



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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 17TH NOVEMBER 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/4ZOfuA4PQ7w>)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Communion Service (John Rutter)
Hymns: 467, 480, 440, 192 (omit*)
Anthem: Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Ernest Walker)
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C minor BWV 549
(Johann Sebastian Bach)
Readers: Alexander Kwan, Michael Gibb
Intercessor: Douglas Lam

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Daniel Kong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Sung Eucharist with the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Readers: Herman Choi, Tony Poon tssf

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 18th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 19th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 20th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Choral Concert by Hong Kong Bellissimo Singers</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 21st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>'Grace in a Busy Week'</i>
	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 22nd	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 23rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 24th November <i>Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14</i> <i>Psalms 93</i> <i>Revelation 1.4b-8</i> <i>John 18.33-37</i>	Christ the King	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Dean
	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	Choral Evensong with Benediction Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

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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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 12.1-3

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel.

In the third year of King Cyrus a word was revealed to Daniel.

‘At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10.11-25

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, ‘he sat down at the right hand of God’, and since then has been waiting ‘until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.’ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for

after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds’, he also adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13.1-8

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of

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wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

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 Ming Hua Theological College and those who are receiving theological education; that the Lord will plant in their hearts the inspiration and the mission, not only to study and meditate on the Word of God but also to be determined to do the work entrusted to them by the Lord, to practice God's Word and action in the community in which they live; we pray that the staff of Ming Hua will be empowered and enlightened by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that in a changing time and society, they will be able to discern the will and needs of the church. We pray that they will teach and nurture the pastoral staff needed by the church to build up the body of Christ as a beacon of light and hope to the world; we pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will touch the brothers and sisters in the church to actively care for and support the ministry and curriculum of Ming Hua Theological College. In so doing

the church will be empowered to nurture its believers and equip them to serve God and to be faithful disciples of Christ in the world.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, where the people are suffering from both the continuing conflict and the recent terrible flooding. The Diocese is supporting hundreds of people who are homeless and have lost everything. Give thanks for funds donated to the diocese by cathedral members and others, aiding people who have no other help.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Got Yuen Dick, Alan Irvine, Fung Wan Nui, Irena Wu, Toung Ming, Raymond Yuen, Arturo Lamshing, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Jane Pang Tong, Sister Jean Mary, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Joseph Chu, Hsu Hon Chung, Maria Astuti, Annabella Janssen, Dr Verner Bickley, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sanson Lau, Muriel Tsang, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Wong Dor Chun, Chuan Xiaokang, Jerry Gleicher, Eva Sorrel, Daisy Tai, Sarah Wong, Wanda Wan H, Braden Bradford, Caitlin Berry and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Samuel Lam Pak Nin and Kirsten Shaw

In Memoriam: Roshan Colabella

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

NOTICES

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.



CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is celebrating the eucharist and preaching at Discovery Bay Anglican Church.

FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers have been donated by Dr Denise Giles in memory of her parents.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION

*Join Us for a Joyful
Christmas Celebration
with seniors from the
Western District*

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to celebrate Christmas with the seniors of the Western District. Enjoy a day filled with festive songs, fun games and exciting quizzes, culminating in a delightful lunch with our elder friends!

Date: 14th December 2024 (Sat)
Time: 10.30am - 2.00pm
Venue: Li Hall (SJC)

If you're excited to join us, please enrol using the QR code below. Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today!

Let's make this Christmas unforgettable together!



The Second Sunday before Advent

T O D A Y
**5.00pm Sung Eucharist
with the Sacraments of
Baptism & Confirmation**



Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Bishop of Hong Kong Island

36 candidates will be baptized and confirmed into the Cathedral community.

Please join the service to support our candidates. Please keep them in your prayers.

<https://youtube.com/live/62DJMpPpQfA>

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.

NOTICES



Diocese of Hong Kong Island, HKSKH BISHOP'S BIBLE STUDY SERIES 2024

Date/Time: **Thursday 21st November / 7.30pm** **Season 4**
Meeting in-person without live-streaming

Venue: **St Mary's Church, HKSKH (Phone: 2576 1768)**

Leaders: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, The Revd Tsui Yuk Fan,
The Revd Canon Dr Lam Chun Wai, The Revd Canon Ip Kam Fai

Contents: Witness Sharing, Bible Study, Q & A session, Prayers

Deadline for enrollment: 3 days before each meeting.

★ *To encourage participation, those who join the meeting four times or above between July and December will be awarded a souvenir.*

Enrollment: Participants may enroll for a month or quarterly. Walk-in is also welcome. Please visit the Diocesan website or scan the QR code below and submit the completed google form; or call the Diocesan Office for enrolment.

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For enquiries, please contact Ms Yeung of the Diocesan Office at Tel: 2526 5366

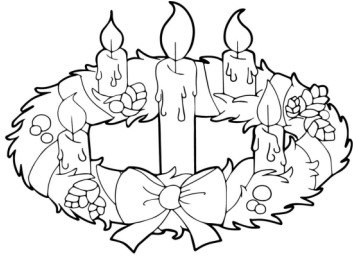
HKSKH MING HUA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

The Twenty-Second Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong

The 22nd Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong of HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College will be held at 4.00pm on 24th November 2024 (Sunday) at St Paul's Church. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, Chair of the College Council, will preside and present certificates to the graduates.

Enquires: (852) 2521 7708 / enquiry@minghua.edu.hk

St John's Cathedral
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SERVICES 2024



Sunday 1st December
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'The King and his Kingdom'
A Service for the beginning of Advent

Sunday 8th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A Service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season

Sunday 15th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

Saturday 21st December
6.00pm
Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist

Sunday 22nd December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am
Sung Eucharist
with Nativity Play

5.00pm
Nine Lessons and Carols

Tuesday 24th December
Christmas Eve

3.00pm
Crib Service (30 minutes)

4.30pm
Christingle Service

*(The Cathedral will be closed
from 6.00pm for preparation.)*

11.00pm
Midnight Mass of the Nativity
and Blessing of the Crib

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day
(no 5.00pm service)

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Remarks:
Ticket arrangements for Midnight Mass
on 24th December will be announced in
due course.

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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