



## CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent - 3 March 2024

### A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first He suffered pain, and entered not into glory before He was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



# Give ...

- Matthew 5:42

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

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

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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. HAPPENING TODAY

- A special welcome to the residents of our Anglican Retirement Kampung (ARK) to our Hakka Service. On the first Sunday of every month, the CH Service will be conducted in Hakka.
- Gotong-royong (cleaning-up) this afternoon, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm. We get our church and the compound ready to welcome about 450 children, teachers and helpers of the Diocesan Children Worship Conference, starting tomorrow, until Thurs. Pray for a great work of God's Spirit.
- NO 'Prayer-Worship Night' Service tonight.

## 2. SEASON OF LENT

We are in the middle of our 40 days of Lent. It is a period for remembering, reflection, repentance, and, renewal.

- '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.

Zoom Meeting ID: [846 5515 2727](#) Passcode: 0224

- Engage in activities that will bring us closer to the Lord - read the Bible, pray, listen to Christian messages, music and songs, or read a Christian book. Visit the sick, needy and lonely.
- Rid bad habits or addictions; and to develop new healthy ones.
- Gotong-royong. Rid the clutter in our house or office. And most importantly, in our lives!!



## 3. EN YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Next Sun, 10 Mar, City Mall, 1:00 pm - a study on how sin affects our work and careers. Encourage all young adults to join. Contact: Rachel & Noah.

## 4. ADULTS CELL LEADERS

10 Mar, next Sun - meet with Rector and Pastor Margaret:

- 12:00 pm - EN cell leaders, and their assistants.
- 1:00 pm - CH cell leaders, and their assistants.



## 5. LENTEN SERMONS - 'THROW AWAY'

"Let us also throw away every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us", Hebrews 12:1. We will use Jesus's Sermon on the Mount to guide our thoughts:

- 25 Feb, Lent 2: 'Throw away anger' - Matthew 5:17-27
- 3 Mar - Lent 3, today: 'Throw away vengeance' - Matthew 5:38-48
- 10 Mar - Lent 4: 'Throw away greed' - Matthew 6:1-4, 19-24
- 17 Mar - Lent 5: 'Throw away anxiety' - Matthew 6:25-34.



## 6. BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Please register now. Candidates must be 13 years old and above. We will arrange suitable classes to fit your schedule, language and age-group.

## 7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, will be held on **30 Mar, Holy Saturday, at 2:00 pm**. Please note:

- please check the electoral roll, and update, if necessary;
- please hand in your resolutions, if any, to the Secretary by Sat, 16 Mar.
- ministry leaders, please hand in your reports by next Sun, 10 Mar. We plan to make the reports, and accounts, ready by 24 Mar.
- pray for a good family time together.

**Meanwhile, PCC meeting, next Sat, 9 Mar. If you have any matters for them to discuss, please contact them.**

## 8. DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

- 10-12 Apr - BM Prayer Conference, St. Patrick's Church, Tawau. Theme: *Impak Penerobosan*. Register now.
- 30 Apr-2 May - CH & EN Young Adults' Conference, All Saints' Cathedral, KK. Open for registration.

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## THROW AWAY ... REVENGE

"Do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you" [GNB] - Matthew 5:39

For reflection and discussion:

1. A church member wants to borrow some money from you. Would you lend? Why or why not?
2. Read Matthew 5:38-42. What do you think is meant by 'an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth'? In what circumstances is this originally applied? Ex 21:22-27, Lev 24:19-20, Deut 19:19 - seem for the 'judge' to execute. It is meant to limit harm; and not to encourage harm.
3. Can this principle 'eye for eye; tooth for tooth' be applied personally? Why or why not?
4. How would you summarise Jesus' teaching in v39-42? Do you think they are practical these days? Why or why not? What is the main point of Jesus' teaching?
5. Read Romans 12:17-21. Why are we not to take revenge on those who have wronged us? What are we to do instead?
6. If a thief comes into your house and threatens the safety of the family; but, thankfully, he was overpowered and caught. What should you do? Discuss.
7. At this time of Lent, throw away bad habits and attitudes. Pray for one another; esp., to throw away revenge.

## FOR PRAYER

### **Our beloved Anglican Communion**

- pray for faithfulness to the Scriptures

[ that godly leadership be raised to guide the whole Communion ]

### **Our beloved Sabah Diocese**

- pray for greater growth in love and ministry

[ that Bishop Melter, and the whole diocesan leadership may lead well ]

### **Ourselves**

- pray for a willingness to throw away unhelpful habits and baggages

[ that the Holy Spirit may transform our lives more and more ]

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