



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

*'St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all,
following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.'*

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/8LUZrB-zVTE>) (with the Commissioning of Servers' Guild and Music Ministry)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Dean
Deacon: The Revd Polly Wong
Communion Setting: Communion Service (John Rutter)
Hymns: 509, 443, 404ii, 544
Voluntary: Dialogue sur les grands jeux, from Suite de
Premier Ton (Louis-Nicolas Clérambault)
Readers: Denise Giles, Kevin She
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Letty Awingan
Intercessor: Douglas Lam

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 2nd September	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 3rd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.00pm	'Christians in Central' (Details on page 6)
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 4th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Madam Lola Young and the Bel Canto Singers—Whispering Hope</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 5th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	8.30pm	<i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>
FRI 6th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 7th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 8th September <i>Isaiah 35.4-7a</i> <i>Psalms 146</i> <i>Jas 2.1-10 (11-13)</i> <i>Mark 7.24-end</i>	The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist (CW) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: Professor Martyn Percy
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Most Revd Don Tamihere
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

ONLINE DONATION



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*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.***

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people; he said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 1.17-end

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7.1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our Archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We also pray for the Holy Carpenter Church and give thanks to God for his guidance over the last 70 years; for various activities of the parish's 70th anniversary, as well as its future development and mission; pray for the Revd Simon Cheung and the parish's missionary team, that God may grant them an invigorated spirit and a sincere heart, to serve and help one another in harmony, to be the salt and light within the parish, and to magnify God in his glory; for the secondary schools, four primary schools, community centers, and elderly centers in the parish. Pray that those participating in these schools and centers may receive the Lord's word and grace, and be baptized into the Church.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our prayers our Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, giving thanks that our donations have helped to provide food, medicines and healthcare for 1700 refugees from the fighting that has destroyed many villages in remote areas of the diocese.

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Alan Irvine, The Dean, Fung Wan Nui, Irena Wu, Toung Ming, Marylou Davis, Fr Desmond Cox, Rosendo Burgos, Eva Sorrel, Jerry Gleicher, Lucita Villareal, Raymond Yuen, Arturo Lamshing, Jane Pang Tong, Annabella Janssen, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, SoSo Mei Ping Wong -Leung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Sister Jean Mary, Sanson Lau, Muriel Tsang, Daisy Tai, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Hsu Hon Chung, Chuan Xiaokang, Sarah Wong, Joseph Chu, Wong Dor Chun, Claire Gotten, and Wanda Wan H.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Yuen Lai Yong, Tsoi Chow Sik Tung, Evangeline Dayao, Fanny Tung

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157**.

RADIO BROADCAST

This morning, the Sunday service at St Stephen's Chapel will be recorded and broadcast on RTHK4 at 12noon.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As conflicts rage in the Holy Land, Gaza and Ukraine, our world needs peace more than ever. Join members of the congregation to pray for peace on Zoom, every Thursday evening 8.30-9.00pm. Prayers provided, just join in. Please WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514 for the Zoom link.

REFRESHMENTS

in the Li Hall after 9.00am service

Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

Sunday School 2024/25 Registration Form



CURSILLO HK7

3rd—6th October (Thu 5pm - Sun 4pm)

Honeyville Retreat House, Mt Davis, Kennedy Town

A residential weekend leading to continuing engagement in a community of Christians Living an active life in their parish and environment.

Theme:

**Fear not,
Follow me**

Requirements:

- Over 18 years old
- Baptized for at least 2 years
- Anglican parishioners



Enquiry: cursillohk@gmail.com

Registration deadline: 8th September 2024

CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL

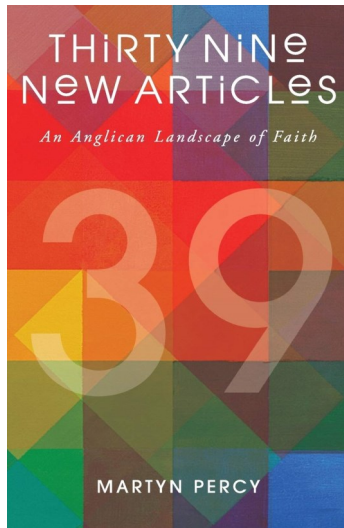
on Tuesday 3rd September at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

Topic: Thirty Nine New Articles—An Anglican Landscape of Faith

Speaker: Professor Martyn Percy

Provost Theologian

Ming Hua Theological College



Anglicans affirm the creeds, and are bible-believing Christians. But Anglicans often divide on how to interpret the bible and how to practice their faith. So what is that keeps Anglicans together? In the 16th century the answer was to invest in “articles of faith” that everyone was made to subscribe to. Originally there were 39 of these. But these were for the English, and in the 21st century very few Anglican churches find these articles to have any relevance today. In this thought-provoking and lighthearted talk, Prof Percy explains what really keeps churches and denominations together.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served from 12.45pm

Tickets at \$60 are available at the Cathedral Bookstore.

Reservation can also be made through the Cathedral office on 2523 4157 or email Scarlett at reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

RECRUITMENT FOR 2024-2025

We would like to inform you the RE Teacher Training programme is open now. This programme is conducted in Cantonese. Should you have any enquiries, please contact us at admission@minghua.edu.hk or WhatsApp to 9530 7241.



Training Course
for RE Teachers

OPENING DAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

You are cordially invited to our Opening Day Thanksgiving Service in our Chapel at 5.00pm on Thursday 5th September 2024. No registration needed. All are welcome. Enquiry: enquiry@minghua.edu.hk or 2521 7708.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

PUBLIC
LECTURES

APOCALYPSE NOW?

CRISIS, CATASTROPHE
AND CHRISTIAN HOPE

by Professor
Martyn Percy



Most Christians will be familiar with the *Book of Revelation* that ends the New Testament, as it speaks of 'End Times' and the events that lead to the end of history. Christians throughout the ages have believed that their generation might be the last and that we are about to enter an Age of Apocalypse. With plagues, war, crisis and collapse, what is the hope for our times? In this series of four public lectures, the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy explores how previous

generations of Christians imagined the end of the world and what signs of the times they thought might indicate this. Illustrated with art, stories, and references drawn from contemporary culture, these talks examine the hopes and fears Christians have faced and also begin to explore what kind of faith prevails in a world that often seems to be on the edge of some new crisis and catastrophe.

The Series of Public Lectures

by The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy

Date & Time

Every Thursday at
7.30pm in October,
starting from the 10th
(10th, 17th, 24th, 31st October)

Venue

Harold Smyth Room
at St John's Cathedral,
4-8 Garden Road, Central

Topics

1. The End of the World as We Know It (TEOTWAWKI)
2. A Plague on All Your Houses
3. The Angel of Death
4. Gloom, Doom, Prophecies—and Christian Hope



To register, please contact the Cathedral Office at 2523 4157. Admission is free.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan
(Acting Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education - The Revd Will Newman
(Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley)

Filipino Ministry -
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality - The Revd Robert Martin CMP
(Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)

Mission and Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Youth Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



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Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

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Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information: _____

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