



# 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 BAPTISM OF CHRIST (THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY) 12TH JANUARY 2025

### 8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean  
Reader: Faye Yee

### 9.00am Responsorial Eucharist

(<https://youtube.com/live/A7AJZxIzQ6s>)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean  
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)  
Hymns: 107, 109, 337, 108  
Anthem: Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest  
(arr. Michael Bedford)  
Voluntary: Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in G major  
BWV 541 (Johann Sebastian Bach)  
Readers: Mark Tse, Susan King

### 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

### 11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Reader: Gareth Williams

### 1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

### 5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin  
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman  
Hymns: 15, 411, 421, When Jesus came to Jordan  
Reader: Saki Tsoi  
Intercessor: Kevin She

## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 13th January 2025</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 14th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
<b>WED 15th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Bel Canto Singers: A Tenor Vocal Recital with Choir, Joshua YK Tse (Tenor) and Shing Yuen Jason Lam (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 16th</b>	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>
<b>FRI 17th</b>	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>
<b>SAT 18th</b>	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)
<b>SUN 19th January</b> <i>Jeremiah 33.6-9a</i> <i>Psalms 100</i> <i>Ephesians 4.1-6</i> <i>John 17.11b-23</i>	<b>The Second Sunday of Epiphany (Unity Sunday)</b>	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist ( <i>Pilipino</i> ) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

*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**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43. 1-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 8.14-17**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church of the Province of West 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 Morrison Chapel** and the Revd Stephen Durie; For the growth in attendance of both services at Morrison Chapel Macau and Macau Anglican College Taipa, and for newcomers to come to faith in Christ and be baptized; For increased offertory of money, time and talent, and for increased commitment of the church members; For the ministry of women, children, teenagers and young adults, and for men's ministry groups to develop; For more small groups to start and to grow healthily.

**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:*

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Mary Huber

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



## NOTICES

### 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.

*Dedication Prayer*

*Becoming Christ's Disciples Renewing the Church*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, every day is a gift from you, and we thank you for your guidance and blessing.

We live in an unsettling world, where worries seem to be our constant neighbour. For this we pray, merciful Lord, for your mercy on us. Teach us to find peace and stillness in your Spirit. Help us to walk with Christ daily and not be overwhelmed by our challenges, but with a joyful heart always, share the hope and selfless love that brings wholeness to people near and far. Mature and make blossom the seeds of the Gospel that we have sown under your providence.

Empower us that we may embrace the joy of being Christ's Disciples, and instill us with passion that we may renew the church. May our living sacrifices be pleasing to Christ.

We pray in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Bishop Matthias Der*

Diocese of Hong Kong Island, HKSXH | 2025

### HKSXH Ming Hua Theological College SPRING 2025 SACRED MUSIC COURSES

#### Fundamental Organ Improvisations

Instructor: Mr Jonathan Yip  
(Cathedral Organist, St John's)

Dates: 4/2, 25/2, 11/3, 18/3, 1/4, 8/4  
(Tue, 6 lessons in total)

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St John's Cathedral

#### Fundamental Choral Conducting

Instructor: Mr King Chan  
(MMus Choral Conducting)

Dates: 8/2, 15/2, 22/2, 1/3,  
(Sat, 4 lessons in total)

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

#### ABRSM Grade 5 Theory (Intensive Course)

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long  
(Provincial Music Officer)

Dates: 10/2 – 26/6  
(Mon or Thu, 20 lessons in total)

Time: 7.30pm – 8.45pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

All courses are taught in Cantonese.

Scan this QR code or visit  
<https://www.minghua.edu.hk/smrc-en>  
for details and applications:

For enquiries, please  
dial 2536 7537 (Mr Lau),  
or email to  
[music@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:music@minghua.edu.hk)



### ONLINE DONATION



<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM HONG KONG ISLAND DIOCESE!**

Our Bishop Matthias Der has written a Prayer for our diocese for the coming year 2025. It's printed on a card in English and Chinese. Please take a copy and use it in your prayers for our Church.

The Bishop is also giving us each a gift, a circle of seeds. The instructions for growing the seeds are printed in Chinese, but all you have to do is soak the circle in water, then bury it in soil and watch the seeds grow. This is also what our Church needs: if we will water the seeds of faith in the church and in the world around us, the seeds will grow and the Church will flourish!

The poster features a festive design with colorful streamers, stars, and confetti. At the top center, it displays the logo of St John's Cathedral (聖公會聖約翰座堂) and the logo of the St John's Cathedral Women's League (聖公會聖約翰座堂婦女團). The main text reads: "Celebrating the 5th anniversary of the St John's Cathedral Women's League & The 10th Anniversary of the Ordination of The Reverend Amos Poon". Below this, the event details are listed in both Chinese and English. At the bottom, there is a QR code for registration and contact information.

**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL**  
聖公會聖約翰座堂

**聖公會聖約翰座堂婦女團**  
faith Jesus

**Celebrating the 5th anniversary of the  
St John's Cathedral Women's League &  
The 10th Anniversary of  
the Ordination of  
The Reverend Amos Poon**

**日期: 2025年1月18日 (星期六)**  
**Date: 18 January 2025 (Saturday)**

**時間: 晚上7時15分至9時半**  
**Time: 7.15-9.30pm**

**地點: 李堂**  
**Venue: Li Hall**

**節目: 晚餐、自由分享、金曲/福音粵曲**  
**Programme: Dinner, sharing, and singing**

**費用: HK\$100**  
**Fee: (請以轉數快付款: 9880 8652 Cheung K\*F\*)**  
**(Please FPS to 9880 8652 Cheung K\*F\*)**

**For those interested, please WhatsApp 9877 7161**  
**OR scan the QR code below to register.**

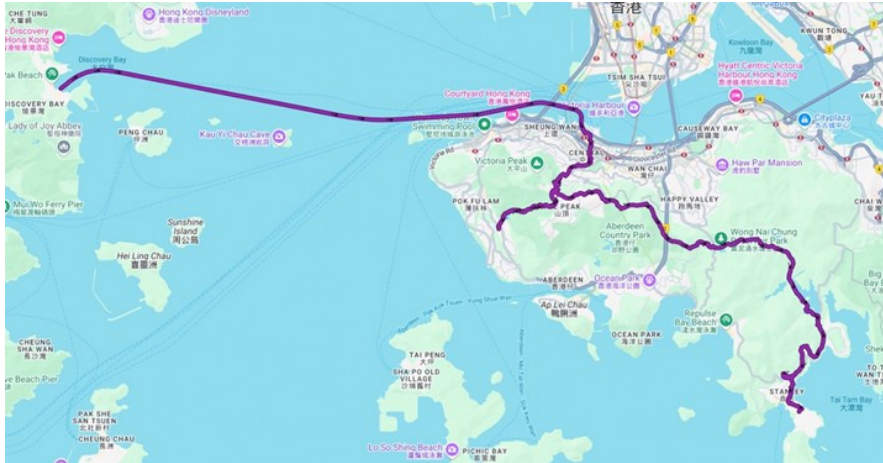


# NOTICE

## ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HIKE

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.*

# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

## Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

## Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

## 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

The Revd Drew Courtright

*(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)*

## Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri

The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

## 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](http://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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