



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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 26TH JANUARY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/ppAs-aaX-es>)

Celebrant : The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 502, 548, 76, 75
Anthem: Almighty and everlasting God (Orlando Gibbons)
Voluntary: A Running Fantazia or Prelude
(Orlando Gibbons)
Readers: Marina Lau, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Denise Giles

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Zenaida Carias

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 27th January 2025	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
TUE 28th <i>Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist	
	<i>(The Cathedral and Administration Office will close at 4.00pm)</i>		
WED 29th (PH)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
THU 30th (PH)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
FRI 31st (PH)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
SAT 1st February	8.30am	Said Eucharist	
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Filipino</i>)	
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>	
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)	
SUN 2nd February <i>Malachi 3.1-5</i> <i>Psalm 24 (or 24.7-end)</i> <i>Hebrews 2.14-end</i> <i>Luke 2.22-40</i>	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (CANDLEMAS)		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre	
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	
		Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon	
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Prof Martyn Percy	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)	
		Celebrant: The Dean	
		Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong	
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)	
	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis		
1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)		
	Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre		
	Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis		
5.00pm	Choral Evensong		
	Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon		

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS Chinese New Year 2025

28 th January (Tue)	Lunar New Year's Eve	9.00am – 4.00pm
29 th January (Wed)	Lunar New Year's Day	10.00am – 2.00pm
30 th January (Thu)	The Second Day of Lunar New Year	10.00am – 2.00pm
31 st January (Fri)	The Third Day of Lunar New Year	10.00am – 2.00pm
1 st February (Sat)	The Fourth Day of Lunar New Year	9.00am – 6.00pm
2 nd February (Sun)	The Fifth Day of Lunar New Year	10.00am – 2.00pm

CLARES Castaways Charity Shop

Closed on 29th and 30th January (Wed and Thu)

*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 Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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

Nehemiah 8.1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send

portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12.12-31a

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

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all

rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 4.14-21

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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 Paul's Church, the Revd Canon Dr Lam Chun Wai, the Revd Dr Ng Yu Lam, the Revd Adam Mo, and all staff members; may God grant them strength and guidance; for the ministries of evangelism and pastoral care; for the devotion and spiritual growth of the parishioners; for the ministries of faith nurture and fellowships; may all these serve as instruments of God's grace, not only in uniting the congregation, but also spreading God's love in the community; for the ministries in St Paul's Co-educational Secondary & Primary School, SKH Kei Yan Primary School and St Paul's Church Kindergarten.

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 diocese is providing food, shelter, medicine, and basic education for several thousand villagers displaced by the civil war. We give thanks for the funds donated in our Advent Appeal for Toungoo, and we pray for Bishop Saw Sheesho and all the people of the diocese as they serve those in great need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

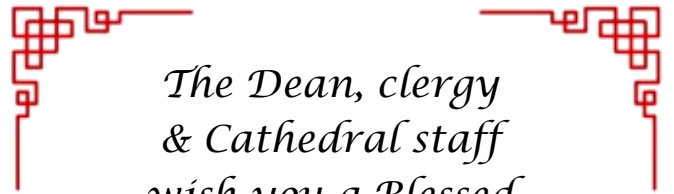
Please pray for the recently departed:
Wong Dor Chun
Hugh Phillipson, Priest

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

For almost 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We give thanks for the cease-fire in Gaza, and pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



*The Dean, clergy
& Cathedral staff
wish you a Blessed
& Prosperous Year
of the
SNAKE*



**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.

EVENSONG & CURRY!
Sunday 16th February 2025
**5.00pm Choral Evensong
followed by Curry Supper.**
*Please join us after the service
for an informal time of fellowship
in the Harold Smyth Room
hosted by the Cathedral clergy.*

Public Lecture

‘Just Desserts? Ingredients, Enigma, Empire, and Ecclesiology in English Anglicanism’

The Revd Canon Prof. Martyn Percy

St John’s Cathedral

Tuesday 4th February 2025, 7.30pm



Martyn Percy’s latest book, *The Crisis of Colonial Anglicanism*, offers a bold new cultural theory explaining how the Church of England has acted for and benefited from being the spiritual arm of the British Empire.

You are warmly invited to this lecture open to the public, when Martyn will show how through exploitation and racism the English adopted elitist and hierarchical worldviews which reinforced both Empire and Church. Yet by regarding the rest of the world as lesser, both the Empire and the Church slowly degenerated, and those peoples who were looked down on fought for equality and independence.

Today, the worldwide Anglican Communion faces a new era of moral reckoning.

Martyn Percy is Provost-Theologian for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, and Professor of Religion and Culture at the University of St Joseph, Macao. He writes and teaches on culture, faith, values and public life, and contributes to Prospect, The Guardian, and The Times.

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Michaelmas Fair 2025

JOY IN WALKATHON

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2月**MAR** 11.00am/12.00nn
上午11時/中午12時
(Registration from 10.00am 上午10時起登記)

Route 1 路線一
The Peak
山頂

Route 2 路線二

Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
香港動植物公園



The walkathon features 'Most Active Participation Award' and 'Top Fundraiser Award' for schools, individuals, and family/ministry/friends teams
步行籌款設有學校、個人、家庭/事工/朋友團隊
「最踴躍參與獎」及「最高籌款獎」

All proceeds will go towards supporting the Cathedral and its various ministries
所有捐款將用作支持聖公會聖約翰座堂，以及座堂各項事工

Lunch after the walk from 12.30pm
Fee: HK\$50 (adult)
HK\$20 (full-time student)
步行結束後，將於下午12時30分提供午膳
費用：成人港幣50元
全日制學生港幣20元



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ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

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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

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



Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Mr Jason Wong

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, 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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