



CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known

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Epiphany - 5 January 2025

A Prayer for Today

Eternal God, who by the shining of a star led the wisemen to the worship of your Son: guide by his light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may behold your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

Responsive Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6



we saw
His Star

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

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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. **BLESSED NEW YEAR**

Wishing everyone a blessed new year. Today is the first Sunday of 2025. Let the coming year be one of experiencing the grace of God, more and more.

Tomorrow, 6 Jan, is the Feast of Epiphany. We give thanks for the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile world, as portrayed in the incident of the Visit of the Wisemen, Matt 2:1-12.

Bishop Melter Tais has a New Year Message for us. Please read.

2. **PROJECT INVEST**

Thank-you for your very encouraging response. We are constructing a new priest's house, staff quarters and other facilities.

- Let us all play our part in contributing towards the project. We encourage commitments for the following units:
 - RM2,000 X 200 units = RM400,000
 - RM5,000 X 120 units = RM600,000
 - RM10,000 X 20 units = RM200,000
- The commitment may be by instalments for the whole of 2025.
- Or any other amount.
- To date, we have received RM255,613. Pray for God's grace and favour.

3. **CHINESE NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING**

A Thanksgiving Service will be held on the first day of Chinese New Year, Wed, 29 Jan, at 8:00 am. This is a great occasion to catch up with friends; esp., those back from afar for the festive season.

4. **OTHER MINISTRIES**

- **B.L.A.S.T. children** resumes today.
- **2025 Church calendars.** Please collect.
- **2025 Flower Offering** - If you wish to contribute the flowers used in church, please contact our church office. You may wish to remember a special occasion - birthday, anniversary, memorial; or as a general thanksgiving.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Mrs. Moon.

5. **VACANCY**

We need a full-time gardener for our church. Interested, please contact the Wardens, or the Rector.

New Year Message - Bishop Datuk Melter J Tais

Greetings in the most precious name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

As we step into the dawn of 2025, we first pause to thank God for His goodness and sustaining grace throughout the year 2024. Despite the triumphs, trials, and unexpected moments, His faithfulness has carried us through. Just as the psalmist declared, *“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever”* (Psalm 107:1), we acknowledge that every blessing and lesson from the past year is a testament to His unwavering presence in our lives.

Now, as we stand at the threshold of a new year, the road ahead feels like a vast, uncharted territory, full of potential, challenges, and opportunities. Each year brings with it new horizons, much like the journey Abraham undertook when God called him to leave his familiar surroundings for an unknown land, *“The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you”* (Genesis 12:1). Venturing into the uncharted is not simply about facing the unknown; it is about stepping forward in faith, trusting that God goes before us.

The New Year 2025 is a very exciting and challenging one for us as a diocese because we are venturing into the uncharted creation of three Area Dioceses: **the Area Diocese of Sabah West, the Area Diocese of Sabah East, and the Area Diocese of Sabah South**. We are still one Diocese, not creating three separate independent Dioceses, for a more practical and effective implementation of various ministries. Although the date of the Inauguration Service of the creation of three Area Dioceses is fixed on 25th May 2025 at All saints’ Cathedral at 4pm, the implementation of the three Area Dioceses begins on 1st January 2025.

With this regards, I have appointed both Bishop John Yeo and Bishop Kenneth Thien as Suffragan Bishops for the Area Diocese of Sabah South, and the Area Diocese of Sabah West respectively effective 1st January 2025. They are assigned with specific duties and responsibilities. I myself will carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Suffragan Bishop for the Area Diocese of Sabah East, and addition to my role as the Diocesan Bishop. With the creation of the three Area Dioceses, I hope and pray that our Diocese will continue to bring in greater harvest of souls for the Lord of the harvest, for His own glory. The key is unity in prayer and purpose.

Venturing into the uncharted challenge of 2025 is an invitation to walk by faith and not by sight, *“For we live by faith, not by sight”* (2 Corinthians 5:7). As we embark on this journey, let us hold fast to the truth that God’s presence precedes us, and His promises secure our future.

May this year be one where we embrace the unknown with confidence, trusting that the One who began a good work in us will carry it to completion. With hearts full of faith and eyes fixed on Jesus, let’s step to embrace every challenge as opportunity for growth and divine breakthrough.

I wish to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones: Blessed New Year 2025.

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THROUGH THE BIBLE - THROUGH THE YEAR

To know Jesus Christ as revealed in all the Scriptures

“Beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.” - Luke 24:27

Some features ...

- **READ** at home. Follow the scheduled readings for the week. Sub-titles are given as a guide. A psalm is read everyday as a thoughtful prayer.
- **LISTEN** in church. The sermon is based on the readings.
- **DISCUSS** in your cell group. Questions will be provided.
- **PRACTISE** in our lives throughout the week.

Week 1 - January 5-11

Creation & Fall	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun, 5 Gen 1-3; Ps 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Mon, 6 Gen 4-7; Ps 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Tue, 7 Gen 8-11, Ps 3	
Abrahamic Covenant	<input type="checkbox"/> Wed, 8 Gen 12-15; Ps 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu, 9 Gen 16-18; Ps 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri, 10 Gen 19-21; Ps 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Sat, 11 Gen 22-24; Ps 7

“Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
- Luke 24:44

FOR PRAYER

Our Beloved City

- give thanks for KK and all the people who live and work in it
[pray for a greater commitment to make life in KK more liveable]

Our Beloved Diocese

- give thanks for the Bishops, priests and pastors, and the PCCs
[pray for a renewed commitment to pastor the people of God]

Ourselves

- give thanks for a new year
[pray for a hunger to experience anew the grace of God]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.