



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 LENT 23RD MARCH 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/K6VKmTVv8Ws>)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Will Newman
Communion Setting: Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)
Hymns: 98, 465i, 440, 471
Anthem: Sicut cervus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)
Readers: Marina Lau, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor: Daniel Kong

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
Reader: Douglas Lam
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)



Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong with Choir of Keble College, Oxford

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: Douglas Lam

*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.***

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 24th March	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
TUE 25th The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist	
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	
		<i>Celebrant: The Revd Drew Courtright</i> <i>Preacher: The Dean</i> https://youtube.com/live/qzUE4chI2aE	
WED 26th	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer	
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Just Music-And Love Goes On</i> <i>正是音樂—情未了 (a vocal recital)</i>	
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist	
THU 27th	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 28th	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 29th	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 30th March <i>1 Samuel 1.20-end</i> <i>Psalms 127.1-4</i> <i>2 Corinthians 1.3-7</i> <i>John 19.25b-27</i>		Mothering Sunday (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis	
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	
		Celebrant: The Dean	
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean	
11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)		
	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre		
1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)		
	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre		
5.00pm	Celtic Eucharist		
	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright		

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COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 55.1-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10.1-13

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

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 13.1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that

because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

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 the people and community shepherded by **St Paul’s Church, Macau**, the Revd Odette Pun, the Revd Woo Kak Pui and all council members; for the vision and mission of St Paul’s Church, Macau, and all the ministries; for the ministry in Northern District of Macau, for ministries in SKH Choi Kou School (Macau) and SKH Macau Social Services Coordination Office, all the staff, students, parents, and service user.

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:

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, Fung Wan Nui, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Pope Francis, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Joseph Chu, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Caitlin Berry, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Toung Ming, Eva Sorrel, Sister Jean Mary, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Wanda Wan H, Sanson Lau, Arturo Lamshing, Daisy Tai, Alan Irvine, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Chuan Xiaokang, Lucita Villareal, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Annabella

NOTICES

Janssen, Wanda Clay and Sarah Wong.

Please pray for the recently departed:

John Neville Hugh Murray, 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. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.

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.

CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the worship and preaching at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025

JOY IN EVERY BITE

Experience a heartwarming family and friends gathering with a special dumpling-making class led by Natalie Law. Let's make dumplings from scratch and create joyful memories together!

Date: 26th April (Saturday)

Time: 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Donation:

\$300 for individual /

\$1,000 for group of 4

with a dumpling-making gift set

All proceeds will go towards supporting various ministries of St John's Cathedral

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp +852 5107 7170. First come first serve.

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

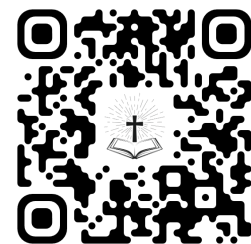
14th, 21st, 28th March, 11th April

3.00pm (*English*) Harold Smyth Room

Saturdays

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

3.00pm (*Pilipino*) Fanny Li Hall/Conference Room



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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

~ ~ Nomination Forms for Trustees and Council members 2025-2026
are available at the Cathedral office. ~ ~

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: _____

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