

### CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

To Know Christ & to Make Him Known
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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Before Advent - 16 November 2025

# A Prayer for Today

Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of Your people and sent Your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery: free us from the tyranny of sin and death and by the leading of Your Spirit, bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - Luke 21:5-19

Responsive Reading - Ephesians 4:22-32



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. TIME TO PRAY, TIME TO DECIDE

Sabah will decide on a new government in two weeks' time. In the meantime, pray for a fair and peaceful period of campaigning. If you are voting, pray for discernment on your choice. Read Bishop's Pastoral Letter.

## 2. SHORT-TERM MISSIONS BEGIN

- Team A left this morning, for Papar & Ulu Kimanis. Ps. Margaret leads a team of 14 persons. Expected to return this evening.
- Team B leaves this Fri, 21 Nov for Sipitang. Ps. Andriano leads a team of 12 persons. Plan to return on Sat evening.
- Team C also leaves this Fri, 21 Nov for Kg. Maringgan and Kg. Liu (Pitas area), for health and family mission. Dr. George & Jeffrey Chen lead a team of 17 persons comprising of medical professionals and other volunteers.

Thank-you very much for your tremendous support - in cash and in kind (rice, cooking oil, drinking water, writing materials, etc.).

### 3. BAPTISM

We welcome into the family of the church, Wilric Lo Zhen Yue who is baptised at the CH Service.

The next baptisms for all the Services is on 7 Dec 2025; then 15 Feb 2026.

# 4. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

The Bible Study Fellowship is a global in-depth bible study open for everyone, regardless of church affiliation or denomination. Conducted online, there are groups for men, women and young adults. Scan the QR code for details.

To learn more, come for an introductory talk on 19 Nov (next Wed), Omega Hall, 7:00 pm. Open to all. Bring your Christian friends, even those from other churches.

# 5. SPECIAL MUSICAL CONCERT

30 Nov, Sun, 7:30 pm - a concert at our church with Ms. Grezia Epiphania Surya, an Indonesian





Christian artiste: who is blind.

At 19 years old, she is highly talented with a singing voice and on the keyboard. Her videos are accessible at YouTube. Invite your friends too.

### 6. OTHER MINISTRIES

- [ 17-29 Nov Rector on leave. 27-30 Nov Ps. Margaret on leave. ]
- 22 Nov, coming Sat, 9:30 am Evergreens gathering, Omega Hall.
- 27 Nov Home Communion. Please contact the church office.
- 4 Dec Parish CH & EN prayer meeting. Last for the year.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Anita Chin & family.

### 7. 'PROJECT INVEST'

We praise God, indeed. We are almost there - now waiting for electricity and water supply. By God's grace and your generosity, our fund to-date is RM1,060,000. We need a total of RM1.2 m. Please continue to give as the Lord enables you.

The next step is furnishing the units - beds, air-cons, sofas, etc.

### 8. CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to the family our beloved brother-in-Christ, Lu Hau Kong, 71. He has been such a great encouragement to all of us. We will miss him. The funeral is tomorrow, 17 Nov, at our church, 10:00 am.

Give thanks for him; and pray for Mui Vun and the family.

# 9. CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

- Christmas 2025 t-shirts are open for orders.
- 14 Dec 'Christmas for All'. A Christmas fair for the community. Food stalls are available for rent. Enquire at church office.
- For details of activities, please scan the QR code.
   Share it with your friends. Some activities:
  - 6 Dec Evergreens Christmas Lunch. Tickets are on sale now!!
  - 7 Dec, 9:30 am BLAST Children Christmas Celebration.



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# THROUGH THE BIBLE - THROUGH THE YEAR

To know Jesus Christ as revealed in all the Scriptures - Luke 24:27

1. **READ** - Week 46 - Nov 16-Nov 22: 'Living as Christian People'

□ Sun, 16	□ Mon, 17	□ Tue, 18	□ Wed, 19
- Gal 3-4; Ps 6	- Gal 5-6; Ps 7	- Eph 1-2; Ps 8	- Eph 3-4; Ps 9
□ Thu, 20 - Eph 5-6; Ps 10	□ Fri, 21 - Phil 1-2; Ps 11	□ Sat, 22 - Phil 3-4; Ps 12	

- 2. **HEAR** Sermon for 23 Nov: 'Life in the Community'
- 3. STUDY for reflection & discussion:
- a. When taking a walk, who do you like to walk with you? Why?
- b. Walk in love. Read Ephesians 5:3-5. Why should Christian people be so concerned about sexual matters? What are some of the sexual temptations we face today as young people? As adults? How to avoid the temptations?
- c. Walk wisely. Read Ephesians 5:15-17. What does it mean to 'walk wisely', v15? How may we 'make full use of the time', v16? What are some 'time-wasters'? Is 'having a rest' wasting time? Why, or why not?
- d. Filled with God's Spirit. Read Ephesians 5:18-21. What does it mean to be 'filled with the Spirit', v18? What are some of the signs of someone who is full of the Holy Spirit, v19-21? How may we be 'filled with the Spirit'?
- **4. LIVE** consciously, live a life pleasing to the Lord, this week.

## **FOR PRAYER**

# **Our Beloved Province**

- pray for the Diocese of West Malaysia; for Bishop Stephen Abbarow, the churches, schools and welfare institutions – that they may preach and experience the new life found only in Jesus Christ (Eph. 4:22-32).

## **Our Beloved State**

- pray that godly leaders be raised to lead and serve the people in Sabah. Pray for a fair, just and peaceful campaigning period and for the election.

# **Ourselves**

- pray that we may grow in holiness that our words, emotions and hearts be more and more like Jesus.
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer. Pray esp., for Rev. George Chong.

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### A Pastoral Letter to the Diocese of Sabah

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus!

Our beloved State of Sabah will go to the poll on 29th November 2025 for the 17th General Election (GE17). As citizens we are exhorted to "subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God" (Romans 13:1). I am calling all Anglicans who are eligible to vote in this coming election, to exercise our constitutional right of voting, to pray and to take the necessary actions to ensure that a godly government would be elected to power at the state level.

#### 1. COME OUT TO VOTE

I exhort all eligible voters to come out to vote. Mankind is created each with the inherent value as created beings of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Part of the distinctiveness of man is the freedom to choose. The right to choose our leaders, therefore the right to vote is the right of every citizen in a nation. Exercise this right to vote without fear nor favour, free from any enticement or pressure from any quarters.

### 2. GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE

The focus and purpose of GE17 is to form the government. Thus, the choice of candidates is of utmost importance. It is our moral responsibility to pray and elect a government which sincerely seeks and works for the peace and prosperity of Sabah and its people, irrespective of their races, creeds or ethnicities. We pray for an efficient and effective government to be formed, who knows how to manage the nation's resources responsibly without any wastage or leakages. To this end, we must prayerfully seek to elect godly leaders.

#### 3. GODLY LEADERS

The church as an institution is non-partisan and seeks only for the peace and prosperity of the nation. In choosing the representatives to the State Legislative Assembly, we look for qualities befitting a leader in all election candidates.

### (a) Integrity

They must be above reproach, honest, hardworking, not a lover of money having the attitude of a servant, hate evil, love justice, do not walk in the counsel of the wicked nor sit in the seat of the scornful but delight in righteousness,

#### (b) Competence

They must possess the necessary knowledge and skills, to enable them able to make bold and informed decisions in the interest of Sabah even when they are not popular. Pray for elected representatives who have the fear of God and a team spirit to work well in the next government.

#### (c) Harmony

They must have the love for the people and always seek the welfare of Sabah above their own personal interests, preserving the harmonious relationships among the people of Sabah of various races and religions. This is essential to safeguard the precious racial and religious harmony which is the heritage of the people of Sabah for generations.

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### 4. GOD'S DIVINE INTERVENTION

Let us pray for God's divine intervention in the whole election process during GE17, so that it will be conducted free from any violence, hatred, conflict, fraud or manipulation. We pray for the Election Commission and all personnel of our security forces to carry out their duties faithfully and we pray for their safety. We pray for the smooth casting and secured delivery of postal votes. We pray for favourable weather condition, flood free polling day, to enable all voters to come out and cast their votes.

May the Lord bless you and keep all of you in His perfect peace.

Yours in Christ.

The Right Reverend Datuk Melter Jiki Tais

Bishop of Sabah