

WEEK 15

EASTER 3

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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:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's service that they may renounce those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to it; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Prime Minister has dissolved the Parliament on 7 April 2018 to pave the way for the 14th General Election. Election will be held on 9 May 2018. In the last election, the Christian Federation of Malaysia (CFM) has published a General Election Message to call on all Christians to be conscious of our responsibility as good citizens and to exercise our right to vote. In the message, the Chairman advises the Christians to familiarize ourselves with biblical principles on issues central to us and our nation, information on candidates and programs of the various political parties.

In order to cast votes responsibly, we need to prayerfully consider the following:

A. What the bible says about our primary concerns.

The cost of living, good governance, social issues, crime rates and illegal immigrants are some of the concerns of many Malaysians. As Christians, we are also concerned about issues which God is concerned about.

In the Bible we learn that God is righteous and just, merciful and loving. Whilst he has given us freedom of choice, he wills a good life for all human beings in a society that is spiritually and morally grounded.

God desires peace and goodwill among all people. In and through his love, we are called to cultivate neighborliness, and promote harmony built on mutual respect.

The threat to God's creation is apparent today. God has called humans to act as responsible stewards. The protection of the resources of the earth is for the benefit of all God's creation.

B. Political Parties: Their Policies And Delivery of Promises

Assess the political parties on the basis of their policies and promises, their stand on various issues related to justice and fair play, citizens' rights, national unity, economic development, protection of the environment and welfare of those who are sick, disabled and poor. Is there integrity, honesty and efficiency? Have the parties delivered on their promises? Do their political views and policies reflect God's standard and Christian values?

(... to be continued next week)

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.

- **20 April (Fri) - The Alpha** continues. Last Friday's attendance: 226
Session 6 - Topic: Why & how do I pray ?
Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm
- **21 & 22 April** (Sat & Sun) **COGS Education Award** will be awarded next week to students with excellent results for the UPSR, PT3, SPM & STPM in 2017.
- **22 April** (Sun) - **Men's Fellowship** gathering.
Venue: church portico. 6:30 pm.
- **25—28 April** (Wed - Sat) **Ellel Healing Retreat** (Chi & Eng)
Full details are on the registration form. Person in charge: Ps Hyen Tze.
Fees : Free of charge
Speaker: Ps Thomas Thien
Venue: St Michael's Church

- **29 Apr** (Sun) - **Mawar sisters care group gathering.**

Venue: Mawar care centre
@ 7:00 pm.

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

Please note the change of date.

Church members are cordially invited to the above event. (RSVP before 16 April, Mon).

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

Graduation will be Officiated by The Right Revd Datuk Melter J Tais, Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of Sabah.

- **27 May - Blood Donation**
Venue: Grace Hall, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **11 - 14 June - Diocesan Chinese / English Youth Camp (DCEYC).**
Venue: Christ Church, KK
Person in-charge: Claire @ 017-228-0271.
- **16 - 19 July 2018 Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat (Chi & Eng).**
Venue: The Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan.
Registration fees @ RM120/ pax. Closing Date: 02 July 2018.

TIME OF REFRESHING ? (Acts 3:12-19)

A. Acknowledge Who Jesus Is (Acts 3: 12-15)

Acts 3:12-15 ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

B. Believe In Jesus' Name (Acts 3: 16-17)

Acts 3:16-17 ¹⁶By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders".

C. Turn Back to God (Acts 3:18-19)

Acts 3:18-19 ¹⁸But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Questions for Discussion:

1. Read Acts 3:12-19. Look at each of the titles Peter gives to Jesus. How does each of these speak to the uniqueness of Jesus?
2. Peter ends his sermon by challenging his hearers with the necessity of repentance. What blessings would they receive if they repented (vv. 19-26)? Have you ever experienced these blessings?

FAMILY MATTERS

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 a sister as her birthday thanksgiving.

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - OMAN** — East of Saudi Arabia. Population 3.1 million.

- Economy — Oil rich state, but declining production requires economic diversity.
- Gospel — To have a powerful impact on a predominantly Muslim nation.
- Openness— Thank God for continued openness to Christian church workers among the society.

✧ **For Malaysia - Education.**

- For political will to return to English medium in all schools.
- For all teachers to be dedicated to their honourable profession.
- For encouragement of children from poor families and from the kampongs to attend school.

✧ **For Our Diocese - St Andrew's Church, Serundong.**

- Revd Genry Caluste, and Ev Masri Raimee.
- For visitation to the kampong folks.
- For spiritual growth of the existing members.

✧ **For Our Parish - COGS Children's ministry.**

- Ps Chin Yock Len, Chin Yun Len and all teachers and helpers.
- For all our children in the church and Mawar Centre to attend the weekly Sunday schools.
- Safe travel for all drivers who drive the children to and fro for the Sunday schools.

✧ For the sick: **Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Tony Wong, Mrs Irene Leong, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Mdm Lee Soi Chin, 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.**

Confirmation classes are as follows ...

Day	Time	Venue	Leader
English			
Wed	7:30 pm	LOGOS Grp	Ho Sui Ting
Sun	11:30 am	Chapel	Stephanie Chin
Chinese			
Sun	1:00 pm	Church	Revd Chong
Sun	7:30 pm	Mawar Centre	Revd Chong
Sun	1:00 pm	Grace Hall	Ps Hyen Tze
Sun	7:30 pm	Level 4 Glory Hall	Ps Hyen Tze
Mon	7:30 pm	Level 2 Meeting room	Ps Yock Len
BM			
Sun	1:30 pm	Level 3 Agape Hall	Rev Timothy
Sun	4:00 pm	Level 3 Agape Hall	Maylianah

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (07/04) Sat -7:30 pm	234	179
Chi (08/04) Sun -7:00 am	208	192
Eng (08/04) Sun - 9:30 am	169	153
BM (08/04) Sun - 9:30 am	291	207
Chi (08/04) Sun - 2:30 pm	90	71
Mawar Children	27	
Labuk Children (Ch)	91	
Labuk Children (En)	54	
BM Children	94	
Total	1258	802

Order of Service	This Sunday	Next Sunday (22/04/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Hallelujah for the cross (HOP 160)	In Christ, there is no east or west (HfTC 322)
<i>Greetings</i>	Stephanie Chin	Dr T M Thian
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Evelyn Poon	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Acts 3: 12 - 19 Emily Ng	Acts 4: 5 - 12 Thien Lee Yee
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Lk 24: 36 - 48 Stephanie Chin	John 10: 11 - 18 Rev'd Timothy Jerry
<i>Message</i>	" Time of refreshing ? " Ad T C Yong	
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Dr Robert Ong	Shane Ho
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	Whiter than snow (HOP 240)	What a friend we have in Jesus (HOP 279)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	When We All Get to Heaven (HOP 419)	Trusting Jesus (HOP 230)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Dr Robert Ong & Melissa	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Min
Sidesmen	Jimmy Kho, Stephen Ho Emily Ng, Melissa Ong	Mr & Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Liew Vun Men, Ho En Han
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Charles Chong
Prayer Ministry	Frankie Poon, Melissa Ong	Ho Sui Loon, Low Mooi Gaik
Offertory Count	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong Margaret Ho	Rosie Chia (C) Yee Chee Hong, Betty Kwan Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Alvin Wong
Washing up	Jonathan Ong Amanda Ong	Maggie Yap, Lily Ho

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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