



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1ST DECEMBER 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/apFkyID9RvE>)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Hymns: 14, 20, 22, 11
Anthem: Virga Jesse (Anton Bruckner)
Voluntary: Nun komm der Heiden Heiland BWV661
(Johann Sebastian Bach)
Readers: Douglas Lam, Thomas Swain
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm 'The King and His Kingdom' - A Service for the beginning of Advent (https://youtube.com/live/MbqvG_xx5ks)

Officiant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Readers: Jeannie Chan, Adrian King, Esther
Bangcawayan, Alexander Chan, Marques Ng,
Martin Rowe, The Revd Will Newman

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 2nd December	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Golden Jubilee Eucharist to celebrate the 50 th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr Desmond Cox
TUE 3rd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	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—A Perfect Christmas with Ella Kiang Singers</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>)
	2.00 - 5.00pm	<i>HANDICRAFT & CARDS SALE</i> in the Cathedral Garden (All proceeds go to the Cathedral.)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
	SUN 8th December	The Second Sunday of Advent
<i>Baruch ch. 5</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>Canticle: Benedictus</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy
<i>Phil. 1.3-11</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
<i>Luke 3.1-6</i>	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	'Blue Christmas' Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox

*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, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33.14-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that

you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21.25-36

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 St Andrew's Church, give thanks for what they have learnt from God's word, growth in goodness, and their support for one another in faith; Pray that they would be a community that seeks to love Jesus, share the gospel, support one another, read the bible and serve our city.

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, 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:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Bosco Tsui, Clarissa Tam, Maria Astuti, Samuel Lam Pak Nin and Ian Lam, priest.

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.



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



St John's Cathedral

Monday 2nd December 2024 7.30pm

GOLDEN JUBILEE EUCHARIST

*to celebrate
the 50th Anniversary of
the Ordination to the Priesthood of*

Fr Desmond Cox

Retired Chaplain of St John's

Come and join us for this celebration.

TURKEY BEFORE CHRISTMAS *Revelation revealed*

Join the Revd Will Newman and adventurous friends from St John's to hear the story of our exciting pilgrimage to Turkey earlier this year. See how we travelled, worshipped, prayed, laughed, learnt, and shared together, and discover the secrets of the Seven Churches of Asia in the Book of Revelation!

Christians in Central
12.45pm Tuesday 10th December
Li Hall, St John's Cathedral

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served from 12.45pm.

Ticket: HK\$60 each, available from the Cathedral Bookstore, or by reservation: reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk / 2523 4157



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

Date/Time: **Thursday 19th December**

6.45pm *Dinner*

7.30pm *Bishop's Bible Study*

*Last Episode
Dinner Reunion*

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: Dinner, Prize Quiz, Witness Sharing, Bible Study,
Q & A session, Prayers

★ *To recognize and reward the regular attendees of the Bible Study Series, those who have attended the meeting four times or above this year will be given a souvenir at this last meeting.*

Enrollment: Please visit the Diocesan website or scan the QR code below and submit the completed google form; or call the Diocesan Office for enrolment. Deadline: Monday 16th December

Please scan for
enrolment



Please scan for
Bible study
materials



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

ADVENT APPEAL

This year our Advent Appeal is to raise funds for our link Diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, to provide food, healthcare supplies and children's education for vulnerable refugee families displaced from their homes by the conflict and fighting. The Diocese is caring for more than 4000 people, with very limited resources.

Please donate using the envelopes in church, or buy a 'Sketches of Myanmar 2025' calendar, joyfully created for us by the teachers and kids of Toungoo. Available soon from the Cathedral Office and the Bookstore.

**St John's Cathedral
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SERVICES 2024**



Today 1st December
The First Sunday 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

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
NO Evening Service

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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 2024 MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETING

Each year, we welcome over 1,300 people to our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. To ensure that tickets are evenly distributed among parishioners and the wider community, tickets will be available for advance application through an online form.

The online application will start at 10.00am on Monday, 2nd December and will close when all available tickets are exhausted. Please refer to the application form (QR Code can be found at the bottom of this notice) for further details.

The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between 3rd and 17th December during office hours. Any uncollected tickets after Tuesday, 17th December, will be reallocated to other applicants.

One hundred tickets will be reserved for distribution at the West Door at 9.00pm on 24th December.

Please note the following:

1. Ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm through the North and South Transept Doors.
2. All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
3. Any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen at 10.45pm.
4. There will be a livestream in both the Li Hall and the North Lawn for worshippers who cannot get a seat in the cathedral.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications. All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral. Please scan the QR code to apply for the tickets.



DAUGHTER CHURCHES 2024 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

- 6.00pm Christingle Service with Nativity Play—Discovery Bay Church
10.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity—Emmanuel Church
11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity—St Stephen's Chapel

All are welcome. Tickets not required.

ONLINE DONATION



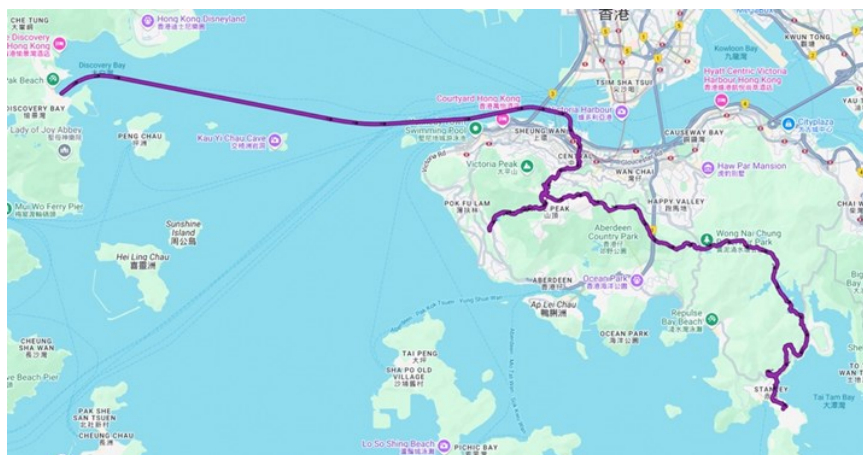
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NOTICE

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HIKE

Sunday 19th January 2025

Discovery Bay Anglican Church – St John's Cathedral –
Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam – St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley



THE FULL ROUTE

- 6.50am Prayers at Discovery Bay Ferry Pier
- 7.10am Ferry to Central, walk to St John's Cathedral
- 8.00am Service at the Cathedral
- 8.40am Leave the Cathedral to Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam, via the Peak
- 10.30am Service at Emmanuel with Fr Robert
- 11.30am Refreshments
- 12 noon Leave Emmanuel, back up the Peak (or take a taxi)
- 1.00pm Leave the Peak to Wong Nai Chung Gap, Tai Tam Road, and Stanley
- 5.15pm Evening Prayer at St Stephen's with Will
- 6.00pm Supper in Stanley

I plan to join the Cathedral Parish Hike (please tick)

- At Discovery Bay Ferry 6.50am
- At St John's Cathedral 8.00am
- At Emmanuel Church 10.30am
- Outside the Peak Galleria 1.00pm
- I will join supper at Stanley

Please write clearly

Your Name:

Email:

Phone:

Please return this form to the Cathedral Office.