (Mawar)	-	B B (Jr & Snr)	-
Eng 9.30am	159 / 126	Children (Labuk- Chi)	-		
BM 9.30am	240 / 196	Children (Labuk - Eng)	-		
Mandarin 2.30pm	56 / 46	TOTAL	138	TOTAL	-
		BM Youth	-	Cell Group Attendance	
		Inspired Youth	52	Chi	-
		Impact Youth	13	Eng	-
		Tadika COGS	-	BM	-
TOTAL	938 / 761	TOTAL	65	TOTAL	-