DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 18/2/2018	NEXT SATURDAY 24/2/2018	NEXT SUNDAY 25/2/2018
Worship Officiant	Kenneth Sng	Patrick Lee	Florence Ho
Celebrant	Revd John Lin	-	-
Holy Communion Assistant	Revd Bernard, Kenneth Sng & Boon Sing, Ps Chwee Lian & Ps Alan	-	-
Community Praise Team	Combined Team	IHMS-Sat	IHMS-Sun
Preacher	Revd Dr Andrew Peh	Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15	Genesis 6:5-22; 9:8-17	
Sermon Title	Of Fast and Feast	Noah, Flood and Judgement	
Scripture Reader	Gan Pak Lim	Seah Bee Kheng	Choo Heng Yu
Ushering Team	Selah	Claypots	JP14
Floral Arrangement	-	-	
Refreshment	-	-	Elsie Lim
Treasurer	Helen Sng	Dawn Cheong	Ding Cho Li
Treasury Witness	Pei Ching & Eileen	Lijie	Aimin & Alyss
Staff On Duty	Opening: Ps Florence & Ps Yun Jing Closing: Ps Roger & Ps Alan	Ps Florence & Ps Fu-Man	Doris & Lydia

#### **Upcoming Events**

Lenten Devotion Sessions on 9, 16 & 23 March 2018
Maundy Thursday Service on 29 March 2018
Good Friday Service on 30 March 2018
Baptism Service on Resurrection Sunday, 1 April 2018
Church Retreat from 3 to 6 June 2018

#### **Worship Service on Saturday**

**English Service** 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

#### **Ministries**

**Home cell Fellowship** 8.00pm on Fridays **Youth Meeting** 2.00pm on Saturdays at Patmos Hall

# Worship Services on Sunday

English Service
 Cantonese Service
 Mandarin Service
 Hokkien Service
 9.00 am at Sanctuary
 11.15 am at Sanctuary
 11.15 am at Patmos Hall

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Sunday: 8.00am-9.00am & 10.30am-11.15am



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18 February 2018 Holy Communion

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# A Warm Welcome to all our guests

**Do send your children** to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (7 to 12 years) and 'Little Lambs' (24 months to 6 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

**Please do not feel obliged** to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

After the service, do stay back for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

**Do join us again next week.** We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Revd Dr Andrew Peh

Sermon Title : Of Fast and Feast

Scripture Text : Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

### COLLECT

# First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Vision and Purpose:** As we see the gracious salvation plan of a missionary God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

### Vicar writes

#### Dear family in Christ

This weekend is the First Sunday in **LENT**, a season of repentance and restoration. King David experienced the painful process of restoration after he committed two sins against God. One, David committed adultery with Bethsheba, the wife of his army general Uriah (2 Sam 11:2-5). Two, he plotted the death of general Uriah by sending him to the battle frontline to be killed (2 Sam 11:14-15). God was displeased and disciplined David for his sins, through the prophet Nathan.

**Psalm 51** is a record of King David's humble contrite prayer. David's repentance and restoration can be seen in the following process:

- 1. Know God's character: David cried out to the merciful, compassionate, gracious and loving God for His forgiveness and cleansing of his sins (51:1).
- 2. Acknowledge our sinful condition: David knew that he had disobeyed God's commands and done evil in God's sight (51:3-4).
- **3. Seek God's forgiveness**: David humbly sought the forgiveness of God, crying out to God "blot out my transgressions", "wash me thoroughly from my iniquity", "cleanse me from my sin", "purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean".
- 4. Receive God's restoration: David prayed asking God to create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within him. True Repentance involves turning away from evil and turning towards doing what is right. As we often confessed in prayer, we need to "firmly resolved to keep God's commandments". We need a spiritual heart transplant to have a clean heart, a right spirit and a restored life. Being mercifully forgiven and loved by God, we are revived, restored and renewed.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." Psalm 51:10-12

Maranatha Pastor John

# Intercession

#### The Province of South East Asia

**The Diocese of Kuching** is part of the ecclesiastical family of the Province of South East Asia. The key purpose is to extend the Kingdom of God in our part of the world.

#### **Prayers and Intercession**

- 1. Bishop Danald as he helms the Diocese; for the development of Intentional Discipleship throughout the Diocese.
- 2. Ministries in Pontianak, Indonesia.
- 3. Bishops, clergy, lay staff and their families.
- 4. God's wisdom and guidance as they continue to develop their Diocesan properties.
- 5. Ordinands currently pursuing theological training at STM and STC.
- 6. All teachers and students in their schools and kindergartens.
- 7. More qualified people to respond to the call to serve in the sacred ministry.
- 8. Lay leaders, lay readers and sub-deacons serving in the parishes.
- 9. Further training and equipping of serving clergy.

### **Combined Service**

There will be no refreshments provided due to market closures on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Lunar New Year. There is no 'Kids For Christ' ministry but 'Little Lambs' is on today. The school main gate will be closed at 1.30pm.

### **Church Prayer Meeting**

The church prayer meeting will be held in the Patmos Hall on **Friday, 23 February 2018, 7.45pm to 9.15pm.** Let's come together as one body to intercede for individuals, families, various ministries in the church, and for Singapore and other nations. The prayer leader is Peter Soon, the praise team is BBW113 homecell and staff on duty is Patrick & Doris Lee.

### **PCC Meeting**

There will be a PCC meeting on **Tuesday, 27 February 2018 at 7.30pm**. PCC members are encouraged to come from 6.45pm onwards for a time of prayer.

### **Lenten Devotion Sessions**

The Lenten session is a time when we focus on the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross through Personal reflection and repentance. We have invited Rev Yap Seok Chin (lecturer at Trinity Theological College) to share at three Lent devotional teachings in Mandarin (with English translation) on **Fridays**, **9**, **16** & **23 March 2018 at 7.30pm**.

### **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday Service is on 29 March 2018, starting at 7.30pm.

Good Friday Service is on 30 March 2018, starting at 10.00am.

Come and join us for the above Services as we observe this Holy Week.

# **Cell Leaders' Meeting**

The **Cell Leaders'** Meeting will be held on **Sunday**, **18 March 2018**, **11.30am to 1.00pm** at the SMSS Learning Lab. The Vicar will share on SJCp focus and the direction and spend time in discussion and prayer with Cell leaders. Please be present for this meeting.

# **Church Leaders' Training**

The training will be held on **Sunday, 25 March 2018, 11.30am to 1.00pm** at the SMSS Learning Lab. The training is based on the book "Leadership Essentials". Please prepare Bible study lesson 6 "The Posture of a Leader: STEWARDING – "Stewarding our gifts, passions and personality."

## **Baptism Service**

There will be a Baptism service on **1 April 2018**, Resurrection Sunday. For registration, please approach Ps Loon Fu-Man.

# 2018 Church Retreat - Theme: "Look, Walk, Rest" (Jeremiah 6:16)

The church retreat will be held from the **3 to 6 June 2018** (Sunday to Wednesday) at Tunamaya Beach Resort, Desaru. The speaker is Canon Yee Ching Wah. The Children's speaker is Mr Darius Foo. You are encouraged to set aside this dates to attend this retreat.