

#### **CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS**

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# 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity - 15 September 2024

#### A Prayer for Today

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of Your name, increase in us true religion, nourish in us all goodness, and of Your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Mark 8:27-end

Responsive Reading - James 1:12-18

# **every perfect gift** is from the Father of lights - James 1:17 What have you received from the Lord lately?

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. BLESSED MALAYSIA DAY

May 'God bless Malaysia' as we celebrate the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our beloved nation. May we contribute to her peace and prosperity. May the churches be revived to share God's love.

# 2. 'EXERCISE OUR FAITH'

We continue our sermon series on the Book of James. This short book is full of exhortations for followers of Jesus to put their faith into practice. "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" - 1:22. Topics for the next few weeks:

- today: 'Be Steadfast' James 1:12-18
- 22 Sept: 'Be Active' James 1:19-25
- 29 Sept: 'Be Impartial' James 2:1-13
- 6 Oct: 'Be Practical' James 2:14-26

Start reading the Book of James; and enjoy hearing God's voice.

## 3. STARTING TONIGHT

The Diocesan 'Breakthrough' Prayer Conference begins tonight, Hosanna Hall, ASC, 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. This is the only session open to all. The rest of the conference is by registration only. Walk-in registration still welcome. Over 500 people have registered. Pray for a great work of God's Spirit.



18 Sept - 'Strategic Planning'. A special session for church leaders and intercessors. Admission is free; but registration required.

#### 4. RIBUAN TERIMA KASIH

Our youth says 'thank-you' for your strong support of RM4,800/- to enable them to participate in the BM youth camp, Telupid.

## 5. CHINESE PARISH PRAYER MEETING

This Thurs, 19 Sept, 8:00 pm - hybrid, at Alpha Hall & through Zoom. Focus: Raising Gospel-Workers. Meeting ID: 849 0600 4194 Passcode: 0224

## 6. DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

 16-18 Sept - Lay-Readers' Training (LPA), in BM, at Telupid. 19-21 Sept - Youth Camp, in BM, at Telupid.

Boost: https://myboost.app.link/FPvG94VIT4

- 30 Sept-2 Oct, Kudat BM Young Adults' **Conference**. 16 of our young adults have registered. Registration still open.
- 30 Oct-1 Nov, All Saints' Cathedral CH & EN Leaders' Conference. Calling all our clergy, pastors, lay-readers and leaders of our various ministries to be further equipped for ministries. Bishop Stephen Soh, Diocese of West Malaysia, is the main facilitator.
- 30-31 Oct. Christ Church Likas Education **Conference**. Calling all our teachers, educators, school board members and chaplains to come and be inspired to be 'missionaries' to the next generation of students. Details at notice board.

#### 7. ST. AGNES SCHOOL CELEBRATES 110

What a milestone!! Calling all alumni and well-wishers to gather for a thanksgiving dinner, on 19 Oct. Dinner coupons available at our Welcome Desk.

## 8. DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to the family of Mdm. Peggy Fong, 84; who passed away last Tuesday, 10 Sept. We praise God for His faithful servant. Pray for the family.

#### 9. OTHER MINISTRIES

- The ASAA Kindergarten is open for registration of children ages 4-5 in 2025. Details on the notice board.
- Vacancies at ARK: helpers for the kitchen & for the laundry. Contact: 016-818 9013.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Adrian, Waiwai & Aurora. .

#### 10. PROJEST INVEST - thank-you!!

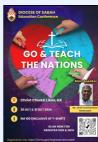
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#### Exercise Our Faith Be Steadfast

James 1:12-18

For reflection & discussion:

- 1. Share your experiences of catching a mouse. What trap did you use? Did you eventually catch the mouse?
- 2. Read James 1:13. Does God tempt anyone? Why or why not? Does God 'test' someone? Why or why not? What is the difference between 'trials' (testing) and 'temptations'?
- 3. Read James 1:14-16. What is a temptation? How are temptations described here? How is someone tempted? Give some examples, from the bible or from your own experiences, how someone is tempted? What is the end result of temptations?
- 4. How may we avoid temptations? What resources can we call upon to help, when we are tempted?
- 5. Read James 1:17-18. What do we learn about God from these verses? What is God's will, according to v18? What is meant by 'first-fruits'? How are we 'first-fruits' of God's creation?
- 6. In light of God's will for us (v18), how should we respond? How may we live our lives as an 'offering' to God? Give some concrete examples.
- What has God promised to those who remain faithful to Him, v12? Pray for one another; esp., for those undergoing trials and temptations.

# FOR PRAYER

#### **Our beloved Province**

- that communities be transformed by the gospel [ pray for missionaries at work in different areas throughout the Province ]

#### **Our beloved Diocese**

 that lives be transformed by the Prayer Conference, Leaders' Conference & Youth Conference
[ pray for a great work of God's Spirit ]

#### Ourselves

- that we may be aware of one another's needs

[ pray that we may learn to love those whom we find difficult to love ] - pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.