

WEEK 50**ADVENT 3****16 DECEMBER 2018**

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the way of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

We give thanks to God for the Sandakan Christmas Celebration 2018 at Padang Bandaran last Sunday. There were more than 1000 people attended the event. It was a joint effort of the Sandakan Municipal Council, Kementerian Kesihatan dan Kesejahteraan Rakyat and Sandakan Interchurch. We were thankful to witness the presence, not only the church leaders and members, but also the community leaders in Sandakan. It was by the grace of God we could celebrate Christmas openly and bring the true meaning of Christmas to the community of Sandakan. I want to thank our staffs and Anglican members, together with the body of Christ in Sandakan for making the event possible.

There are two lessons that I learnt through this event. Firstly, **UNITY**. The Bible says: How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony!.....And there the Lord has pronounced His blessings, even life everlasting (Psalm 133:1,3). The response of the participation from churches was overwhelming! It took us less than 3 weeks to confirm the programs for the celebration. The church leaders were united in our effort to bring the message of Christmas to the community.

Secondly, **FAITH**. It was raining since morning on 9 December. Some suggested to prepare a place for the performers to keep their umbrellas. We refused to do so. We prayed and declared that God would give us good weather. By faith, we believed God would answer our prayers. The weather was fine throughout the event except it drizzled at the beginning. In fact, the rain before the event had cooled down the air! Praise the Lord! All glory be to God.

On a separate issue, the Bishop has announced the transfer of clergy next year. The list was sent to the Clergy and pastors. Please uphold them in your prayers.

No	NAME	CURRENT POSTING	NEW POSTING	EFFECTIVE
1	Canon James Lee Tect Vun	The Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan	The Church of The Good Shepherd, Sandakan	06-Jan-19
2	Revd Nickson Chia Tshun Yin	St Mark's Church, Lahad Datu	The Church of Our Holy Saviour, Labuan	06-Jan-19
3	Revd Sim Ka Seng	St Patrick's Church, Tawau	St Mark's Church, Lahad Datu	06-Jan-19
4	Revd Nelson Tai Zun Bin	All Saints' Cathedral, Kota Kinabalu	St Patrick's Church, Tawau	01-Jun-19

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.

- **08 Dec (last Saturday)**
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Praise God ! Over 500 children and over 200 parents and guardians attended last week's children's Christmas celebration. We were grateful to our teachers and helpers who assisted in the children's ministry which made this a success and well-run.

- **16 Dec (Today)**

BM CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Venue: Barrett Hall : 5:00 pm

NO Holy Communion Service this morning.

- **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 2nd 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 1st time of announcement. They plan to be married on 05 January 2019.



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WHAT SHOULD WE DO THEN?

THE COMING JUDGEMENT (vv. 7-9)

1. Do Not Be Tightfisted (vv. 10-11)

2. Do Not Covet (vv. 12-13)

3. Do Not Extort (v. 14)

THE COMING MESSIAH (vv.15-18)

FAMILY MATTERS

- Our deepest sympathy & condolence to :

★ family members of the late **Mdm Susie Liew Nyuk En** (Mary Ngui's mother) at the age of 91, was called to the Lord, on 13/12/18.

Wake Service — tonight (16/12/18) at San Fook Hing Funeral Parlour, Jln Astana Heights, @ 7:30 pm;

Funeral Service at COGS - tomorrow (17/12/18), @ 9:30 am.

★ family members of the late **Mr John Chin Fook Kai** (husband of Chang Nyuk Jin) at the age of 66, was called to the Lord, on 13/12/18.

Wake Service — 17/12/18, at San Fook Hing Funeral Parlour, Jln Astana Heights, @ 8:00 pm;

Funeral Service at COGS, Tuesday (18/12/18); 9:30 am.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (08/12) Sat -7:30 pm	217	166
Chi (09/12) Sun -7:00 am	194	179
Eng (09/12) Sun - 9:30 am	155	123
BM (09/12) Sun - 9:30 am	240	203
Chi (09/12) Sun - 2:30 pm	53	43
Total	859	714

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	-
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	-
Eng Children cell - COGS	-
BM Children cell	93
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 - UZBEKISTAN. North of Afghanistan.

Population: 30 million.

- Economy — Oil and gas based economy.
- Religion — 85% Muslims. Pray for the small numbers of Christians.
- Church— for the Christians to be able to attend church.

✧ For Malaysia - Petronas

- For strong / honest management of the company.
- For successful exploration of oil fields.
- For financial support to the government.

✧ For Our Diocese — Church of Our Redeemer, Kolombong.

- Ps Ivy Long Oi Mee and leaders.
- For harmony and unity among staff and congregational members.
- For their Christmas preparation & celebration.

✧ For Our Parish — COGS Emmanuel Zone

- Mrs Elizabeth Kho & her group leaders.
- For beneficial cell group meetings, and warm fellowship among one another.
- For increase of cell members.

✧ 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.

Order of Service	This Sunday (16/12/18)	Next Sunday (23/12/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Holy, Holy Holy (HfTC 7)	Angels from the realm of glory (HfTC 77)
<i>Greetings</i>	Dr T M Thian	Jus Ng
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Ang Pian Ming	Timothy Wong Kim Bin
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Philippians 4: 4-7 Dr Arthur Chung	Hebrews 10: 5—10 Jimmy Kho
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Luke 3: 7-18 Dr T M Thian	Luke 1: 39—45 Jus Ng
<i>Message</i>	Revdt Timothy Jerry	Ad Yong Thiam Choy
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Ng Kong Hin	Margaret Chu
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks ... (HfTC 94)	Away in a Manger (HfTC 72)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Would You Live for Jesus ? (HOP 239)	Once in royal David's city (HfTC 67)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 1 (Dr Arthur Chung)	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Eddie Wong Dr & Mrs Arthur Chung	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Dr & Mrs Arthur Chung
Sidesmen	Henley Liew, Hee Pui Lee Ngo Su Hian, Angela Hon	Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho Dr Arthur Chung, Emily Ng
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Charles Chong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon Jus Ng	Ho Sui Loon Margaret Chu
Offertory Count	Alice Y M Liew (C) Mr & Mrs Michael Chin Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong, Margaret Ho Hee Pui Lee
Washing up	Mr & Mrs Anton Ngui	Stephen Ho, Jimmy Kho

WEEKLY SERVICES
<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Sunday</i> 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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