



# BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

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## SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

### 1 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen. Amen.

Preparatory Hymn

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

\*Hymn

**HOP 3** O God, Our Help in Ages Past

\*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 83:9-18

Holy Communion [James, Michael, Stephen, Adrian, Joel, Robert]

Hymn

**HOP 92** O Sacred Head, Now wounded

**HOP 185** According to Thy Gracious Word

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

\*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 36:6-13

Hymn

**HOP 123** Hover o'er Me, Holy Spirit

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

## For The Greater Good

\*Hymn

**HOP 179** I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

\*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

\*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

\*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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# WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

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My dear readers,

## 1. KJB – God’s Book

The King James Bible is God’s Book and Instrument of Truth for *“such a time as this,”* even the time of the end, also known as the *“last days.”* It would not be wrong to call the King James Bible the most important book of all time, being the best English translation of God’s inspired Word, most faithful, accurate and authentic.

The KJB is also the only Bible Version for which men of God have suffered violent death by fire at the hands of the Roman power vested in the Church authorities, both for translating and for reading the Book. For this reason the KJB is unique, soaked with the blood of the martyrs.

The KJB was born in the spirit of the Sixteenth Century Reformation, the only Book which has been proscribed by Rome.

But by God’s sovereign will the KJB has, through fire and persecution, emerged as the Book most read and most treasured by God’s people through the centuries of time, like no other book. It is also the only Bible authorized by Royal Commission, which may be held up as *“God’s inspired Word, inerrant, infallible”* in the English language. Incidentally, English has emerged in these last days as the global language understood by all the people of Planet Earth.

For over three hundred years, the KJB topped the list for Bible sales, until the close of the 20th Century when it was overtaken by the New International Version, a faulted version owned by Rupert Murdoch, Papal Knight.

## 2. The KJB: A Reformation Heritage

The Sixteenth Century Reformation was God’s greatest salvation and the KJB was the Reformation’s most enduring heritage. Through fire and persecution, and martyrdom, the Book embodies the Reformation spirit – *“Faithful unto Death – Thy Word is Truth.”*

In Martin Luther's words:

*"The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still"  
(from "A Mighty Fortress")*

We now briefly recount the four men who, in contributing to the KJB, suffered the fire of Rome.

#### **a. John Wycliffe (1320 – 1384)**

John Wycliffe of Oxford, loved the Scriptures and practised reading and preaching in public. For this he became known as the "*Gospel Doctor*." His life ambition was to make God's Word available to his people in the English language. For this he translated the Vulgate (Latin Bible) into English – the first such "*word of God*" in English (1382).

He not only translated and preached, but he trained young "*Lollard preachers*" to go throughout the land, preaching and teaching God's Word at great personal risk. Many of his "*preacher boys*" were arrested and burnt, with Wycliffe Bibles hung round their necks.

Wycliffe himself was on the "*death list*" of the Roman power, but God took him by a stroke. Nevertheless the vengeful Roman authorities dug up his bones 44 years later and had them burnt.

#### **b. William Tyndale (1484 – 1536)**

Educated at both Oxford and Cambridge, Tyndale was called of God from a young age. He was persuaded that the only deliverance for England from the darkness and oppression of the Roman system was the Word of God in English. "*The entrance of Thy word giveth light*" (Ps 119:130). Without God's truth, England would remain in bondage to the priests of Rome.

Tyndale therefore gave himself to the translation of God's Word, not from Latin but from the original languages: Hebrew (OT) and Greek (NT). In 1525, Tyndale's NT in English ignited the fire of revival in England. Men and women throughout the land read the Word of Life and saw the light of God. Many willingly suffered the fires of Rome for reading Tyndale's New Testament, but such a price was preferred to the ignorance and falsehood of Rome's teaching.

Tyndale himself was apprehended by the Roman authorities and suffered martyrdom in 1536. His last words before the execution (by strangling and fire) were: *"Lord, open the King of England's eyes."* (God answered the prayer: within two years the King had authorized Tyndale's New Testament to be placed in every parish church.)

Tyndale gave his life for the Truth of God. He is rightly remembered as the Apostle of England and Hero of the Reformation.

### **c. John Rogers (1500 – 1555)**

After Tyndale's death, Rogers continued with the translation of the Old Testament. For this he was condemned and burnt in 1555. John Rogers was a true hero to the end. Denied a last meeting with his wife and eleven children, he went cheerfully to his execution for he loved not his life unto the death.

John Rogers was the third man who suffered the fires of Rome for his part in translating the Scripture.

### **d. John Frith (1503 – 1533)**

John Frith co-laboured with Tyndale, as manager of production, overseeing the printing works. Apprehended by the authorities in 1532, he remained strong and steadfast in his Protestant faith, rejecting the false doctrine of purgatory and the mass. He was burnt in 1533.

## Conclusion

Whilst certain others were faithful contributors to the ultimate production of the KJB, these four men suffered the fires of the Roman authority for their involvement in the great work: John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, John Rogers and John Frith.

God bless all readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,  
Dr SH Tow

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

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- 1. Annual Congregational Meeting:** will be held soon after the worship service today in the main sanctuary. Members, please sign your attendance before the commencement of the ACM. Lunch will be served after the meeting.
- 2. Program for the upcoming weeks in October:**

DATE			PROGRAM
11/10	Sunday	6pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
18/10	Sunday	6pm	Men's Fellowship & Ladies' Fellowship

- 3. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** will be held next Sunday evening on the 11<sup>th</sup> October at the home of Elder James and Choon Fang Wong, Address: 22 Stuart Court, Bateman. We warmly welcome all who can understand mandarin to come and learn God's Word and to have warm fellowship with us. Elder James will continue the series on The Beatitudes. Dinner is at 6 pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Please bring a dish to share.

**4. Outside Toilets:** The male and outside toilets have recently had new fans installed. The lights and fans will now come on automatically when you enter and will turn off ten minutes after the last person leaves.

**5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**

- Thank God for the recent evangelistic outreaches. Pray that God will use the gospel tracts that have been given out to draw non-believers to Him.
- Thank God for the brethren who have served together at the church busy bee yesterday.
- Pray for the ACM today. May God's name be magnified once again for He has protected and preserved BPCWA for His own testimony and glory.
- Pray for Uncle Bernie Clarke, that God would give him the strength and grace to deal with his medical issues.
- Students who are having mid-semester examinations and assignments.
- God's guidance in the re-building of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on the re-starting of the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
- For those who are seeking employment, working away from home, and travelling.
- The brethren who are physically sick and facing trials, sadness or discouragement.
- Safety in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	4/10 COMBINED - Holy Communion	11/10 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Elder James Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Yan Wei Kenny Tan	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho Allan Ang, Adrian Ng, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Lee Lee Yong	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Angeline Yong
P.A. System	Adrian Ng	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow Shuin Ning Jong	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Holy Communion	Esther Yiu/Kenny Chia
Toddler Class Assistant	Shirlyn Lee/Lee Lee Yong	Lee Chin Yong/Victoria Lew
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

### Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Recess due to ACM	Rev Joseph Poon (Sharon Poon)
South Perth		Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Elder James Wong
Bayswater		Caleb Cheng

### APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	6/10	10:00am	Madarin Bible Study
		7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Elder James Wong, Angeline Yong
Wednesday	7/10	7:30pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Life of Christ II
Friday	9/10	10:00am	Mother's Fellowship Group
		7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	11/10	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater
6:00pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting (22 Stuart Court, Bateman)		

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (27/9)

Attendance: 202 (Combined-172; JSS-30); Prayer Meeting: 64

Offerings in Total: \$4909.50

General Fund: \$4909.50 (#3945-\$271.55)

**SHORTER CATECHISM: What is a sacrament?** A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ (Matt 28:19; Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 1:22-26); wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers (Gal 3:27; 1 Cor 10:16-17).