

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.'

DEDICATION FESTIVAL 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/Bdp7kHSBnbo)

(Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

Communion Setting: St John's Mass (Ernest Hui) Hymns: SJC Hymn, 271, 270, 604

Anthem: Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen

(Johannes Brahms)

Readers: Mark Tse, Alexander Kwan

Intercessor: Thomas Swain

Voluntary: Choral-Improvisation on Nun Danket Alle Gott,

Op. 65 No. 59 (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

Reader: Daniel Kong Intercessor: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Festal Evensong

Officiant and Preacher The Revd Amos Poon

Reader: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 22nd September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	8.00am <i>12.25pm</i> 1.00pm	Said Eucharist Meditation Group One o'clock Prayer	
TUE 23rd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)	
WED 24th Our Lady of Walsingham	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Lunchtime Recital—Music Soars Together (MST) A Piano Recital Said Eucharist	
THU 25th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist Parents and Toddlers	
FRI 26th	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Friday Fellowship Group 'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)	
SAT 27th Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>) Andrew Fellowship Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)	
SUN 28th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Outreach Sunday)			
Amos 6.1a, 4-7	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
Psalm 146		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis	
1 Timothy 6.6-19	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	
Luke 16.19-end		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Outreach Sharing	
	10.00	Con Tool with (Man Josia)	

Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

10.30am

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Outreach Sharing

Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) 11.45am Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon

Outreach Sharing

Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) 1.30pm

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis

Outreach Sharing

Evening Prayer in Taizé style 5.00pm

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

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Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. No unauthorised 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, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 1 Chronicles 29.6-19

A reading from the first book of Chronicles.

The leaders of ancestral houses made their freewill-offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. They gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, into the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced because these had given willingly, for with single mind they had offered freely to the LORD; King David also rejoiced greatly.

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O LORD, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

'But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill-offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep for ever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts towards you. Grant to my son Solomon that with single mind he may keep your commandments, your decrees, and your statutes, performing all of them, and that he may build the temple for which I have made provision.

This is the Word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2.19-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

This is the Word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING John 2.13-22

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

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the moneychangers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.' The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 Matthew's **Church**, for the Revd Leung Ka Jor; For the parish's development; for her nurture and evangelism ministries; for the spiritual growth and stewardship of the parishioners; for vestry members, members of all committees and departments and all parishioners; may God guide their evangelistic and pastoral caring work in Sheung Wan; for the ministries of women, elderly and youth, Sunday School, Children's Choir and the development of a nurture ministry for parents; for SKH St Matthew's Primary School, St Matthew's Church Kindergarten, and St Matthew's elderly Centre.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, now suffering serious flooding and landslides at the same time when they are rebuilding after the major earthquake in March, which damaged several churches and left many people homeless. Add this to the continuing conflict which has killed and injured thousands of people, and

left some villages destroyed by military action. The Diocese of Toungoo provides food, shelter and medical supplies for over 3,000 refugees from the war. Hold Bishop Saw Sheesho and his people in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Chung Sheung Yung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Yeung Yiu Chuen, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Annabella Janssen, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Chris Maden, Joseph Chu, Daisy Tai, Ray Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Arturo Lamshing, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Alan Irvine, Esther Tse, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Rhonada Marsland, Eva Sorrel, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Hsu Hon Chung, Sabrina Ho, Teresa Ray Li, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Wanda Wan H, Sanson Lau, Sarah Wong, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Donna Kantor, Sister Jean Mary, Caitlin Berry, Li Chunjuan, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Beverly Rea, Yeewan Li, Evelyn Chan, Margaret Murrell, and Esther Bangcawayan.

Please pray for the recently departed: Keith So

In Memoriam: Rainer Rommel Sutter

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 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.

St Michael and All Angels

29th September 2025 (Monday)



7.30pm Sung Eucharist sung by the Cathedral Choir with Commissioning of the Michaelmas Fair Committee

Celebrant: The Revd Drew Courtright Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

St John's Cathedral Hong Kong Sunday School 2025/26 Registration Form



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.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL



We are celebrating our Dedication Festival at St John's Cathedral today. This is the Sunday of the year when we give special thanks to God for our Cathedral Church and his blessings on its ministry to Hong Kong and its people over the last 176 years!

Let us give thanks and remember that 'How awesome is this place. This is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven'.

Please pray for our Cathedral and its continuing ministry.

CELEBRATING 176 YEARS: AN INVITATION TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

This month, we joyfully mark the 176th anniversary of our beloved Cathedral. For generations, this sacred space has witnessed countless prayers, celebrations, and moments of profound grace, standing as both a spiritual home and a historic monument.

That legacy of stewardship continues today through essential renewal work that is already underway. You may have already noticed the scaffolding erected within the Cathedral for crucial interior repairs, alongside the replacement of the floor tiles in Li Hall. These vital works will ensure our spiritual home remains beautiful and functional for the future.

To complete these important projects, we need your support. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to participate through a financial gift. Please use the special '176th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offertory' envelope for your donation and place it in the collection bag or the donations box. Every contribution, large or small, will make a tangible difference. Thank you for your generous heart and for helping us care for the beautiful house of prayer entrusted to us.

TEMPORARY VEHICLE GATE CLOSURE

Please note that the gate at Justice Place, 18 Lower Albert Road will be closed TODAY, from 1.00 to 5.00pm.

As a special arrangement, the Garden Road entrance will be opened for vehicle access during this period.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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Home, Hospitality, and Hope The Church as Host for the World

8th October 2025 (Wednesday) 7.30-9.00pm Li Hall, St John's Cathedral



The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy

Hong Kong has a population of 7.5 million and attracts almost 50 million visitors a year. At the heart of Hong Kong Island is St John's Cathedral—probably one of the most important and iconic Anglican Cathedrals in the world, standing at the centre of a major hub for business, finance, and tourism.

But what is the role of a cathedral in a major city of this kind? What kinds of values shape the identity, mission, and ministry of a cathedral in the world today? Our Provost Theologian, the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy, helps us explore these questions for St John's Cathedral, our churches and congregations across the HKSKH Province, and the wider international Anglican Communion.

This lecture will examine how the church initially understood itself as a hospitable home and a sign of hope in the ancient world. Drawing on a rich tapestry of scripture, art, literature, history, and culture, this lecture dwells on how our vision of God shaped the nature, purpose, and understanding of the church in the past—and now the present. Even more importantly, what does this mean for the wider world? As a Cathedral today, what kind of home, hospitality, and hope does God offer today?

MICHAELMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th October 2025

DONATIONS for:

BOOKSTALL

Please take a good look at your bookshelves, pull out those volumes you will not look at again and donate them to our **Second Hand Bookstall**. The Stall is a significant source of income to the Fair and its charities and its success depends on the books you donate. We also invite you to give us CDs and DVDs which you don't want any more. We regret that we cannot take VCDs or magazines. They don't sell!

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Still wondering what to do with the vase you bought at a weak moment? Let us find it a new owner who will love and cherish it. All kinds of items will be gladly received; electronics, paintings, household items, jewelry, home accessories, bric a brac, as long as they are resalable.

STAMP STALL

New or used stamps, First Day covers, other philatelic material, used old bank notes and old coins are also welcome. (Please mark your contributions 'FOR ALEXANDER KWAN'.)

WINE & BEER GARDEN

Our popular Wine Garden is appealing for wine for serving on the day of the Fair. Please go through your private cellars and donate bottles of red and white! All bottles to be delivered to the Cathedral Office marked clearly 'For Michaelmas Fair Wine Garden'.

HOME PRODUCE STALL 120Z JAM JARS NEEDED

Please bring your used, washed jam jars to the Cathedral office. You can contact the cathedral office for additional information.

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office (2523 4157) clearly marked for the Michaelmas Fair (Mon-Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm; (Sat) 9.00am – 12.00noon



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MICHAELMAS FAIR

聖約翰座堂賣物會



RAND RAFFLE 2025

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RAFFLE DRAW DATE 抽獎日期 25 OCTOBER 2025 (SAT) 4.00PM

Purchase your tickets at our booth 獎券於崇拜前後於座堂之 before/after services or at the Cathedral Office

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October Series:

Introducing Jesus

(to those who think they already know him)

'Grace in a Busy Week'

13th, 20th and 27th October 7.00 – 8.00pm Harold Smyth Room

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Join us for a series of Bible studies led by the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy. Together, we'll explore new insights into the gospels and reintroduce ourselves to Jesus in ways that challenge and inspire.

Please signup via email <u>reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk</u> or WhatsApp Cathedral no. +852 5107 7170

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Information of Ming Hua Pastoral Care Department:

Welcome to join our worshipping life – 'Come and Worship'; Sister Amy Joy invites you to join 'Tea with Sr Amy Joy' to chat and fellowship together in Christ. Below are the dates and location of the events:

Let us worship

Dates: 3rd, 17th, 24th October 2025. (Fridays)

Noon Prayer: 12.00noon – 12.30pm; Evening Prayer: 5.00 – 5.30pm Time:

Chapel, Ming Hua Theological College Venue:

Tea with Sr Amy Joy

3rd, 17th, 24th October 2025. (Fridays) Dates:

3.30 – 4.30pm Time:

Pastoral Care Department, 2/F, Ming Hua Theological College Venue: Friday Happy Hour, relax and have a tea with Sr Amy Joy, sharing and fellowship together in Christ. Content:

Language: Cantonese

For Spiritual Direction and appointment with Sr Amy Joy, please contact the Pastoral Care Department on 2536 7538 or 2536 7566.

Fee for Spiritual Direction: HK\$400 (45 minutes per session)

You are welcome to support our Spiritual Care ministry by donation.

By Cheque: payable to 'HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College', please state 'Pastoral Care Department' at the back of the cheque and send it by hand or by post to Glenealy, Central, Hong Kong.

By Deposit: please deposit the donation to our Bank of East Asia account $\overline{(A/C\# 015}$ -514-25-13826-2), provide the transaction record by emailing to promotion@minghua.edu.hk and state "Pastoral Care Department".







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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)

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Mr Thomas Li

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SJC Counselling Service Mission for Migrant Workers SJC Life Enrichment Centre Cathedral Bookstore CLARES/Castaways Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

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

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Surname:	First Name:
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Names and ages of	Cchildren (if applicable)
E-mail:	Phone:
Please circle as ap	propriate:
I attend the 8.00ar	m/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/1.30pm/5.00pm service.
I am interested in CLARES / Baptism Fellowship Group	finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / n & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.
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