



# 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (OUTREACH SUNDAY) 28TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### **8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Reader: Frank Lang

### **9.00am Sung Eucharist** (<https://youtube.com/live/RKtXHY7iWJ8>) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Sharing: Outreach Ministries  
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)  
Hymns: 566 (omit \*), 486, 12, 531i (omit \*)  
Anthem: Go forth into the world in peace (John Rutter)  
Readers: Douglas Lam, Eunice Tuma-ac  
Intercessor: Kevin She  
Voluntary: Toccata I (Georg Muffat)

### **10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)**

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon  
Sharing: Outreach Ministries

### **11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)**

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon  
Sharing: Outreach Ministries  
Reader: Koon-G Chiu  
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

### **1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)**

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Sharing: Outreach Ministries

### **5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style**

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright  
Reader: Michael Gibb

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## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 29th September</b> <b>Michael and All Angels</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist with Commissioning of the Michaelmas Fair Committee
<b>TUE 30th</b> <i>Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher, 420</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
<b>WED 1st October</b> <b>(Public Holiday)</b>	9.00am	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 2nd</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
<b>FRI 3rd</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
<b>SAT 4th</b> <i>Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist ( <i>Pilipino</i> )
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist ( <i>Cantonese</i> ) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 5th October The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<i>Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
<i>Psalms 37.1-9</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
<i>2 Timothy 1.1-14</i>		Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
<i>Luke 17.5-10</i>		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Blessing of Animals
		Officiant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist ( <i>Pilipino</i> )
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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****Amos 6.1a, 4-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria!

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****1 Timothy 6.6-19**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a

root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING****Luke 16.19-end**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Luke.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his

hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Peter's Church** North Point; for the Revd Jason Leung and the congregation; for those who plan and help in the ministry of Alpha Parenting, and for those who join the programme; the catechumens, and their eagerness to learn; for the church ministry in schools, especially for the evangelistic programs in St Peter's Church Kindergarten and St Michael's Primary School; for lay leaders who are instrumental in the church's evangelistic ministry; for the spiritual nourishment and teaching ministry.

**For Grace Church**, the Revd Jason Leung and the congregation; for the spiritual growth of each member of the congregation, especially for the Sunday Faith Sharing Group; for those who plan and help in the ministry of Alpha Parenting, and for those who join the programme; for the church ministry in school, especially for the evangelistic work running in St. Peter's Church Kindergarten (Stanley).

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Keith So

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.



### CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is invited by HKSKH Church of the Good Shepherd to preach at their Education Sunday service.

### 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.

### St Michael and All Angels

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025



**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**





**October Series:**

## **Introducing Jesus**

(to those who think they already know him)

## **‘Grace in a Busy Week’**

13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October  
7.00 – 8.00pm  
Harold Smyth Room

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.

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

8<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (Wednesday)

7.30-9.00pm

Li Hall, St John's Cathedral



Our Speaker:

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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

#### 12oz 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*