



## CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known

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## Epiphany - 7 January 2024

### A Prayer for Today

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wisemen to the worship of Your Son: guide by His light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold Your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Wishing you,  
and your loved ones a

*Blessed New Year*



English Worship Service is **live-streamed, 9:30 a.m.:**

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@christchurchlikas/streams>

Welcome to a gathering of God's people.  
We gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to encourage  
one another to obey Him.

## 1. A NEW START

Happy New Year to one and all. May we desire to ever 'see Jesus more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly, day by day', in 2024.

'God's Own People' - 1 Peter 2:9-10. Our sermon series takes us to the beginning of God's marvellous plan for all mankind. He is creating a people for Himself. From Genesis, a book of beginnings, we shall learn God's plan involves different people at different times and in different circumstances to achieve His purpose.

- today, 7 Jan - Abraham: the father
- 14 Jan - Isaac: the coward
- 21 Jan - Jacob: the scammer
- 28 Jan - Joseph: the dreamer
- 4 Feb - Joseph: the prisoner
- 11 Feb (CNY) - Joseph: the saviour



Find the time to read the book of Genesis, esp., chapters 12-50. It is one continuous story. Or listen to it read to you. Try, 'YouVersion', from Google Play Store or App Store.

May we hear the voice of God throughout 2024.

## 2. GROWING IN DISCIPLESHIP AT CCL

- BAPTISM
  - Baptism classes will begin in March. Please register now.
  - Infants and children of Christian parents may be baptised upon the request of the parents. The parents will be instructed of their responsibilities.
  - Young people under 18 years need the written consent of their parents before they may be considered for baptism.
  - Adults need to be fully instructed in the Christian faith before they are considered for baptism.
- CONFIRMATION
  - Confirmation classes will also begin in March.
  - Those of 13 years old and above may apply to be Confirmed.
  - Those from other church denominations who wish to be

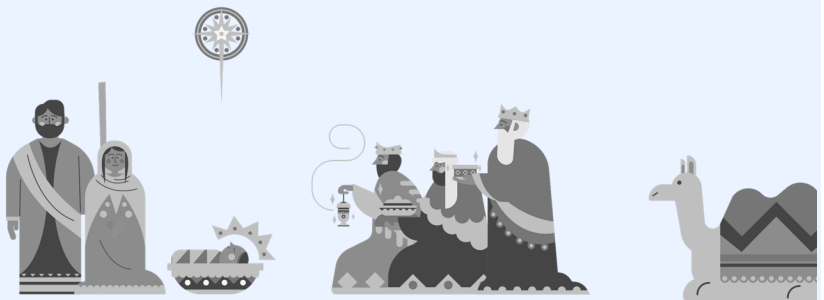
'Anglican members' need to be Confirmed. Though they need not go through the whole Confirmation classes, they will be given instructions on Anglican church membership.

- MARRIAGE
  - Those intending to be married in church this year, please inform the church office at the soonest possible. This is to ensure the couple receives the necessary pastoral care - marriage preparation course, arrangement of dates, etc.
- HOME COMMUNION
  - Every last Thursday of the month; 9:00 am onwards.
  - Please contact the church office if you, or your loved ones, need this ministry.
- PASTORAL VISITS
  - Special arrangements may be made to visit the sick (at home or in hospital), the house-bounds, the dying, etc.
  - Special Services may be conducted to celebrate a new birth, a new house or a new business.

[ ... to be continued next week ... ]

### 3. CHURCH FLOWERS

- Church flowers for Sundays, 2024:
  - each contribution is a minimum of RM150/-;
  - you may choose a suitable date - birthday, anniversary, commemoration, etc.
  - contact the church office, for further details.
- The flowers today were donated by Han Mee Nah.



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## **GOD'S OWN PEOPLE**

Abraham - father of faith, father of failure

Introduction: why study Genesis?

- know the bible
- know the world
- know God & know yourself

1. God's Intention - to create a people for Himself
  - Adam & Eve - blessing of shalom (peace). Sabbath rest - Gen 2:1-4.
  - peace with God; peace with one another, peace with oneself
  - shalom shattered - hide from God, shame with one another, confusion within oneself
2. God's Renewed Intention - to re-create a people for Himself
  - call of Abraham - Gen 12:1-3
  - Abraham - man of faith. He obeyed God's call - Gen 15.
  - Abraham - man of failure. He was afraid of man and lied; failed to protect his wife - Gen 12:10 onwards.

Conclusion - God's plan will not fail. He is committed to creating and loving His people, "Through you all the nations will be blessed". The blessing comes through Jesus Christ.

## **FOR PRAYER**

### **Our beloved Nation**

- give thanks for Malaysia: peace, prosperity and harmony  
[ pray for a productive year 2024 ]

### **Our beloved Church**

- give thanks for the fellowship we share  
[ pray that we may be eager to share God's love with others ]

### **Ourselves**

- give thanks for a new year  
[ pray that we may grow in faith in the coming year ]  
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.