



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 OF LENT 16TH MARCH 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Frank Lang

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

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)
Hymns: 100, 102, 555iii, 83
Anthem: Away vain world (Bob Chilcott)
Readers: Dolores Dayao, Susan King
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 17th March <i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 18th <i>Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 19th <i>Joseph of Nazareth</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 20th	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 21st <i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS 12.15pm on Fridays in Lent	
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 22nd	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 23rd March <i>Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9</i>	The Third Sunday of Lent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong <i>with Choir of Keble College, Oxford</i> Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman



*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, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and

terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 3.17-4.1

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13.31-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow,

and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Central 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 St Joseph’s Church, the Revd Matthew Lee and his colleagues, the parish’s kindergarten, primary school and social service centre; for residents in Kam Tin and Pat Heung; Ask for God’s blessing on St Joseph’s Church that he may strengthen the hands of all who serve you here.

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 ‘Grace in a busy week’, Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

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:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Jeffrey Ronald Dobbing, Graeme Laird, Leung Wai Chiu and Neal John Clough.

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.



ONLINE DONATION



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

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.

**CECILIA KWOK CHURCH
MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP:
OPEN FOR APPLICATION**

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website. Deadline for application: **Monday, 7th April 2025**

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral Office for further details.

LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN’S CATHEDRAL

The Lent Course follows the daily gospel readings by the cathedral clergy. Read the book, or listen in by joining the cathedral WhatsApp.

COURSES

Tuesdays

11th, 18th, 25th March, 1st, 8th, 15th April

12.30-1.30pm (English) in the Upper Room

11th, 18th March, 1st, 8th, 15th April

7.00pm (English BRF) in the Conference Room

Fridays

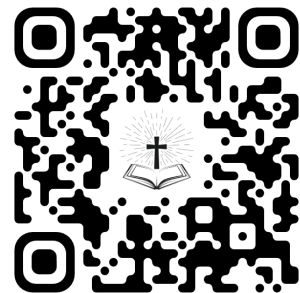
14th, 21st, 28th March, 11th April

3.00pm (English) Harold Smyth Room

Saturdays

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March, 5th, 12th, 19th April

3.00pm (Pilipino) Fanny Li Hall



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for
2025 Lenten Reflections

NOTICE



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Li Hall on Sunday the 27th April 2025, at 1.00p.m. for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
 - (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
 - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
 - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.



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The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Dean

14th March 2025

NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 175 years, St John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday 27th April 2025, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by Monday 17th March 2025 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website or collect from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by Sunday 6th April 2025 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2025. Any inquiries may be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.



Mr Martin Matsui
The Honorary Secretary
14th March 2025



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

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: _____

I do not agree to receive any promotional materials from St John's Cathedral.

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