

#### **CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS**

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known
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# 3rd Sunday before Advent - 10 November 2024

# A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham faithfully obeyed Your call and rejoiced in Your promise that, in him, all the families of the earth should be blessed: give us a faith like his, that in us, Your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

Responsive Reading - James 5:7-12



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

- YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/">https://www.youtube.com/</a>

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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

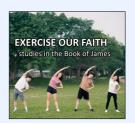
Welcome to our worship services this morning. We also warmly welcome those who join us online.

A **special welcome** to Rev. Jacob Lim. Rev. Jacob is the principal of ASAA (All Saints' Anglican Academy). He will share the word of God at our CH and EN Services this morning.

Our Rector is on his sabbatical leave through October and November. During his absence, Rev. Samuel 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.

#### '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 for 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:



- 10 Nov, today: 'Be Patient' James 5:7-12
- 17 Nov: 'Be Prayerful' James 5:13-20
- 24 Nov: Mission Sharing by invited missioners Luke 10:17-24

### 3. MISSION TRIPS

We learn how to exercise of faith through missions. Pray fervently. Give generously. Our mission teams:

- 15-17 Nov: CH team to Kundasang, led by Ps. Margaret Chong.
- 22-23 Nov: BM team to Pitas, led by Rev. Samuel Sampe.

#### 4. OTHER MINISTRIES

- 14 Nov combined **prayer meeting**, 8:00 pm. We need to pray for the Christmas season. This will be our last prayer meeting for the year. Everyone is encouraged to join.
- 28 Nov Home Communion. 8:00 am Holy Communion, at church. 9:00 am - Home visits. For details, please enquire at the Welcome Desk; or contact the church office.

- The **flowers** for today are donated by Maureen Chin.
- Our choir is recruiting members for presentation at the KK Christmas celebration. If you are interested to join, please contact Vivienne (016-847 9073).
- The **ASAA Kindergarten** is open for registration of children ages 4-5 in 2025. Please call 088-252006 for more information.

#### 5. THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

- 1 Dec, Sun, 9:30 am BLAST children celebration
- 4 Dec, Wed, 8:00 pm Soma young adults celebration
- 7 Dec, Sat, 5:00 pm Joy Club celebration
- 13 Dec, Fri, 1:00 pm Soma youth celebration
- 14 Dec, Sat:
  - 10:00 am Evergreens celebration
  - 2:00 pm Pelita Kecil & CH children celebration
  - 7:00 pm Faith youth celebration
- 15 Dec, Sun, 6:00 pm 'The Joy of Christmas', at our church compound. An evening with fellowship, stage presentations, food stalls, bless draw, etc..
- 18 Dec, Wed, 7:00 pm CH & EN young adults celebration
- 21 Dec, Sat, 4:00 pm CH youth celebration

More information will follow.

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

To date: RM151,580/- Last week: RM9,800/- Still needed: RM448,420/-

Meanwhile, we are calling for quotation to build the proposed 4-storey staff quarters for Christ Church Likas. Any interested tenderer(s), please contact Arkitek PV + Tang Sdn. Bhd. (088-433798) for detail information of collection to the tender documents.



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#### **Exercise Our Faith**

# **Be Patient**

James 5:7-12

#### For reflection & discussion:

- James encourages us to be patient, like a farmer waiting for the harvest. What are some areas in your life where God might be calling you to exercise patience? How can you remind yourself to wait on Him?
- 2. This passage calls us to stand firm because the Lord's coming is near. What does it mean for you to "stand firm" in faith in difficult times? How can you practically do this in your daily life?
- 3. In verse 11, James directs us to ponder on Job's experiences. What can you tell about Job's experiences of suffering and happiness? Are they still relevant in our lives today? Share.
- 4. Verse 11 reminds us of God's compassion and mercy in the end. How have you seen God's compassion and mercy in your life or in the lives of those around you? How can reflecting on this encourage you during challenging times?

# **FOR PRAYER**

## **Our Beloved Diocese**

- pray for our mission field in Indonesia [ for Revd. Jakobus Chong, Revd. Martin Ataring, Revd. Ferdenan Atonis and Ps. Christina Simon ]

# **Our Beloved Church**

- pray for our Christmas programmes [ for all Christmas celebrations that we have planned; spiritual blessing for all who will attend ]

# **Ourselves**

- pray for patience, as it is a fruit of our faith [ for ourselves to be strong in facing challenges and burdens in life, to believe the help from God is never late ]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.