

**CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS** 

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# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - 17 March 2024

## A Prayer for Today

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved mankind: grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of His victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



English Worship Service is **live-streamed**, **9:30 a.m.**: - YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/</u> @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. FINAL WEEK OF LENT

We are coming to the end of the Lent period. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. We continue to remember, reflect, repent, and be renewed.

'Daily Lent Prayer' - Mon-Fri, at 12:00 noon.
 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.

## 2. HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

- 24 Mar, Palm Sunday all Services as usual; distribution of palm crosses
- 28 Mar, Maundy Thurs, 8:00 pm Holy Communion Service
  - CH Alpha Hall
  - EN Omega Hall
  - BM church
- 29 Mar, Good Friday
  - 6:00 am Thanksgiving Services at Anglican cemeteries
  - 3-hr Good Friday Service, at church: 'Characters of the Cross'
    - \* 12:00 pm-1:00 pm Chinese
    - \* 1:00 pm-2:00 pm English
    - \* 2:00 pm-3:00 pm BM
- 30 Mar, Holy Saturday, 2:00 pm Annual General Meeting
- 31 Mar, Easter Sunday all Services as usual; followed by Easter meals.

#### 3. 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;
- we are working hard to produce the report booklet by next Sunday, 24 Mar. Pray, and work.





**Characters of the Cross** 



## 4. LENTEN SERMONS - 'THROW AWAY'

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



• 17 Mar - Lent 5: 'Throw away anxiety' - Matthew 6:25-34.

#### 5. FAMILY MATTERS - some useful ideas from cell leaders meeting!!

- Cell groups encourage more participation, greater publicity (pamphlets, e-fliers, website), meet onsite at least once a month
- Equipping Rector, clergy and pastors to meet with cell leaders more regularly to help them teach, lead and pastor better
- After Service fellowship make the Pavilion more children-friendly, church staff to man a one-stop enquiry centre, encourage church members to celebrate together their special occasions (birthdays, anniversaries, thanksgivings)
- Outreach greater connection with the KK community: offer courses in music, tuition, public speaking, photography, etc.
   Better use of the social media to share about our church life
- Evangelism share the gospel with friends: Christianity Explored courses (in CH, EN & BM)

"Christ loved the church, and gave Himself up for her", Eph 5:25. We love God's people at Christ Church Likas, and desire to grow together.

#### 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. DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS

- 10-12 Apr BM Prayer Conference, St. Patrick's Church, Tawau. Theme: Impak Penerobosan. 50 of us have registered.
- 30 Apr-2 May CH & EN Young Adults' Conference, All Saints' Cathedral, KK. Open for registration.

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## THROW AWAY ... ANXIETY

"seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" - Matthew 6:33

For reflection and discussion:

- 1. Which household animals or insects are you afraid of rats, cockroaches, lizards, etc.? Why?
- 2. Read Matthew 6:25-34. v25 how would you answer Jesus' question? If food and clothing are not the most important, what are some of the things you reckon as very important in life? Share as much, or as little, as you may.
- 3. v26-30 what can we learn from the birds? How does 'your heavenly Father' feed them? If worrying cannot lengthen our lives, what may? How does worry affect our lives? How does God 'clothe' us? See also Gen 3:21.
- 4. v30-32 what might be one of the reasons why we worry so much? How does faith in 'our heavenly Father' relieve us of anxiety? See also Philippians 4:7-8.
- 5. v33 instead of filling our minds with anxiety, what should be our priority? What does it mean to 'seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness'? How may we do this?
- 6. Commit some of the concerns in your mind and heart to the Lord. If appropriate, let others in the group pray for you.

## FOR PRAYER

#### **Our beloved Province**

- for the church in Brunei [ that Christians may contribute to the well-being of the nation ]

#### **Our beloved Young Adults**

for a strong young adults' team at our church
 [ that they may grow to be effective witnesses for Jesus ]

## Ourselves

for a meaningful Lent period
[ that we may see the hand of God in our lives ]
pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.
pray for rain