

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Service: 28 June 2020





Message from Our Senior Priest

After 3 months of 'resting' from weekend services, now the time has come to think about the time for 'reemerging'. The pandemic in a manner has

demonstrated God's sovereignty as found in Revelation 3.7b: "These are the words of Him who is holy and true, Who holds the key of David. What He opens no one can shut, and what He shuts no one can open." Even though the order and the ease of lockdown come from the Government; yet the whole situation must be seen with the perspective that the whole world is under God's rules! It is obvious that God is in control over the whole situation as we reach this recovery phase. But an important question we need to ask and answer: is it really safe during this recovery phase? Surely, we all have our own answer for that question.

Our Diocesan Bishop held an online meeting with the Assistant Bishop, Archdeacons & the Canons to discuss the matter. After looking at the SOPs from Sabah State Government, there are still a few matters to be sorted out. Our Diocesan Bishop needs time to work out the details of certain matters before he inform the relevant authorities the date Anglican Diocese of Sabah will resume our Public Worship. With this, please be informed that we will wait for the Diocesan Bishop's Official Announcement.

The Pastoral Staff are in the process of working out the details of SOPs for the whole of COGS Sandakan. Once we have the SOPs in place, I will discuss the details with the Lav Readers to see if there is any other matter that need to be factored in. The SOPs for COGS Sandakan need to be put in place first so that all Church members can be informed accordingly. For all members who do intend to come for the public worship are advised to follow & adhered the SOPs as set out. Simply because the relevant Government authorities will be doing their round of check once they are informed of our service time. Their purpose is to make sure that we have the SOPs in place and that all are complying with the SOPs!

COGS Sandakan will do our utmost best until all have come to an agreement that we are ready to reemerge. So, let us keep praying for God's wisdom and guidance upon the Diocesan Leadership. As God displayed His sovereignty over King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4.34-37), so God is still demonstrating His sovereignty over the whole world and the pandemic! Thank you very much for your patience and prayers! Stay strong & faithful in Christ!

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 & bevond.

Online Services





Saturday

Chinese: 8.00 pm

Sunday

English: 9.00 am BM: 11.00 am

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Our Team

ARCHBISHOP

The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

PRIEST IN-CHARGE

Canon James T V Lee

PASTORAL ZONE

Revd Timithy Jerry Revd Chin Kah Jin **Revd Chong Fen Chung Revd Albert Lintikan** Ps Wong Hyen Tze Ps Chin Yock Len

Chi Adults - Canon James Lee Eng Adults - Canon James Lee BM Adults - Revd Timithy Jerry

MINISTRIFS

Children Zone (Ch/Eng/BM) - Ps Chin Yock Len

Youth Zone (Ch/Eng/BM) - Ps Wong Hyen Tze

COGS NEWS

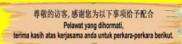
COGS will continue ONLINE SERVICES until further notice!





At our church front gate, we have put up this notice for everyone's attention.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.



























Please register your personal details whenever you enter COGS' compound during MCO period by using COGS QR CODE. Kindly use a scanner app in your mobile smartphone to scan the COGS' QR code at the Registration counter.



https://mysejahtera.malaysia.gov.my/

For all who have yet to download MySejahtera app, please kindly visit this web and find out how you can download.

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Please register with the Church Office, or contact our Pastors if you intend to be baptized or confirmed this year.

Ps Yock Len : 019-807-0781 Ps Hyen Tze : 013-883-7782

Diocesan Welfare Sunday

is recognized in the Diocese (7
June - 5 July 2020). Envelopes are
prepared on the cabinet outside
the church office. Please contribute as the Lord blesses. You may
contribute through Boost, Online
Banking or drop it into the Offering Box during Office Hours.
Thank you.

GIVINGS AND OFFERING









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For the convenience of members who wish to put in your givings into the offering box, it will be placed there on the following days and times:

Day: Monday to Saturday

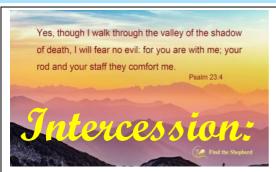
Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Lunch break is between 12:00 noon & 1:30 pm)

Please indicate your type of givings. Thank you.

LET US PRAY

Collect for Today (Trinity 3)

Graciously hear us, Lord God, and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray, may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



REPENTANCE:

- Pray to the Lord to reveal to us the root of many evils in our world today. Let us confess and repent of the root causes of:
- Racism, racial hatred, racial distrust and prejudices
- ♦ Violence and lawlessness
- Pray to the Lord to forgive us, our nation and the nations of the world for fighting and competing against each other when situations call for corporation and tolerance for the greater and common good.

PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH:

- Pray to the Lord to show us the way He is bringing revival to the world and pray for God's people to have a paradigm shift in His direction.
- Pray for God's favour, grace and wisdom on all God's people, that their livelihood will be restored. Pray for those who have lost their jobs or income will experience God's favour and miracles in their lives in the months to come.
- Pray for the Anglican Training Institute (ATI) as we move into online learning. Pray for both tutors and students that they will innovate and continue with effective training of equipping the saints for ministry and the harvest field.

PRAY FOR THE NATIONS:

- Pray for the proclamation of the gospel of Christ for salvation and hope to be accelerated among the nations.
- Pray for the leaders that they will act in the best interest for the nation, looking out not only for their own interests, but also the interests of the people and the future generations
- Pray against all the darkness that has filled the nation and given the enemy opportunity to afflict us. Many of the behaviours and social activities we call normal are an abomination before the Lord. Seek the Lord and let Him convict our hearts to repentance.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD:

- Pray that God will grant peace between the many countries over the trade-war negotiations which could not be finalized.
- Covid-19 Virus Pandemic for protection of medical staff, the frontliners, the police and the grieving.

Pray For The Unwell

Mdm Liew Shak Kim, Vun Kon Tai @ Vun Nyuk Vun, Chin Siew Jin, Liew Oi Hyen, Chan Fon Ping, Michael Yio Cho Kui, Tang Hong Piau, Pang Min Chiew, Pun Chun Ming, Chang Kon Fatt, Chin Tshun Leong, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyur Min.

of the Servant King!

Daniel 2.17-45; Mark 13.1-23

Mark 1-12 clearly revealed Jesus as	of the Kingdom of God (<i>Mark 1.15</i>)!
Jesus revealed His Kingship	(Mark 8-11). However, His authority was
being by the leaderships	
what, Jesus remained steadfast & committed	
as He mentioned 3 times (see <i>Mark 8.31-32; 9.30-31; 10.33-34</i>)! The fulfillment of the	
Father's mission was through	! It is necessary that we perceive
the overall plan of	
time of Jesus' ascension till His return! Je	sus' accomplishment which took place as
in Jerusalem actually h	nas! Similarly, Jesus'
prophetic words (Mark 13.2) with reference to	the actually have
a until His second comi	ng! Mark 13 actually meant to forewarn all
who truly follow Jesus will really stand firm till Jesus' return in times of temptations, trials	
and tribulations (<i>Mark 13.13, 26</i>)! Therefore, it is important to of the	
Servant King's admonition as follow:-	
1. Jesus' Warning #1:! (Mar	k 13.1-8)
2. Jesus' Warning #2:! (Mar	k 13 0-13)
2. Jesus Walling #2: (Walk 15.5-15)	
3. Jesus' Warning #3:! (Mar	k 13.14-23)

Reflection & Application:

- 1. Someone asked what does the pandemic Covid-19 is all about? It may be good to reflect and see what we have learnt. Does *Mark 13.8* help us to see Covid-19? What do you think could be God's purpose for allowing the pandemic to spread globally with so many deaths?
- 2. It is a historical truth that The Temple & Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70 as Jesus predicted (*Mark 13.2*). However, how should that historical event enable us to stand firm as the Church will face the intensity of persecutions before Christ's return (*Mark 13.9-19*)?
- 3. What did Jesus command us to do in *Mark 13.5, 9, 23*? In practice, what was Jesus' key for us in order to be watchful and vigilant (read *Mark 8.34*)? Do you agree that persecution is one of God's ways to spur the spread of the Kingdom's Gospel? An example is China's Christianity!