

WEEK 08

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 24 FEBRUARY 2019



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Lord God, you know that we cannot put our trust in anything that we do: help us to have faith in you alone, and mercifully defend us by your power against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PRIEST

As we continue to focus on following Jesus, I am thrilled to note what John said in his epistle about Discipleship (1 John 3.16-24). If we recall, I have ever said that DISCIPLESHIP is RELATIONSHIP & that following Jesus is about one's relationship with God Himself! Last week we were reminded about change of lifestyle & livelihood reflecting Christ through the Bible, today we see John encourages us to be transformed by being with God in action according to His words!

The exhortation by John is a very practical matter, something we all can do and follow after the instruction given. John writes in verse 18: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." By truth, John meant the words of God, the Bible. Actions must be accordance to what the Bible says, teaches, instructs & commands! When we act accordingly, John explains the amazing benefits: (1) God is bigger than our own problems (v 20); (2) we can continuously come into the presence of the Lord (v 21); (3) prayers answered (v 22); (4) the intimate relationship between God and ourselves (v 24)!

All the benefits mentioned are for us and the key is that we need continuously to remain in Jesus & He in us by the Word and Prayer! By prayer, it is not making petitions and asking only but also a time to hear what God is saying to us in our spirit as we come before Him! I am sure prayer may not be the cup of tea for everyone. Today, let us see how important it is and how simple it can be too! Everyone can come to God when one has the right relationship with God. We know He hears us and answers us too! Nevertheless, the key to note is that we are really living according to His teachings & instructions. Because that is what God is most happy, when we are obedient children to Him and the promise becomes a reality in verse 22: "and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him."! Isn't that wonderful & amazing? This we need to pray according to His will and joyfully follow Him.

So, may I take this opportunity to exhort brothers & sisters of COGS, let us then come together to seek the Lord by praying together during the Lent Season, which is a great opportunity indeed to come and draw near upon the Lord (v 21: "Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God.")) Do you believe that God will listen & answer you with His awesome ways? Take the promise of His word obediently, then you will see His glorious power!



1. Absence from Office

Canon James Lee & wife, Emily are away since 17 Feb until 25 Feb 2019 to attend Provincial Gathering in Medan, Indonesia.

**2. 24 February (Today)
Blood Donation Campaign**

Venue: Grace Hall
Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

**3. 26 February (Tue)
“Excelsis” Line Dance
CNY Jamming Party**

Tickets @ RM25/pax includes dinner & lucky draws. Contact persons: Siu Fong & Monita Lim.
Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm

**4. 01 March (Fri)
PCC Meeting**

Venue: Meeting Room, Lev 2
Time : 7:30 pm

**5. 02 March (Sat)
Sisters’ Fellowship**

Monthly gathering. Canon James Lee will be sharing.
Venue: Barrett Hall, 2:00 pm

**6. 03 March (Sun)
Briefing for all who serve at the
Chi & Eng Services as Bible
Readers, Intercessors,
Ushers & Welcome Team.**

Venue: Church
Time: 4:15 pm

**7. 04 March (Mon)
Briefing for all who serve as Care
Group Leaders & their
assistant leaders (Chi & Eng).**

Venue: Grace Hall, Level 2
Time: 7:45 pm

**8. 05—07 March (Tue—Thur)
Diocesan Chinese Prayer
Conference**

Canon James Lee will be attending the above Conference.

Venue: St Patrick’s Church, Tawau.

9. Baptism Registration
Please fill in your form and return it to the church office.
Closing Date: 28 February.

★ **Baptism Service** will be conducted on 27 & 28 April.

10. Confirmation Registration
Please hand in your forms affixed with a passport-sized photo, and return your Baptism card as well. Thank you.
Closing Date: 28 February.

★ **Confirmation Service** will be conducted on 28 Sept.

**11. 06 March (Wed)
Ash Wednesday**

Combined Holy Communion Service (Ch/Eng/BM)
Time: 7:30 pm

**12. 07 March (Thur)
40-Day Lenten prayer**
★ 6:30 am — Mawar Centre (Ch)
★ 7:00 am — Chapel (Eng/Ch/BM)

24 February 2019

Theme: PERSONAL & NATIONAL TRANSFORMING PRAYER

Text: Daniel 9:1-23 & Mark 1:21-39

A DISCIPLE who prays according to _____ surely experience
_____ (see Jeremiah 29:10-14; Dan 9: 2)!

1. God's Transforming _____(Daniel 9.2-4a; Jeremiah 29.10-14)

2. God's Transforming _____(Daniel 9.4b-19)

2.1 God's transforming process is outlined in Daniel's _____
_____ :-

(1) _____ (Daniel 9.4b-11, 13)

(2) _____ (Daniel 9.12-15)

(3) _____ (Daniel 9.16-19)

FAMILY MATTERS

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

13. 31 March (Sun) COGS 35th AGM

- Combined Chinese & English Worship Service
Venue: Church, 8:00 am
- BM Worship Service
Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:00 am
Breakfast will be served after Service.
- AGM begins.
Venue: Church, 10:45 am
- No Chinese Worship Service in the afternoon.

14. The Electoral Roll is amended. Please verify & update your particulars by initial.

Dateline: 17 March 2019

Services/Attendance/Communicants		
Chi (16/02) Sat -7:30 pm	170	129
Chi (17/02) Sun -7:00 am	205	176
Eng (17/02) Sun - 9:30 am	181	158
BM (1702) Sun - 9:30 am	262	231
Chi (17/02) Sun - 2:30 pm	71	59
Total	889	753

Children's Ministries	Attd
Tadika COGS (KG)	133
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	138
Eng Children cell - COGS	-
BM Children cell	77
St Monica's Discovery Club	102
BB (Boys' Brigade) Junior	-
BB (Boys' Brigade) Senior	-
BB (Boys' Brigade) Tiong Hua	114

Youth Ministries	Attd
COGS Youth	31
COGS Youth (Impact)	16
BM Youth	61

✂ For Our World - ARGENTINA. Population 42 million.

- Economy—Pray for economy recovery after an almost total “melt down” in recent years.
- Church—for unity of believers is essential to growth and revival.

✂ For Malaysia - Judiciary.

- Pray for all practicing lawyers.
- For quick conclusion and judgement of all back-log cases.

✂ For Our Diocese — Misi Daerah Roh Kudus—Minosuh; Gereja St Joseph; Maliau & Gereja St Markus, Nanukan.

- Revd Fredoline B Babia, Ev Tingkasan Pinandai, Ev Armin Maidin, Tontodau Kasih, Razali Damai.
- For dedication and commitment to all ministries.

✂ For Our Parish — COGS Youth Ministry.

- Ps Wong Hyen Tze, Claire Lim and all helpers.
- For all youth to attend weekly meetings.
- Encourage all youth to study the Bible diligently; and to be committed to the youth ministry.

✂ For the sick:

Ps Margaret Chong of St Michael's Church, Mdm Chin Siew Jin, 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.

Order of Service	This Sunday (24/02/19)	Next Sunday (03/03/19)	WEEKLY SERVICES
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Jesus is all the world to me (HOP 355)	The Church's One Foundation (HfTC 501)	<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Greetings</i>	Elizabeth Kho	Dr T M Thian	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Timothy K B Wong	Eveleen K W Wong	7:00 a.m. Chinese
<i>Collect for Today</i>			9:30 a.m. English
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Daniel 9: 1—23 Wong Siu Fong	Genesis 1: 26-27 Sally Ng	9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia
<i>Nicene Creed</i>			2:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Mark 1: 21—39 Ho Sui Ting	Matthew 14: 12-25 Elizabeth Kho	CHAPEL PRAYERS Wed - 7:00 a.m.
<i>Message</i>	Personal & National Transforming Prayer Rev'd Timothy Jerry	To be like Jesus Canon James Lee	Thur - 6:30 a.m.
<i>Response Hymn</i>			Sat - 4:30 a.m.
<i>Intercession</i>	Chia Khen Sang	Ang Pian Ming	CONTACTS:
<i>Confession</i>			Canon James Lee Tect Vun 016-831-1792
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	And can it be that I should gain (HfTC 452)	Have Thine Own Way, Lord (HOP 409)	Rev'd K J Chin 089-667698
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>			Rev'd F C Chong 019-813-3152
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Standing on the Promises (HOP 135)	Bringing In The Sheaves (HOP 317)h	Rev'd Timothy Jerry 016-692-9031
Serving One Another :			Rev'd Albert Lintikan 016-360-1948
Cell Group Leader	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)	YOUNG WORKING ADULTS & YOUTH	Ps Yock Len 019-807-0781
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Francis Ng Ivy Khong, Mercy Chong	Elton Liew, Kelvin Chin Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	Ps Hyen Tze 013-883-7782
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Wong Siu Fong	Danny Tang, Sophia Soh Angel Woo	Dr T M Thian 089-213418
Server	Charles Chong	Eddie Wong	Yong Fook Choi 016-822-0995
Prayer Ministry	Lue Fui Hua Mercy Chong	Peter & Evelyn Soo Reg Sin	Steven Chung 017-817-7871
Offertory Count	Rona Yuen (C) Yuen Kat Min, Emily Ng Lena Wong, Mark Mak	Alice Liew (C) Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Michael Chin Loh Leong Len	Patrus Tamuai 011-2983-3181
Washing up	Monica Ho, Elizabeth Kho	Elton Liew, Kelvin Chin Amanda Ong, Mitchell Lo	

