



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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Zenaida Carias

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship

(<https://youtube.com/live/GvKqp39AA7A>)
(with the Commissioning of Sunday school)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Mass of the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Hymns: 531i (omit *), 371, 432, 580
Voluntary: Grand Jeu, from Premier Livre d'Orgue
(Pierre Du Mage)
Readers: Julianne Doe, Martin Hills
Intercessor: Mark Tse

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
Reader: Karmen Kar

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Will Newman
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Hymns: 470 (T.522i), 486, 432 (omit *), 488
Reader: Douglas Lam

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 9th September	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Vocal Recital by Hoiyan Lee (Mezzo-Soprano) and Emas Au (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	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 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i> <i>Topic: The Parables about Compassion and Forgiveness</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 14th <i>Holy Cross Day</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 15th September <i>Isaiah 50.4-9a</i> <i>Psalms 116.1-8</i> <i>Jas 3.1-12</i> <i>Mark 8.27-end</i>	The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Dedication Festival)	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	St John's Cathedral 175 th Anniversary Thanksgiving service Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

Isaiah 35.4-7a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

James 2.1-10(11-13), 14-17

A reading from the letter of St James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7.24-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard

about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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 Resurrection Church, that they might grow as dedicated and enthusiastic disciples, seeking to bring every part of their life and work under the authority of Jesus Christ; For fellowship within the church, and bridges beyond the church, all built by the goodwill inspired by the gospel; for the faithful proclamation and realisation of the word of God, that more may be saved by faith in him; **Pray for Shatin Anglican Church**, and for their ability in equipping each member as apt disciples; for their church members, that they will grow in their knowledge of the love of God, and be filled by the fullness of God which passes all understanding; for the volunteers who serve each Sunday in various roles, that they may do so in joyful response to the grace of Jesus Christ; and for their staff to persevere throughout the year, not growing weary of doing good; for welcoming all visitors and newcomers with Christ-like hospitality so that the Church won't be inward-looking, but one that serves the people and the world around us.

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 Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

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.

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 and Tonya Porter.

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



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.

WELCOME

This morning, we welcome the visiting group from the Province of Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, led by Archbishop Don Tamihere. And we are particularly thankful to the Archbishop for being our guest preacher at our 11.45am Choral Mattins. Please pray for the blessing of God for their stay in Hong Kong.

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



RADIO MINISTRY on RTHK4 FM97.6

The Revd Will Newman will be speaking on 'Reflections' at **11.57pm** every night from Monday to Friday, 9th—13th September 2024.



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 175th ANNIVERSARY

This year marks the 175th anniversary for St John's Cathedral. Events commemorating this event will take place during this year including our special anniversary service and dinner this month.

St John's is a Cathedral by virtue of its being the seat for the Bishop of Hong Kong and is the mother church in our diocese of Hong Kong Island. In recognition of this special status we are making an appeal to make a gift to our diocese in the amount of \$175,000 or more.

To the extent you are able, please consider a contribution towards this gift. Envelopes have been placed on the pews for this purpose. Thank you!



QR Code for online donation.

Please mark '*Donation for 175th Anniversary*'. Thanks.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

A Field trip to Hong Kong Heritage Museum with seniors from the Western District

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to accompany single elderlies from the Western District to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum to see the Jin Yong as well as the Bruce Lee exhibition with games and & quizzes, followed by a lunch with the elderlies.

A shuttle bus will pick up participants at the Western District Elderly Community Centre and transport to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

Date: 28th September 2024 (Sat)

Time: 9.00am - 1.30pm

Venue: From HKSKH Western District Elderly Community Centre to Hong Kong Heritage Museum

Spaces are limited, reserve your spot now!

Please scan the QR Code to join us.



CURSILLO HK7 3rd—6th October (Thu 5pm - Sun 4pm)

Theme: Fear not, Follow me

A residential weekend at Honeyville Retreat House, Mt Davis, Kennedy Town, leading to continuing engagement in a community of Christians Living an active life in their parish and environment.

Requirements:

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

Enquiry: cursillohk@gmail.com



**Registration
Deadline:
TODAY**

MICHAELMAS FAIR

Saturday 26th October 2024

DONATIONS for:

BOOKSTALL

Please take a good look at your bookshelves, pull out those volumes you will not look at again and donate them to our **Second Hand Bookstall**. The Stall is a significant source of income to the Fair and its charities and its success depends on the books you donate. We also invite you to give us CDs and DVDs which you don't want any more. *We regret that we cannot take VCDs or magazines. They don't sell!*

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Still wondering what to do with the vase you bought at a weak moment? Let us find it a new owner who will love and cherish it. All kinds of items will be gladly received; electronics, paintings, household items, jewelry, home accessories, bric a brac, as long as they are resalable.

STAMP STALL

New or used stamps, First Day covers, other philatelic material, used old bank notes and old coins are also welcome. (Please mark your contributions 'FOR ALEXANDER KWAN'.)

WINE & BEER GARDEN

Our popular Wine Garden is appealing for wine for serving on the day of the Fair. Please go through your private cellars and donate bottles of red and white! All bottles to be delivered to the Cathedral Office marked clearly 'For Michaelmas Fair Wine Garden'.

*Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office (2523 4157)
clearly marked for the Michaelmas Fair
(Mon-Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm; (Sat) 9.00am – 12.00noon*

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



Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and on the website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

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

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

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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