

WEEK 04

EPIPHANY 4

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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:

Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10 WAYS TO READ THE BIBLE

1. Read the Bible Thoughtfully

Don't merely read the words, think about what you're reading.

2. Read the Bible Repeatedly

Don't just read a passage once. Read it often and read it many times. The more you read a passage, the more you understand it and can make better observations. Here are a few suggestions on how you can read the Bible repeatedly:

- Read entire books in one sitting
- Start at the beginning of the book (helps you understand the context)
- Use different versions
- Listen to the Scripture
- Read the Bible aloud
- Prepare a schedule

3. Read the Bible Patiently

Don't rush! Go slow and realize that study takes time. Be patient with the text and be patient with yourself. Fruit takes time to ripen.

4. Read the Bible Selectively

Don't be passive in your reading, actively engage the text and ask the right questions, such as:

- Who? What? Where? When? Why? Wherefore? – so what? (*what difference does this make in my life?*)

5. Read the Bible Prayerfully

Turn your reading into opportunities to pray through Scripture. Countless passages are great for this, but if you want to start easy, begin with a Psalm.

(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.

- Let's welcome Ps Margaret Chong who is here to deliver God's message to us.
- We are pleased to announce that our brother Chong Nyuk Phen is appointed the Assistant Zone Leader for the Chinese Men's Fellowship effective Jan 2018.
- **28 Jan (tonight) - Sibuga & Mawar sisters' care group gathering.** Venue / Time: Mawar Care Centre, 7:00 pm.
- **29 Jan (Mon) - Intercessors training** (*for 3 Anglican churches*) by Ps Sim Shiu Kee who is the Chinese Prayer Coordinator for the following event:
 - * **8—10 Mar : Diocesan Chinese Prayer Conference.** Venue / time: COGS – Grace Hall / 7:30 pm.

Persons-in-charge: COGS - Ps Hyen Tze; St Michael's Church - Vennie Chang and IAC— Regina Chin.

- **31 Jan (Wed): 5 Chinese zone leaders of the Men's Fellowship** will meet with Ad Yong at 12:00 noon.
- **04 Feb (Sun): Men's Fellowship** gathering at the church portico beginning with dinner. Time: 7:00 pm.
- **14 Feb : Ash Wednesday** combined Service. Venue / Time : COGS / 7:30 pm.
- **16 Feb (Fri) - Chinese New Year Thanksgiving service.** Venue / Time : Church / 7:30 am.
- **17 Feb (Sat) -**
 - * **No Chinese Worship Service in the evening.**
- **18 Feb (Sun) -**
 - * **Chinese Worship Service** (*3 Chinese Services combined*) at 7:00 am
 - * **Eng & BM - Worship services** as usual, 9:30 am.

RESOLVE TO FOLLOW GOD (Daniel 1:8-21)

Daniel 1: 8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

- **The Test**
- **The Boundary**
- **The Reward**

Questions for Discussion

- Read Daniel 1: 8-21. Who is Daniel? How did he end up in Babylon?
- How was Daniel's faith in God tested? What was his response to the test? Is your faith being tested? How did Daniel's determination to resolve to follow God encouraged you? Discuss.
- What are some of the greatest challenges and tests we face in our society that may tempt us to compromise our Christian faith? Why is it important for us to draw a line?
- How did God honour Daniel's faith? How did the Lord honour your determination to follow Him? Share your experience.

FAMILY MATTERS

- Those of you who are prepared or intend to get married this year, please register at the church office. We need to prepare you for the pre-marriage courses. Forms are available at the church office.
- **2017 Education Awards** for UPSR, PT3, SPM & STPM candidates. Please fill in a form and hand it in to the church office or to Ps Hyen Tze.
- **2018 AGM.** It will be very much appreciated if the ministry leaders will get your reports done, the earlier the better. Report forms are available on the sidesmen's desk. Thank you. Details to follow.
- Flowers - are contributed by COGS Sisters' Fellowship.

21/01 Services/Attendance/Communicants

Hakka I [Sat] - 7:30 p.m.	236	194
Hakka II [Sun] - 7:00 am	193	168
English [Sun] - 9:30 am	155	133
BM [Sun] - 9:30 am	259	213
Hakka III [Sun] - 2:30 pm	65	57
Mawar Children	38	
Labuk Children (Ch)	81	
Labuk Children (En)	45	
BM Children	69	
Total	1,210	765

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - MOROCCO**, in north Africa on the Atlantic coast. Population: 34 million.

- Economy: tourism, agriculture, textiles and phosphate mining are important foreign exchange earners.
- Church: the emerging church is small and insignificant, about 20—30 small fellowship.
- Expatriate Christian workers have recently suffered heavy blow when Government expelled over 100 recently.

✧ **For Malaysia - The refugees.**

- Thousands of illegal workers (refugees) especially in Sabah have created a massive social problem in the state.
- Children without papers cannot be registered for schools.
- The streets of all major towns in Sabah are filled with the refugees.

✧ **For Our Diocese - St Stephen's Mission — Silabukan, L'Datu**

- Revd Roy R Tington, Ev Billy Matiwong, Ev Cho Seow Wang, Ev Ruslinah Ruslee
- Meaningful Sunday worship.
- Midweek cell groups meeting.

✧ **For Our Parish - BM care groups.**

- **All care groups to resume their meeting soon.**
- **All members to be committed in their assigned roles.**
- **All members to grow spiritually and be matured in their Christian walk.**

✧ For the sick: Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Ps N F Soo, 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.

Order of Service	This Sunday	Next Sunday (04/02/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Now thank we all our God (HfTC 33)	Breathe on me, Breath of God (HfTC 226)
<i>Greetings</i>	Stephanie Chin	Jus Ng
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Daniel 1: 8 - 21 Thien Lee Yee	Hebrews 3: 7—14 Chung Tze Ken
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	Mark 1: 21 - 28 Stephanie Chin	John 1: 1—14 Jus Ng
<i>Message</i>	Resolve to follow Christ by Ps Margaret Chong	Revd Timothy Jerry
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Shane Ho	Christopher Kwan
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	"Day by Day" (HOP 296)	The Kingdom of God (HfTC 333)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Now I Belong to Jesus (HOP 377)	Blessed Assurance (HOP 205)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)	LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Tommy Lim Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Ming	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mr & Mrs Shim Syn Fah
Sidesmen	Ngu Ngok Yoon Liew Vun Men, Lily Ho	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mark Mak, Annie Liu
Server	Charles Chong	Eddie Wong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon Denny Chong	Betty Kwan, Low Mooi Gaik
Offertory Count	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong Margaret Ho	Rosie Chin (C) Yee Chee Hong, Betty Kwan Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Alvin Wong
Washing up	Lily Ho, Ho En Han	Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang

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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