



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 LENT 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://www.youtube.com/live/GTx8vFWY5jg>)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Canon Maurice Elliott
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: The Salisbury Setting (Ian Hubbard & Neil Cocking)
Hymns: 457, 518, 522i, 498i
Anthem: They that go down to the sea in ships
(Herbert Sumsion)
Voluntary: Postlude in D minor (Charles Villiers Stanford)
Readers: Alexander Kwan, Martin Hills
Intercessor: Michael Gibb

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Saki Tsoi

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 24th February	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 25th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	NO Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Joint Recital by Eva Chi (Soprano) and Bobby Cheng (Oboe)</i>
	6.00pm	NO Said Eucharist
THU 27th <i>George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633</i>	8.30am	Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
	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 28th	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 1st March	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 March <i>Exodus 34.29-end</i> <i>Psalms 99</i> <i>2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2</i> <i>Luke 9.28-36</i>	The Sunday next before Lent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon 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 Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Rt Revd Nestor Poltic
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

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COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’

Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds

of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation Ch. 4

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human

face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8.22-25

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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 Matthias' Church, the Revd Vincent Chan and his family; for this year's Mission theme 'Living Worthy of the Gospel and Striving Together for the Faith.' May the Lord grant us wisdom and love, so that all brothers and sisters in the church can reflect on their life testimonies and be passionate about evangelism; for the fellowship and caring ministry, the nurturing ministry of the parish; for the school ministry in St Matthias' Church Nursery School, St Matthias' Church Chiu Chun Kindergarten, S.K.H. Ling Oi Primary School and SKH Bishop Baker Secondary School.

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:

Ma Sau Yuen, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Sabrina Ho, Pope Francis, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Joseph Chu, Keith So, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Fung Wan Nui, Caitlin Berry, Alan Irvine, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Irena Wu, Toung Ming, Eva Sorrel, Rozana Leung-Bishop, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Arturo Lamshing, Hsu Hon Chung, Jane Pang Tong, Sister Jean Mary, Robin Rowley, Sanson Lau, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Wanda Wan H, Annabella Janssen, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Lucita Villareal, Wanda Clay, Daisy Tai and Sarah Wong.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Wong Dor Chun and Jeff LK Chu

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

Faith Begins:

The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!

on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.00pm followed by a talk and discussion.

‘Faith Begins’ is a course for adults who have been regularly attending services in St John’s Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 6 months, and who want to belong to the Anglican Church and become part of the regular worshipping community. ‘Faith Begins’ includes talks and discussion about many different aspects of Christian belief and living as a Christian. It leads to baptism and confirmation at St John’s Cathedral, when you commit yourself to following Jesus Christ.

The next ‘Faith Begins’ will start on 19th March 2025, continues every Wednesday up to 4th June. The Baptism and Confirmation Service will be held in the cathedral on 8th June at 5.00pm.

To enrol - Just email Fr Amos amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline: 8th March 2025

Course Fee: HKD1000

WELCOME

A warm welcome to the Revd Canon Maurice Elliott, Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and our preacher at 9am today. He has visited St John’s Cathedral several times in past years. His academic interests are in homiletics (the art of preaching), Christian Leadership, and Anglican Reformation ecclesiology.

CLERGY

This morning, Fr Dwight will be leading the service and preaching at Emmanuel Church.

CLERGY RETREAT

Our clergy team will be joining the Diocesan Clergy Retreat at Honeyville Canossian Retreat House from 25th to 27th February (Tuesday to Thursday).

REFRESHMENTS

in the Harold Smyth Room 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

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.



ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist (*English*)
12noon Said Eucharist (*Cantonese*)
7.30pm Sung Eucharist (*English*)

*All services will include
the Imposition of Ashes
Please bring your old palm crosses back.*



The Bishop's Message

16 February, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you all! Over the past 14 months, in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, we have engaged actively under the banner of “Becoming Christ’s disciples, Renewing the church.” Thank you so much for your enthusiastic response and participation in the various nurture programmes. To wit, ‘Becoming Christ’s disciple’ encompasses five key elements: following Christ, allowing yourself to be transformed, offering your life as a living sacrifice, paving new roads in the expanding Kingdom of Heaven, and leading an abundant life.

Approaching Lent this year, I would like to invite you all to deeply devote yourselves in becoming Christ’s disciples. On 2 March (The Sunday before Lent), I invite all the brothers and sisters in the Diocese to fill out a “Discipleship Commitment Card”, which guides us to reflect on how we might live out our Christian life. This Commitment Card is a commitment you will make between you and God for the coming year. In the coming two weeks, please spend time praying and reflecting through the Commitment Card. Invite the Holy Spirit to shine and empower you that you might commit your life to Christ through faith and devotion. My prayers are with you as you enter this journey walking with Christ. Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely yours,

Bishop Matthias Der
Diocese of Hong Kong Island
HKSKH

Discipleship - Commitment Card

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I am willing to commit myself to love God with all my heart, soul and mind, and to love my neighbors as myself.

1. I am willing to regularly attend Sunday worship and eager to serve as :
 - Usher • Lection Reader • Intercessor • Others _____
2. I am willing to dedicate my precious time to the Lord and draw close to God :
 - _____ minutes for reading the Bible, praying, and devotion daily
 - attending fellowship, Bible study class, and cell group meetings
3. I am willing to dedicate my talents, skills, and gifts to the Lord and serve at the church's department/ministry of _____
4. I am willing to make regular donations to support the church's ongoing expenses and ministry developments in 2025:
 - _____% of my income (e.g., 10%, 5%, 3%)
 - Increase of _____% or flat amount \$ _____ compared to previous year
5. I am willing to pray regularly for the church's developments and for those in need.
6. I am willing to bear witness for God and share the gospel :
 - living out Christ's love in my family and work place
 - bringing people to faith (e.g. by taking "5-3-1" action in church)

After completing this Commitment Card, please seal it and offer to God on 2nd March, Sunday Service. Your parish/mission church will keep it and return to you on 23rd November, Sunday of Christ the King for your review and reflection.

Diocesan Stewardship Prayer

O God, creator and maker of all, you command us to be your stewards of all things great and small; your Holy Son Jesus Christ did praise the poor widow's charity, and through the apostles you taught us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice; send us now the Holy Spirit that we may be moved to be good stewards of your many blessings, giving our time, wealth and talents to the good cause of the Church's ministry, that the Kingdom of Heaven may be made manifest in our midst. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICE

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Diocese of Hong Kong Island **Gospel Rally 2025**

- Date: 17th May 2025 (Saturday)
Time: 3.00 – 5.00 pm (Admission begins 30 mins before the event)
Venue: S.K.H. Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School
(9 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong)
- Theme: Go Where?**
**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
(John 10:10b)**
- Content: Hymn sharing, sand-painting testimonies, preaching
Speaker: The Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing
(The 5th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)
Audience: S.K.H. parishioners are invited to bring non-Christian relatives
and friends to attend.
Language: Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English
and Putonghua respectively)
Fee: Free of charge (Tickets are required for admission. Details to be
announced later.)

QR code for promotional video clip:



Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for HKSKH Diocese of Hong Kong Island Gospel Rally 2025

- Sunday:* Pray for the Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing, the speaker of the Gospel Rally.
- Monday:* Pray for relatives and friends struggling in life, suffering from physical, mental and spiritual distress.
- Tuesday:* Pray for the willingness of parishioners in the diocese to share their testimonies with non-Christian relatives and friends.
- Wednesday:* Pray for the zeal of parishioners in leading people to the Gospel Rally.
- Thursday:* Pray for the current or planned missionary work of each church in the diocese, and for the cooperation between each church and school(s) or social service unit(s).
- Friday:* Pray for the clergy and those who will lead the Gospel Rally; pray for the brothers and sisters in Christ who will participate in various creative works.
- Saturday:* Pray for the organizing committee members, working group members and volunteers in the Gospel Rally.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

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

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

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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.

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