

GOLDEN NEWS!

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A message from our Chairman

Welcome to the fifth issue of Golden News and to an account of our latest Golden Circle activities. Our focus remains Faith, Fellowship and Fun and assisting less fortunate fellow Malaysians with their needs. Furthermore we continue to strengthen links with our fellow Christians in East Malaysia. We are greatly heartened by the support we continue to receive from all St. Marians, not least by their purchases of our delectable delights frequently cooked by the Committee members themselves for our monthly Sunday morning Breakfast Sales. Please take note of our work. Come and join us in our activities and bring your families along too.

Nostalgic Rewind: A trip down Memory Lane

St. Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle organized its very first musical programme, Nostalgic Rewind: A Trip Down Memory Lane on Saturday 8 October 2016 in the Multi Purpose Hall. A total of 95 people came to enjoy an evening of Fun, Fellowship and Music!!

We were delighted to have the USJ Evergreen Band to entertain us with music and songs of the 60's and 70's.



Committee Members

Chairman:
Mr Tony Hughes

Vice Chairman:
Dr Robert Alexandor

Hon Secretary:
Mrs Thilly Abraham

Hon Treasurer:
Mrs Agnes Joseph

Committee Members:

Mrs Diana Sim
Mr Philip Tan
Mr Edward Das
Mr Cheong Weng Hong
Mr Nanda Goban

Chaplain:
Rev Gordon Kong

Chaplain Emeritus:
Rev Davis Sigamoney



After the opening prayer and a word of welcome by the Vice Chairman Dr Alexandor, we had a time of singing old Christian youth songs. We were then treated to a variety of dishes, served with tea and coffee.

The committee members worked very hard to collect various items of the 60's and 70's such as the gasing (top), marbles, saga seeds, terumpah and many others. These items were beautifully exhibited on a display table.

Just for fun we had two quiz games: one to identify the music from a famous TV show and the other to identify actors and actresses of TV series of the 60's and 70's.

There was much laughter and fellowship around the tables, and Datuk Edward Lee most generously donated 10 hampers, which were given away in a Blessed Draw. We also had table draws, where every person seated at a table received a small gift.

All in all it was a fun filled evening, with good food, good company and a wonderful time of fellowship. We give thanks to Almighty God for making this a successful and memorable event.

“I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people.” – Luke 2:10



*“Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord.”
– Luke 2:11*



Fellowship Trip to Pulau Langkawi

The St. Mary's Cathedral Golden Circle organized a visit to Pulau Langkawi from Friday 28 to Monday 31 October 2016. A total of 30 persons participated. We were happy to welcome friends from St. James Church, St. Peter's Church, Good Shepherd Church and St. Thomas Church who joined us on this self- financed fellowship visit.

We began our tour bright and early on Saturday morning. The places we visited included:

- The Bat Cave, which got its name because of the large number of Malaysian fruit bats that reside there.
- The Gallery Perdana, where hundreds of gifts given to Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed during his tenure as the Prime Minister are displayed.
- The Underwater World
- The Langkawi Cable Car. This trip included a 3D Rollercoaster ride and an immersive experience on the SkyRex.
- Naturally there was non-stop shopping wherever we went!!

On Sunday, we gathered at the Hotel lobby for a time of worship in the context of Morning Prayer. After breakfast we headed for Island Hopping. We watched eagle feeding at the Kilim River, and stopped briefly at the Pulau Dayang Bunting, or the 'Island of the Pregnant Maiden', which has a large fresh water lake surrounded by hills. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Island Hopping.

At night all of us gathered at the Nagoya Chinese Restaurant for a scrumptious fellowship dinner partly sponsored by our Chairman to help celebrate his birthday.

Everyone enjoyed the trip and all were eager to make another one soon, since there are still many places to visit and, of course, more shopping!!



Joyous News

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE ORANG ASLI at TELUK INTAN



. In the pre-Christmas period, we were delighted to be able to organize an early Christmas party for the children of the Orang Asli settlement at Pengkalan Daun, Teluk Intan. A group of members and friends of St. Mary's Golden Circle travelled to St. Luke's Church, Teluk Intan laden with gifts and goodies for the entire community. After an opening prayer we recounted the Christmas story and pointed out that coming from St. Mary's, we were ourselves in the tradition of the mother of Jesus born in the stable in Bethlehem.

The joy on the faces of these underprivileged orang asli kids and the polite gratitude that not only the youngsters but also their families showed throughout the evening moved us all. When it came to gift time the items which had been so colourfully and artistically wrapped by the St. Marians, were appreciatively received by the orang asli present.

All in all it was a wonderful way to celebrate Christmas and in some ways a fitting re-enactment of the stable at Bethlehem and the gift bearing of the three Kings. We shall, of course, continue to support the Pengkalan Daun settlement and the refurbishment of their Sunday School building in the village. All St. Marians are urged to join us in this most worthy God given task.

