



## CHRIST CHURCH LIKAS

*To Know Christ & to Make Him Known*  
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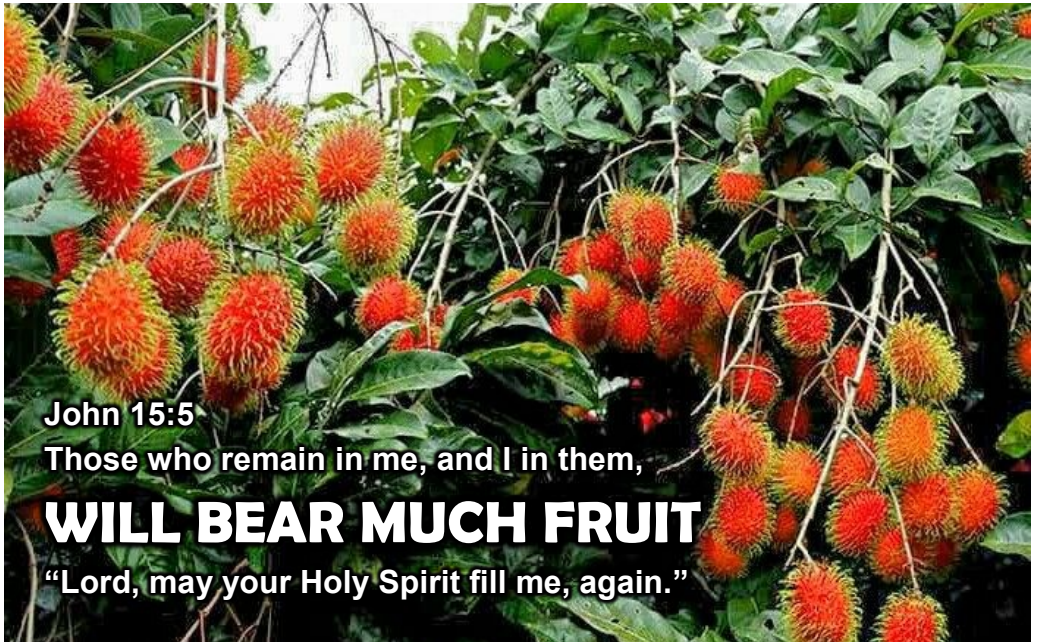
## 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity - 13 September 2026

### A Prayer for Today

Almighty God, You have taught us through Your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law. Grant that we may love You with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Gospel - John 15:1-11

Responsive Reading - Galatians 5:19-26



John 15:5

Those who remain in me, and I in them,

**WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT**

“Lord, may your Holy Spirit fill me, again.”

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

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@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. CELEBRATING MALAYSIA DAY

Sept 16, this Wed, marks the 63<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of our nation, Malaysia. We will continue to pray for her peace and prosperity. As a church, we will play our part to contribute towards nation-building through our schools and churches. As Christians, we will live and witness for Jesus. Every day, through our homes and professions, we bring God's love and blessings to our friends and neighbours. In our context, a good Christian is a good citizen - Romans 13, 1 Peter 2.

The Council of Churches in Malaysia (CCM) and the Sabah Council of Churches (SCC) call on Christians throughout the country to pray for the nation. The 'Malaysia Day of Prayer' will be conducted on **Wed, Sept 16 (public hol), at All Saints' Cathedral, 9:30 am-11:30 am**. The Service will be live-streamed to the whole nation. Come and pray, on-site or on-line.



## 2. CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

Christmas is just around the corner! The annual 'Kota Kinabalu Christmas Celebration' (KKCC) is now 'Sabah Christmas Celebration' (SCC) - to serve the whole State. This year's organising falls on the Anglican Church.

Collectively, the churches seek to raise a 500-voice choir. Our practices will start on Sat, 26 Sept, Omega Hall, 5:15 pm-6:15 pm. In Nov, we will join the others for practices.

Come and be part of a historic event in Sabah. You do not need to be in the regular choir in order to join in. This is a special choir for Christmas.

## 3. CELEBRATING WITH OUR SENIORS

The Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat is at All Saints' Cathedral, 5-7 Oct. Closing date for registration is on 21 Sept.

The 'Welcome Dinner' at Hakka Hall, 5 Oct, is open to all. You need not be a senior, nor a full-time participant of the Retreat. Ticket is at RM100 per pax. Details at the Service Desk.

#### 4. **CELEBRATING TOGETHERNESS**

The forthcoming moon-cake festival is a great occasion to bring families and friends together. We are conducting a special event on **Sunday, 27 Sept, 5:00 pm**.

A team of Christian artistes from Hong Kong will be here to sing and to share their stories of God's grace in their lives. Our children will also be presenting; to be followed by a lantern procession. A light dinner will be served. A great occasion to bring our friends along. Please register, for yourself and for them - for catering purposes.

Though the event will be conducted mainly in Chinese, you need not be a worshipper at the CH congregation in order to come. All are welcome.



#### 5. **BM INTERCESSORS' RETREAT**

ADOS-W BM Intercessors' Retreat, KPS, 4-6 Oct. 60 of us have registered. Closing date for registration: tomorrow, 14 Sept.

#### 6. **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

The banns of marriage is announced between Lim Vui Shiun and Soon Giok Jing, both of St. James' Church, Kudat. This is the first announcement.

#### 7. **OTHER MINISTRIES**

- 15-16 Sept - **Borneo Workplace Convention**, SICC. Organised by Alpha Malaysia. Registration needed.
- 19 Sept, coming Sat - **PCC Meeting**, Alpha Hall.
- 20 Sept, next Sun - **Missions Market**; after the Services.
- 24 Sept, Thu - **Home Communion**, 8:00 am.
- Every Sunday afternoon, **games** available: carrom, table-tennis, pickleball, basketball, football and volleyball. Bring your friends.
- The **flowers** for today are donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ho Tsun Lin.

**FOR GIVING ONLINE**  
**RHB Bank | 2-10103-0001913-1**  
**Christ Church Likas**

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



## ‘THAT I MAY KNOW CHRIST’

Philippians 3:10

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| Weekly bible reading plan | Mon, Sept 14 | John 12    | Ps 93 | Fri, Sept 18 | John 17 | Ps 97 |
|                           | Tue, Sept 15 | John 13    | Ps 94 | Sat, Sept 19 | John 18 | Ps 98 |
|                           | Wed, Sept 16 | John 14-15 | Ps 95 | Sun, Sept 20 | John 19 | Ps 99 |
|                           | Thu, Sept 17 | John 16    | Ps 96 |              |         |       |

“Fruit of the Holy Spirit” - for reflection & discussion:

- a. It is fruit season now. Name 2 fruits you love; and 2 you do not like.
- b. How does a fruit tree bear fruits? What conditions are needed? How much time is needed? What prevents growth? What are some of the similarities of bearing physical fruits and bearing the ‘fruit of the Holy Spirit’? Explain.
- c. ‘The fruit of the Holy Spirit reflects the character of Jesus’ - do you agree with this statement? Why, or why not? Mention some of the occasions in the life of Jesus where there characteristics were displayed. E.g., ‘gentleness’ - when Jesus forgave the woman caught in adultery, John 8.
- d. How may these characteristics help build relationships in the family? In the church? With our friends? What is needed most in your family at this time? At CCL at this season of our life together?
- e. Which ‘fruit’ do you need most, at this stage of your spiritual development? How may you develop it/them? What may be stopping you from growing? Which ‘fruit’ you find hardest to bear?
- f. John 15:1-5 gives a much needed secret to bearing fruit. What makes the branches continue to bear fruit? What does it mean to ‘remain’ in Jesus? How may we ‘remain’ in Him?

### FOR PRAYER

#### Our Beloved Nation

- give thanks for our country, Malaysia. Pray for its peace, prosperity and harmony among the different peoples. Pray that more Godly leaders be raised to lead and serve the nation.

#### Our Beloved Church

- pray for our young people studying, and working, away from home; that they may find friends who will support them in their faith in Jesus.

#### Ourselves

- pray that we may increase in the fruit of the Holy Spirit.  
 - pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.

### **34<sup>TH</sup> DIOCESAN SYNOD: BISHOP'S ADDRESS (PART 3)**

*"Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities."* (Isaiah 54:2-3)

Last week, we have read the six (6) imperatives/strategies to reach ***Beyond the Horizon***.

1. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF LOVE
2. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF WORSHIP
3. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF MISSION & EVANGELISM
4. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
5. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF SOCIAL SERVICE
6. BEYOND THE HORIZON OF GIVING

Bishop Melter ends his Synod Address with the following charge:

As ***ONE DIOCESE***, we also need to cultivate a spirit of **shared responsibility**.

When one Area Diocese is blessed, the *whole Diocese* is blessed. When one Area Diocese needs support, the *whole Diocese* should respond where possible. When one Area Diocese develops a successful ministry model, the *whole Diocese* learns from it.

We do not merely to represent our individual churches - ***We represent the whole Diocese***.

We do not ask: "What is best for my parish?" - We ask: ***What is best for the Diocese?***

We do not think about our present generation - ***We think about the next generation***.

We do think what we can receive – ***We think what we can contribute***.

We do not ask what the Diocese can do for us – We ask: ***What can we do for the Diocese?***

#### **OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT**

WE WILL LOVE GOD AND PEOPLE - *We will strengthen our unity as one Diocese*

WE WILL WORSHIP - *We will go deeper into God's presence*

WE WILL GO - *We will advance mission, evangelism and MISSION 113 (2.0)*

WE WILL RAISE - *We will develop spiritual, godly leaders for the next generation*

WE WILL SERVE - *We will care for people and communities in Christ's name*

WE WILL GIVE - *We will excel in the grace of giving and faithfully invest in God's mission*

And we will do all these things together:

**ONE DIOCESE through ADOS EAST, ADOS WEST, ADOS SOUTH  
with ONE LORD, ONE MISSION, ONE FUTURE**