



## CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity - 22 September 2024

### A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in You. Teach us to offer ourselves to Your service, that here we may have Your peace, and in the world to come may see You face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

Responsive Reading - James 1:19-25



## looks in a mirror and forgets - *James 1:24*

Have you heard God's Words and forgotten them?

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

- YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/](https://www.youtube.com/@christchurchlikas/streams)

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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. WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

We warmly welcome to the family of the church, Kelly Mai PeiPei and Nicole Wong Xuan, who are baptised today, at the CH Service.

## 2. THANK-YOU FOR PRAYING

All the various diocesan conferences went well. Thank-you for your prayers and strong practical support. Everyone benefitted much from the CH & EN Prayer Conference, BM Leaders' Conference and the BM Youth Conference. Much work to be done still.

We are grateful to our church staff who worked hard throughout the period. Tomorrow, 23 Sept, will be a 'replacement holiday' for them. Office reopens on Wed, 25 Sept.

## 3. 'EXERCISE OUR FAITH'

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

- today, 22 Sept: 'Be Active' - *James 1:19-25*
- 29 Sept: 'Be Impartial' - *James 2:1-13*
- 6 Oct: 'Be Practical' - *James 2:14-26*
- 13 Oct: 'Be Encouraging' - *James 3:1-18*

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

## 4. RECTOR ON LEAVE

Our Rector will be on leave prior to his retirement. His schedule:

- 22 Sept-7 Oct - join MV Doulos-Hope to serve at Puerto Princesa, Palawan, the Philippines.
- Oct - sabbatical leave; plan to be in Sabah
- Nov - sabbatical leave; plan to travel overseas
- 8 Dec - official retirement



During his absence, Rev. Samuel, Ps. Margaret and the PCC will assume the pastoral and administrative leadership of the parish. Please refer to them. Pray for our Rector, and Lorraine, that they may be refreshed and renewed for their next assignment.

## 5. DIOCESAN CONFERENCES

- 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.



## 6. ST. AGNES SCHOOL CELEBRATES 110 YEARS

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.



## 7. DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to the family of Raymond Yapp Shin Fui, 59; who passed away last Tuesday, 17 Sept. Pray for the family; including Elisa Yap.

## 8. OTHER MINISTRIES

- The **ASAA Kindergarten** is open for registration of children ages 4-5 in 2025. Details on the notice board.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Albertin and family.

## 9. PROJEST INVEST - *thank-you!!*

RM123,035/- Last week: RM555/- Still needed: RM476,965/-

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RHB Bank | 2-10103-0001913-1  
Christ Church Likas

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



## Exercise Our Faith - James 1:19-25

### **Be Active**

For reflection & discussion:

1. Sing, pray, read the bible, play a musical instrument, help someone in need - which of these worship activities do you find easiest to do? Hardest to do? Why?
2. Read James 1:19-21. The word of God is liken to a plant that God plants into our hearts. How are we to respond to His word? *[if you have the time, someone in the group may want to retell the story found in Mark 4:1-20]*. What is the word of God able to do in our lives?
3. Read James 1:22-25. Summarise the teaching of this passage; which is also one of the major themes in the book of James. What is one of the ways in which we 'deceive ourselves', v22. How may we encourage ourselves to be 'doers' of the word, and not just 'hearers' only. Give an example when you obeyed the word of God. How did you feel? What was the result?
4. Read James 1:26-27. How do people show that they are pious? What is true piety, according to James? How do Christians practise their piety? What is the offering Christians bring to God when they worship Him? Read also Romans 12:1.
5. How would you help someone who says, "I have stopped reading the bible because there are so many things there I do not understand"? Close by praying for one another.

## **FOR PRAYER**

### **Our beloved Diocese**

- pray for those affected by the recent fire, wind and flood  
[ for generous hearts and willing hands to serve one another ]

### **Our beloved Church Family**

- pray for our Rector and Lorraine  
[ that they may travel safely; and be refreshed by rest ]

### **Ourselves**

- pray that we may be 'doers of the word'  
[ for many opportunities to serve in practical ways ]  
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends.  
Name them in our prayer.