



CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known

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1st Sunday of Lent - 18 February 2024

A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to Your Spirit; and, as You know our weakness, so may we know Your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



“you meant evil against me,
but God meant it for good” - *Genesis 50:20*

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

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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. SEASON OF LENT

Christians have for many years observed a period of 40 days to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter. During Lent, the emphasis is on reflection, repentance, and, renewal.

- The Ash Wednesday Service was well attended.
- 'Daily Lent Prayer' - everyday, Mon-Fri, at 12:00 noon. It is conducted at church, and online (hybrid); in CH, EN & BM (different breakout rooms). Extended time for prayers. You may send in your prayer requests.

All are welcome; including our friends. Last Thurs and Fri, about 40-50 people joined in.

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- Spend more time in prayer and reading the Bible. Choose activities that will bring us closer to the Lord - listen to Christian messages, music and songs, or read a Christian book. Visit the sick, needy and lonely - read Isaiah 58, about true fasting.
- It is also a great period to rid ourselves of certain bad habits or addictions; and to develop new healthy ones.
- Another Lent activity - gotong-royong. Rid the clutter in our house or office. And most importantly, in our lives!!



2. CHINESE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING

The CNY season continues. Special 'Thanksgiving Angpow' envelopes have been prepared for us to express our gratitude for all God's blessings. All contributions will be for our 'Welfare & Missions Fund'. Those using online banking or Boost, please indicate 'Angpow' when prompted for details.



3. HAKKA SERVICE

Starting 3 Mar, every first Sunday of the month, the CH Service will be conducted in Hakka. The songs will still be sung in Mandarin; but as far as possible, the liturgy, readings, sermon, announcements, etc., will be in Hakka. Residents of the ARK will also be invited.

4. 'GOD'S OWN PEOPLE'

Our sermon series continue:

- 7 Jan - Abraham: the father
- 14 Jan - Isaac: the coward
- 28 Jan - Jacob: the scammer
- 4 Feb - Joseph: the dreamer
- 11 Feb - Joseph: the prisoner
- **18 Feb, today - Joseph: the saviour**



Find the time to read the book of Genesis, esp., chapters 12-50. It is one continuous story. May we hear the voice of God.

5. DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

- 19-21 Feb, starting tomorrow - CH & EN youth leaders retreat, Kokol. 9 youth leaders from our church will be attending.
- 26 Feb - Ordination Service, All Saints' Cathedral. God willing, Rev. StJohn Perry, among others, will be priested. The full Si Quis of the 23 candidates is displayed on the notice board.
- 27-29 Feb - Clergy & Pastors' Retreat and Conference, KK.
- 4-7 Mar - CH & EN Children Conference, Christ Church Likas. Expecting 500 children. Register now. Open to all our children, and their friends. Fees involved.

To-date, close to 400 children have registered; of whom 80 are from our church. Pray for a great work of the Holy Spirit.

We need lots of volunteers to help run the event. If you are able to help, please contact aunty Fen Fen, Lisa, or the church office.

- 10-12 Apr - BM Prayer Conference, St. Patrick's Church, Tawau. Theme: *Impak Penerobosan*. Speakers: Bishop Melfer Tais, and others. Register now.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - early notice.

24 Mar, Palm Sunday - our AGM. Please make plans to attend our annual family gathering. Though this year we need not vote for a new PCC, the electoral roll will still be displayed, for updates. For those writing reports, please start the process of doing so.

7. VACANCIES AT THE ARK - opportunities to serve.

3 vacancies of assistant carers (female). Please contact Jacqui Chia (016-818 9013).

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SERMON OUTLINE

Title: Joseph – the saviour

Text: Genesis 50:14-22

Introduction:

- God's promise to re-create, through Abraham and his family: Gen 12:1-3
- What family is this? Are they ready to be used by God?

1. **Jacob's Family** - Genesis 37-50

- i. favouritism, pride, hatred
- ii. alienation - from father, family, land. A broken family. A family that needed healing before God can use them.

2. **God's Family** - Genesis 37-50

- i. God preserves Jacob's family.
- ii. reconciliation - with father & family. A 'saviour' for many.
- iii. "you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good".

Conclusion:

God is all knowing, all powerful, and all loving.

Look at the cross - Acts 2:23, 36.

FOR PRAYER

Our beloved World

- pray for Indonesia: that suitable leaders will be raised to serve the nation

[that the new leadership will bring about greater growth of the gospel]

Our beloved Community

- pray for a greater readiness to welcome tourists and visitors to KK
[that we learn to share God's love with everyone]

Ourselves

- pray for a meaningful and fruitful Lent period

[that we may grow in our love for God and for one another]

- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.