

## SERMON OF THE WEEK

Theme: God's Word for the \_\_\_\_\_

Text: **Haggai 1:1-15; Matthew 9:9-17**

Israel's repeated problem is always a failure to put God first as a nation. The same failure is true also among God's children today. The problem is identified as \_\_\_\_\_.! As God's allowance, our lives' challenges, difficulties and problems are meant to redirect and realign us with God & His truth. To \_\_\_\_\_ with God & His destiny, we need to:-

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Plan (**Haggai 1: 1-7**)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Priority (**Haggai 1: 8-11**)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Project (**Haggai 1.12-15**)

- Canon James Lee



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

# The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 07 April 2019



## Message from our Senior Priest



To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8:31-32, & 36

There is a common trend now that says: 'Everyone can believe whatever one's conviction.' The underlying concept is that whatever appeals to one's emotions & personal beliefs are more acceptable than objective facts. The implication of this saying means, "I will do what I feels right for me" or "I will live what benefits me". This will challenge us in Sandakan as God's people, on the issue on living with un-compromised truth & integrity. The challenge is that biblical truth has been at best compromised and eroding everyday. Fellow friends of Jesus, do we give into such pressure around us to the point of compromising God's word in handling and dealing with people who do not hold the Biblical Truth as the absolute truth? Jesus' phrase: "I tell you the truth" was mentioned 78 times in the Gospel was made under very confronting circumstances too. Yet, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Do we see ourselves as one who are truly Jesus' disciples who uphold the Biblical truth without compromising?

To remain faithful & truthful to Jesus at all cost, requires an intentional effort to realign ourselves back to the Bible with its absolute authority over us. It starts with the conviction of our heart! We need to make up our minds on the basis of the Scriptural truth rather than one's own feelings and thinking. Emphasizing on one's own right and freedom to choose not the Biblical truth actually causes all the problems in the world and our society today.

The problem with the desire to be accepted and thought well by people can lead us into the trap of people pleasing. We may not think we are deliberately telling a lie, but keeping quiet when we should speak up or manipulating words to mean what others want to hear, so that we don't offend them, being reticent with the truth, all fits in well with a compromising culture. The Bible is very clear about how we should live in absolute openness, never compromising truth, even if it may be very inconvenient to remain steadfast. We might suffer loss. Are we willing to sensitively and lovingly speak out what the Scripture tells us, or do we fear repercussions and dodge the issues? Do we fear people or do we fear the Lord? This is a deliberate choice and there's no middle road. 'Am I trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ' (Galatians 1:10).

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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:**

**7:30pm** (Chi), Church

**Sunday:**

**7:00am** (Chi), Church

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

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

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

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## Our Team

### BISHOP

The Rt Rev Melter Jiki Tais

### PRIEST IN CHARGE

The Rev Canon James Lee

### PASTORAL ZONE

Rev Timothy Jerry

Rev Chin Kah Jin

Rev Chong Fen Chung

Rev Albert Lintikan

Ps Wong Hyen Tze

Ps Chin Yock Len

### ZONES

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee

Eng Adult- Canon James Lee

BM Adults - Rev Timothy Jerry

### MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)

- Ps. Wong Hyen Tze

### Collect for Today (Lent 5)

We beseech you, Almighty God, to look in mercy on your people: that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 40-Days Lenten prayer

It will be held daily at:

Time: 6:30 am, Mawar Centre (Chi)  
7:00 am, Chapel (Eng/Ch/BM)



### Keenagers' Fellowship

Date: 08 April (Mon)  
Time: 8:45 am  
Venue: COGS Barrett Hall

### YOUTH ALPHA

Date: 13 April (Sat)  
Time: 2:30 pm -- 4:00 pm  
Venue: Grace Hall

### Weekly Briefing

For all Ch & Eng Cell Group Leaders / Interns

Date: 08 April (Mon)  
Time: 7:45 pm

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

### SPIRIT AFLAME REVIVAL Open Night Meeting

Speaker—Ps Julius Suubi  
Language: English with BM & Chinese translation

Date: 09 April (Tue)  
Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: Vision School Hall

### Training for Intercessors (Eng / Chi)

Speaker: Ps Julius Suubi

Date: 10 April, (Wed)  
Time: 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
Venue: Elton Hall, St Michael's Church

**Office will be closed** in the morning, to enable the staff to attend Ps Julius Suubi's training at St Michael's Church.

Will be opened in the afternoon.

Date: 10 April (Wed)

### Absence from Office

Date: 10—13 April 2019

Canon James Lee will be away to Tawau for the Diocesan English Prayer Conference, Tawau.

Should you require any assistance during the Rector's absence, please contact the Church Office.



### Making of Palm Crosses

Date: 13 April, 2019 (Sat)  
Time: 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
Venue: Barrett Hall

### Baptism Service

Date: 27 & 28 April 2019

### Intercession:

#### • Pray for our world - BAHAMAS (in the Caribbean). Population: 370,000

- ◆ Economy: Which heavily depends on tourism.
- ◆ Churches: The 95% of the populations are Christians.

#### • Pray for Malaysia—WELFARE.

- ◆ The Welfare Department
- ◆ Aid to the hard-core poor in the kampongs

#### • Pray for our Diocese -

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, KENINGAU.

- ◆ Revd Jeffery Kong, Ev Samuel Padatu.
- ◆ All their ministries.
- ◆ Their visits to rural churches.

#### • Pray for our Parish — COGS Clergy & Pastors.

- ◆ All Clergies, pastors and the new PCC Committee (for 2019—2021).
- ◆ All to serve in humility and harmony.
- ◆ Be courageous & to have the burden to bring back those who have not been worshipping in church for a long time; to evangelize to the unreached.

- For the sick: Ps Margaret Chong, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Sr Low Mooi 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.

#### ♦ Maundy Thursday Service

Date: 18 April 2019  
Time: 7:30 pm

#### ♦ Good Friday Memorial Service

Date: 19 April 2019,  
Time: 7:00 am  
Venue: Sibuga Anglican Cemetery

#### ♦ 3-Hour Devotion

Date: 19 April 2019  
Time: 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm  
Venue: Church

#### ♦ Easter Eve (Saturday)

Date: 20 April 2019  
Time: 7:30 pm

#### ♦ Easter Sunday

Date: 21 April 2019  
Time: 8:00 am (Chi & Eng combined)

#### • Easter Sunday (21 Apr) 2:30 pm

**No Service but you are encouraged to attend the combined Service in the morning (8:00 am).**

### Condolence

Our deepest sympathy & condolence to family members of the late Mdm Chin Yuk Foong, aged 79, (mother of Mr Simon Lee), who was called to eternal rest on 03 April 2019.

30 & 31 March Attendance / Communicants		Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 7.30pm	229 / 186	Children (BM)	68	Discovery Club	-
Hakka 7.00am	331 / 302	Children (Mawar)	—	BB	-
English 9.30am		Children (Labuk - Chi)	—		
BM 9.30am	222 / 178	Children (Labuk - Eng)	—	TOTAL	-
Hakka 2.30pm	—	BM Youth	—	Cell Group Attendance	
		COGS Youth	—	Chinese	-
		Impact Youth	—	English	-
		Tadika COGS	—	BM	-
TOTAL	782 / 666	TOTAL	68	TOTAL	-