

## 26th Thanksgiving Service

By the grace of God, The Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation held its 26th anniversary thanksgiving party at King's Cross Methodist Church in London on 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2022, with the theme of "Be strong in the Lord". Thanks to Pastor CK Cheung of Chinese Church in London (CCiL) came to preach the sermon and count the Lord's grace together. He offered an inauguration prayer to the new center manager Elder Aaron Ng (front row, middle), co-worker Pastor Ivy Lam (back row, standing in the middle), director Angela Leung (front row, third from right), and volunteer pastor team Pastor CK Cheung (front row, first from left).



Attendees are encouraged to work hard to propagate the gospel!



Chinese Lunar New Year wishes! Gung Hei! Cong Xi!

## Lunar New Year "Say No to Gambling" Campaign



2023 農曆新年  
CCGR Lunar New Year

*Lesson: Don't be Greedy*  
*Class: year 1-3*  
*year 4-6*  
*Introduction in English,*  
*Lesson plan and slides in Chinese*  
*Duration: 45 mins*

本課內容： 不要貪心  
分為兩級： 小一至小三  
              小四至小六  
配以： 課程簡介(英、繁、簡)  
          教學程序(繁、簡)  
          教學投影片(繁、簡)  
授課時間：45分鐘

### Sunday School Class - "Don't be greedy!"

The Lunar New Year is a very happy festival for children, because they would receive red packets from elderly people and got sweet candies as gifts during the festival. Lunar New Year is also a festival when the Chinese people pay special attention to wealth and luck. There is a custom of welcoming the "God of Wealth" and a tradition of good wishes to each other on getting rich. In some Chinese families, they will get together to engage in gambling activities as entertainment games.

In the past, the main job of CCGR was to help people who were trapped by gambling to get rid of their gambling addiction. Recently, we felt that the gambling problem in society has become younger. In order to prevent young people and children from being harmed by gambling, our center has tried to provide some Sunday school curriculum materials and start with education to achieve the purpose of preventing problems before occurred. Although children may not engage in gambling behavior, greedy is often to drive people to participate in activities that could reap without sowing, and as well as wanting to gain much money by luck. Therefore, we chose "Don't be greedy!" as the subject of the lesson. When children are receiving the wrong message about Lunar New Year festival, it can provide them with an opportunity of contemplation, correct mistakes in a timely manner, understand and establish biblical principles and values. In future, we will continue to arrange more Sunday school classes for churches. You are welcome to contact us to provide suggestions.

\* Please download Sunday school materials from [www.ccgr.org.uk](http://www.ccgr.org.uk)

CCGR was invited to preach and attend workshops for Sunday worship services in the following churches.

<b>5 Feb</b>	<b>Portsmouth Chinese Christian Church</b>
<b>12 Feb</b>	<b>Reading Chinese Christian Church</b>
<b>17 Feb</b>	<b>CCiL NSC So Fresh Fellowship (Workshop)</b>
<b>19 Feb</b>	<b>London Chinatown Outreach/leafleting</b>
<b>26 Feb</b>	<b>Plymouth Chinese Christian Church</b>
<b>12 Mar</b>	<b>CCiL Hounslow Congregation</b>
<b>19 Mar</b>	<b>London Chinatown Outreach/leafleting</b>
<b>26 Mar</b>	<b>Nottingham Enlightening Word Congregation</b>
<b>26 Mar</b>	<b>London Chinese Alliance Church (Workshop)</b>
<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>London Chinatown Outreach/leafleting</b>
<b>23 Apr</b>	<b>Belfast Chinese Christian Church (Services + Workshop)</b>
<b>23 Apr</b>	<b>Derby Methodist Chinese Church</b>
<b>30 Apr</b>	<b>Gloucestershire Chinese Christian Church (Service + Workshop)</b>

To all churches:

If your church would like our pastors to preach on Sunday worship sermons, lead fellowship workshops, or disseminate gambling recovery in order to remind people and gain support, you are welcome to contact us.

Workshop introduction:

"Investment? Speculation? Or gambling? !"

- 1) Reflection on gambling problem
- 2) Investment questionnaire statistics
- 3) Loyal stewards and frontline caring work

Other workshops:

"Gambling activities trends in UK"

"What should I do if there is a gambler in my family?"

"Healing Group for Gambling Recovering - Church"

\*We could provide other workshop according to the needs of the churches. Please contact us.

## CCGR Weekly gatherings and activities

Monday – Bible Study 13:30-15:00 (Cantonese)

(Study 1 Corinthians from January to August)

Listen to God, study Bible, and understand the truth to get rid of gambling and temptations.

Tuesday - Small Group 13:30-15:00 (Cantonese)

The content includes pastoral caring, topic discussion and prayer time. Sharing spiritual grace, encouragement with each other, and become fellows in spiritual growth.

Wednesday - Christian Counselling Services

You are welcome to make an appointment for individual counselling, either in-person counselling or by zoom.

Thursday – Visiting Day

Visiting and caring, especially to connect gamblers and their families

Friday - Po Hong Station 13:30-15:00

We provide various physical and healthy activities, use of leisure time, keep close connection, and help gamblers recovery to quit gambling, to build up a rich and healthy life.

### "The only way to stand up!"

We are very familiar with the teaching from James 4 in the Bible - Resist the devil! Please read carefully below the Message version and you will have a new perspective.

**So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet. (James 4:7-10 The Message)**



## Income & Expenditure

	Apr 2021 - Mar 2022	Apr - Dec 2022 (before Audit)
Local Donation	£ 21,890.00	£ 26,128.19
Overseas Donation	£ 0	£ 524.87
Other Income	£ 3,069.30	£ 3,009.45
<b>Total Income</b>	£ 24,959.30	£ 29,662.51
Staff/Volunteers Allowance	£ 39,856.95	£ 36,248.51
Rent & Insurance	£ 1,200.00	£ 1,410.15
Office Expenses	£ 2,301.05	£ 520.27
Ministry/Activity 18-20/Jul/2022	/	£ 4236.30
Other	£ 716.88	£ 327.87
<b>Total Expenses</b>	£ 44,074.88	£ 42,743.19
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>-£19,115.58</b>	<b>-£13,080.68</b>

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