



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 EASTER 27TH APRIL 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/EHriTglFyoY>) (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Prof John Kater
Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 155 (omit*), 144, 493, 140
Anthem: Jesus came when the doors were shut
(Thomas Tomkins)
Readers: Douglas Lam, Mary Szeto
Intercessor: Thomas Swain
Voluntary: Cento Partite sopra Passacagli
(Girolamo Frescobaldi)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Saki Tsoi
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 Robert Martin
Reader: Douglas Lam

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 28th April <i>George, Martyr, Patron of England</i> c. 304	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 29th <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 30th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—Ella Kiang Singers</i> Said Eucharist
THU 1st May (PH) <i>Philip and James</i> <i>Apostles</i>	9.00am	Said Eucharist
FRI 2nd <i>Athanasius, Bishop of</i> <i>Alexandria, Teacher,</i> <i>373</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 3rd	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (<i>Filipino</i>) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 4th May The Third Sunday of Easter <i>Acts 9.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 30</i> <i>Revelation 5.11-end</i> <i>John 21.1-19</i>	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

*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 Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 Acts 5.27-32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4-8

A reading from the book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING John 20.19-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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 Mark's Church; we give thanks for her pastoral care ministries in the Homantin District over the past 64 years; we pray for the Revd Lee Kwok Kuen, all the staff and church members. For the pastoral ministries in the schools, including St Mark's Church Bradbury Kindergarten and Lee Kau Yan Memorial School; For the evangelistic ministries, especially the Sunday school, the parents' group, youth fellowship, Praising Team, elderly care, and lay leadership training.

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 Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, and for all those suffering after the earthquake. 46 churches in the diocese have suffered partial or severe damage, and in one parish 106 houses belonging to parishioners have been damaged or destroyed. You can help by making a donation. All funds will go directly to the diocese for relief work.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Chris Maden, Dan Severson, Annabella Janssen, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Teresa Ray Li, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Joseph Chu, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Alan Irvine, Li Chunjuan, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Arturo Lamshing, Eva Sorrel, Daisy Tai, Caitlin Berry, Wanda Clay, Sanson Lau, Sister Jean Mary, Wanda Wan H, Raymond Yuen, Sarah Wong, Lucita Villareal, and Chuan Xiaokang

Please pray for the recently departed:

Eleanor Jiminez and HH Pope Francis

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

+ REQUIESCAT IN PACE +

The Anglican community in Hong Kong was deeply saddened to hear of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. Archbishop Andrew expressed his shock at the loss, reflecting that we had all seen him blessing the crowds in St Peter's Square on Easter Sunday. He reflected, *"We have lost not just the beloved Holy Father of the Roman Catholics, but also a Holy Father dear to us Anglicans as well: a faithful servant of God, and an inspirational leader to Christians world wide, and a true ecumenical friend to all. We give thanks to God for his great example of hospitality and kindness to all Christian brothers and sisters around the world."*

The Archbishop also shared that he will ever be impressed by Pope Francis' loving words to the people of Hong Kong and Macau, when he told them that we are always in his prayers. Our hearts are with all those Christians worldwide who have been touched spiritually by the late Pope's example of love. We join them in mourning the passing of a Holy Father who walked so closely with the Lord, and a church leader who has been a symbol of respect and integrity to many. Truly he was a Pope for all Christians.

+ May the Lord grant the Holy Father eternal rest and peace. +

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

For over 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 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.



ONLINE DONATION



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NEW CONTINUO ORGAN

With the generosity of our Organist Emerita, Mrs Cecilia Kwok, we now have a small pipe organ! The organ was built by the Filipino company, Diego Cera Organbuilders, under the leadership of Mr Cealwyn Tagle. They are indeed no strangers to us: having built a practice instrument for St Paul's Co-educational College, and another at the newly refurbished Chapel at the Bishop's House. The Continuo Organ at St John's has 4 stops: 8-foot, 4-foot, 2-foot, and a quint. We have a split keyboard (that is, the upper and lower halves of the organ can have different combination of stops), and the instrument is transposable, allowing it to sound at the lower tuning (415Hz). The organ is decorated by two carved wooden lizards at the ends of the keyboard, a builder's signature of Diego Cera, and the Cathedral's crest is carved on the instrument's wooden panels. This organ can be used when accompanying the choir, particularly for music such as Renaissance verse anthems and oratorios; it is also capable of playing some manual-only organ music (and that repertoire is vast!). It is indeed a precious and important addition to our community. We hope that in the near future, we can even sing hymns together with a real pipe organ as well!

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

T O D A Y at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

All those Registered Members who can check their names on the listing posted on the Notice Board in the Porch are encouraged to attend. Please note that the reports of

1. Annual Church Meeting
 2. the Reports and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024
- are available on the Cathedral website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk

You can also scan the QR Codes:

ACM Report



Financial Statements



Limited hard copies are available for distribution today.

EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

- Attend worship services regularly
- Passion for and commitment to the Cathedral's ongoing and developing ministries
- Leadership in Stewardship as evidenced by both active involvement in the ministries of the parish and making a Stewardship pledge
- Ability and willingness to communicate
- A sense of vision
- Sense of humour and patience
- Attend Council meetings as scheduled; send apologies to secretary if unable to attend
- Take responsibility for carrying out tasks and action items between council meetings
- Participate in special events and gatherings of the parish

'Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself' STUDY SERIES

The 'Grace in a Busy Week' Bible study group is organizing a special four-week series led by the Revd Professor John Kater, titled 'Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself.'

This series will explore how each Gospel offers a unique perspective on Jesus, his life, and his message, and how they collectively shape our understanding of his teachings.

Dates: Mondays
19th and 26th May, 2nd and 9th June

Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room
(SJC Admin Bldg.)

Please note that seating is limited.
To register, please email:
reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or call the cathedral office on 2523 4157.

NOTICES



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

Date: 17th May 2025 (Saturday)
Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm (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 4th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)
Language: Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English
and Putonghua respectively)
Tickets: Free of charge. Tickets are available at the Cathedral office.
Please register in person or by phone 2523 4157. Thank you.

**You are encouraged to invite
non-Christian relatives and friends to join.**



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College **‘Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music’ 2025 May Course**

The ‘Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music’ series is designed for all music lovers. Through joining the courses, attendees will deepen their knowledge of sacred music while enjoying its beauty. No prior musical experience is required for enrolment. Retirees are especially welcome to join us and spend together a leisurely afternoon immersed in sacred music.

Hymns Singing and Appreciation

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long (Provincial Music Officer)
Date: 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May (Thursdays, 4 lessons in total)
Time: 2.00pm – 3.15pm
Venue: Ming Hua Theological College
Fee: \$240

The course is taught in Cantonese. Scan this QR code or visit <https://www.minghua.edu.hk/en/news-sacredmuspm-en/> for details and applications:



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

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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