

WEEK 17

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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:

Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Come To Me

Read: John 20:24-31

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. —John 20:29

Charlotte Elliott wrote the hymn “Just As I Am” in 1834. She had been an invalid for many years, and though she wanted to help with a fund-raiser for a girl’s school, she was too ill. She felt useless, and this inner distress caused her to begin doubting her faith in Christ. She wrote “Just As I Am” as a response to her doubt. The crux of her distress is perhaps best expressed in these words:

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come!*

Three days after His death and burial, Jesus rose from the grave and invited the disciple whom history has nicknamed “Doubting Thomas” to examine the marks of His crucifixion (John 20:27). When Thomas touched Jesus’ wounds, he finally believed in the resurrection. Christ responded, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed” (v.29). As Christians today, we are the ones who have not seen but still believe. Yet at times our earthly circumstances create serious questions in our souls. Even then, we cry out: “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24). Jesus welcomes us to come to Him just as we are.

Dear Jesus, help me to trust You when life doesn't make sense. Please take away my doubt and replace it with fresh faith in You.

The risen Christ opens the door for you to have fullness of life.

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.

- **29 April (Today)**

English Confirmation class begins. Leader: Stephanie Chin

Venue: chapel, 11:30 am.

- ★ **29 April (Tonight)**

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

- ★ **29 April (Tonight)**
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.

Let's come together to pray specifically for the forthcoming 14 GE. We encourage you to participate.

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

- **01 May (Tue) - The ALPHA HOLY SPIRIT weekend.**

Last Friday's attendance: 205

Session 8 - Topic covers 3 sessions.

Venue: Barrett Hall, 3:00 pm—8:30 pm.

- **01 - 03 May (Tue—Thur)**
Good Shepherd KG Camp

Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:00 am—12:00 noon

- **05 May (Sat)**

Sisters' Fellowship celebrates Mother's Day.

Venue: Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm.

- **09 May (Wed)**

COGS office will be closed for a day.

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

Church members are cordially invited to the above event.

Enc Albert Lintikan from the BM congregation will be graduated with "Certificate of Theology."

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

- **27 May (Sun)**

Blood Donation

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

CHRIST IS FOR NON-BELIEVERS?

- 1. God prepares His people (Acts 8:26-28)**
- 2. Obey God's Leading (Acts 8:29-34)**
- 3. Grab the Opportunity as God Leads (Acts 8:35-39)**

Questions

1. Read Acts 8:26-29, how can we know the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Share.
2. As Christians, have you ever experienced God's leading when sharing Christ to non-believers? Share your experience.
3. Nowadays, there are many obstacles when sharing Christ to non-believers. Share the obstacles you've ever experienced and share how you handle those obstacles?
4. Continue to pray to Jesus for opportunities in sharing Christ to non-believers.

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 the Sisters' Fellowship for this week-end.
- **Condolence**—to family members of the late Mdm Shim Yuk Yin, aged 86 years, who was called to eternal rest on 22/04/18.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (21/04) Sat -7:30 pm	228	183
Chi (22/04) Sun -7:00 am	225	187
Eng (22/04) Sun - 9:30 am	170	142
BM (22/04) Sun - 9:30 am	328	214
Chi (22/04) Sun - 2:30 pm	75	53
Mawar Children	34	
Labuk Children (Ch)	91	
Labuk Children (En)	54	
BM Children	-	
Total	1205	779

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - PALESTINE**
Population — 4.6 million people
 - Peace—the country is at long term conflict with Israel and peace is what all the nation most desired.
 - Jerusalem—the hot spot claimed by both Israel and Palestinians as their exclusive capital.
 - Palestinian Christians are constantly being attacked from all sides.
- ✧ **For Malaysia - Tourism.**
 - Better and improved hotel facilities to attract tourists.
 - For more flights from China to ferry more tourists to Sabah.
 - For improved facilities in our national parks on islands and Mount Kinabalu.
- ✧ **For Our Diocese - St Peter's Church, Tenom.**
 - Revd James Yap and Ev Frances Ayeb.
 - Spiritual growth of both the Chinese and BM congregations.
 - Their weekly ministries.
- ✧ **For Our Parish - 5th Skn BB Company.**
 - Captain Eddie Wong and all his fellow helpers.
 - Pray that all the BB members will eventually be soldiers of Christ Jesus.
 - Pray for the training and discipline of this uniform-group.
- ✧ For the sick: **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.**

Order of Service	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday (06/05/18)</i>
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Fairest Lord Jesus (HfTC 209)	Come to the Saviour (HOP 194)
<i>Greetings</i>	Jus Ng	Steven Chung
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Eveleen Wong	Claudia Lopez
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Acts 8: 26 - 40 Albert Yeo	Acts 10: 44 - 48 Wong Siu Fong
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 15: 1 - 8 Jus Ng	John 15: 9 - 17 Steven Chung
<i>Message</i>	Christ is for non-believer ? Ps Margaret Chong	Rev'd Lee Tet Vui
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Ho Sui Ting	Denny Chong
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Turn your eyes upon Jesus (HOP 147)	Open my eyes, that I may see (HOP 125)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Bringing in the Sheaves (HOP 317)	The solid rock (HfTC 462)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Lai Chung Seng, Albert Yeo Priscilla Chow, Margaret	Mr & Mrs Francis Ng Annie Chok, Ivy Khong
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mr & Mrs Benjamin Chow	Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Lena Wong
Server	Eddie Wong	Terry Chan
Prayer Ministry	Monica Ho, Annie Liu	Monica Ho, Lue Fui Hua
Offertory Count	Lily Mok (C) Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Ming Emily Ng, Lena Wong Mark Mak	Alice Y M Chang (C) Loh Leong Len, Ho Sui Loon Francis Voo, Hee Pui Lee
Washing up	Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang	Monica Ho, Elizabeth Kho

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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