

**WEEK 51**

**ADVENT 4**

**23 DECEMBER 2018**



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

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

### **COLLECT FOR TODAY:**

Raise up your great power, Lord, and come among us to save us, that, although through our sins we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your plentiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the sufficiency of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.

We are thankful to God for the 14 carolling teams from our church who went out to sing Christmas Carols and bring the message of the birth of Christ to 177 homes in the last two weeks. We want to thank those who were involved – the cell leaders, carollers, drivers, intercessors and guitarists. **WELL DONE!** We also want to thank those who helped and supported the Christmas decorations inside and outside the church. May the Lord remember and reward your labour in Him.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services fall on the coming Monday and Tuesday respectively. It is not too late for us to make another phone call, send another SMS text or personal visit to invite our neighbors, colleagues, friends and relatives to the Christmas gatherings this week.

We also thank God for the privilege of organizing the Bishop Christmas Open House this year. It is a joint effort of the four Anglican Churches in Sandakan. We want to thank members who offered themselves to serve the body of Christ in the Diocese. Let us take the opportunity to celebrate with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have also invited community leaders to the event. It will be held at Vision Primary School Hall on 29 December 2019 (Saturday). Food will be served from 11am - 3pm. Bishop Melter will be there to meet the people.

May you have meaningful Christmas and experience the presence of the Prince of Peace in your heart.

**Isaiah 9:6** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

## 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.

- **24 Dec (Mon)**

**CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION**

Venue: Church, @ 8:00 pm

- **25 Dec (Tue)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**

- ★ Chinese & English combined @ 8:00 am

- ★ BM @ 10:30 am



- **29 Dec (Sat)**

**BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE CELEBRATION**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !!**

Venue: Sekolah Rendah Vision Hall, Sibuga, Sandakan, @ 11:00 am — 3:00 pm.

- **Banns of Marriages** are announced between:

- ★ **Mr Raymond Heng Zen Hwa** and **Miss Chong Yee Wei**. This is the 3rd time of announcement. They plan to be married on 29 December, 2018.

- ★ **Mr Peter Soo Chin Yee** and **Miss Evelyn Poon Tze Sun**. This is the 3rd time of announcement. They plan to be married on 05 January 2019.





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## **REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS! (PSALM 126)**

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:4**

**<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**

#### **1. RECALLING THE PAST (Psalm 126: 1-2)**

<sup>1</sup> A song of ascents. When the LORD brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. <sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

#### **2. LIVING IN THE PRESENT (Psalm 126:3 )**

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

#### **3. ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE (Psalm 126: 4-6)**

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negev.

<sup>5</sup> Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. <sup>6</sup> He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.

## FAMILY MATTERS

- A list for you to make your booking for Church flowers contribution for next year (2019) is prepared at the church notice board.



- **House Blessing: 20 Dec 2018**  
The house of Mr Peter Soo Chin Yee at Taman Nasalim was blessed.
- **26 & 27 Dec (Wed & Thur)**  
Church Office will be closed. Sorry for any inconvenience which may cause.

### Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (15/12) Sat -7:30 pm	177	131
Chi (16/12) Sun -7:00 am	175	156
Eng (16/12) Sun - 9:30 am	145	123
BM (16/12) Sun - 5 pm	285	-
Chi (16/12) Sun - 2:30 pm	79	56
<b>Total</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>466</b>

### Children's Ministries

Attd

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

### Youth Ministries

Attd

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

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

### ✂ For Our World - VENEZUELA North of Brazil.

Population: 32 million.

- Economy — Rich, world's fourth largest producer of oil with massive reserve.
- Government— strong, stable democracy since independence from Spain in 1821.
- Church—thank God for increasing in size of evangelicals.

### ✂ For Malaysia - Local car industries.

- Proton : for the success of Proton joint venture with Gilee (Chinese Co.)
- Dr Mahathir's 3<sup>rd</sup> local car proposal.
- For more skilled workers in the local car manufacturing industries.

### ✂ For Our Diocese — Desert Stream Anglican Church, K K.

- Revd Kenneth Thien.
- For their Christmas preparation / celebration.
- For all their ministries.

### ✂ For Our Parish — COGS : Mission.

- Mission in Sandakan - to non-Christian friends.
- All mission-minded members to be motivated to go / explore mission fields.
- For visits to Nepal mission field.

### ✂ For the sick:

Mr Joseph Luruthusamy (in KL), Mr Liew En Lip, Mr Pang Ming Chiew, Mdm Chan Mei Ngo, Mdm Tham Nyuk Mui, 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, Mr Tai Nyuk Min and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

### ✂ For personal requests.

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>This Sunday (23/12/18)</b>	<b>Next Sunday (30/12/18)</b>
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	<b>Angels from the realm of glory (HfTC 77)</b>	<b>O Worship the King (HfTC 24)</b>
<i>Greetings</i>	<b>Jus Ng</b>	<b>Steven Chung</b>
<i>Praise &amp; Worship</i>	<b>Timothy Wong Kim Bin</b>	<b>Ang Pian Ming</b>
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<b>Psalm 126 Jimmy Kho</b>	<b>Colossians 3: 12 — 17 Thien Lee Yee</b>
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<b>Luke 1: 39—45 Jus Ng</b>	<b>Luke 2: 41—52 Steven Chung</b>
<i>Message</i>	<b>Ad Yong Thiam Choy</b>	<b>Revd K J Chin</b>
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	<b>Margaret Chu</b>	<b>Shane Ho</b>
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	<b>Away in a Manger (HfTC 72)</b>	<b>Take My Life, and Let It Be (HfTC 554)</b>
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing &amp; Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	<b>Once in royal David's city (HfTC 67)</b>	<b>Stand up for Jesus (HfTC 535)</b>

<b>Serving One Another :</b>		
Cell Group Leader	<b>LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)</b>	<b>LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)</b>
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs David Ngui Dr &amp; Mrs Arthur Chung</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr &amp; Mrs Francis Lo</b>
Sidesmen	<b>Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho Dr Arthur Chung, Emily Ng</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Ngu Ngok Yoon, Ho En Han</b>
Server	<b>Charles Chong</b>	<b>Terry Chan</b>
Prayer Ministry	<b>Ho Sui Loon Margaret Chu</b>	<b>Ho Sui Loon, Gina Chung</b>
Offertory Count	<b>Ngu Ngok Yoon ( C ) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong, Margaret Ho Hee Pui Lee</b>	<b>Rona Yuen ( C ) Yuen Kat Min, Emily Ng Lena Wong, Mark Mak</b>
Washing up	<b>Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho</b>	<b>Maggie Yap, Lily Ho</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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