



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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 5TH OCTOBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/qJ7lKptNX9U>) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 605, 572, 510, 504i
Anthem: Give us the wings of faith (Ernest Bullock)
Readers: Gordon Jones, Theodore Lau
Intercessor: Frank Lang
Voluntary: Praeludium in G minor (Franz Tunder)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am The Blessing of Animals

Officiant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Readers: Saki Tsoi, Zenaida Carias
Intercessor: John Breen




1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

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

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 6th October Mid-Autumn Festival	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
		<u><i>The Cathedral church and office will close at 4.00pm</i></u>
TUE 7th (PH)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
WED 8th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Music Soars Together (MST) by MST Alumni Vocal Ensemble</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
	7.30pm	<i>'Home, Hospitality, and Hope—The Church as Host for The World' lecture by The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy (Li Hall)</i>
THU 9th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 10th	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>
SAT 11th	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)
SUN 12th October	Harvest Thanksgiving	
<i>Deuteronomy 26.1-11</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 100</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
<i>Philippians 4.4-9</i>	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist
<i>John 6.25-35</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
		Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
		
		Offering of Harvest Gifts
		<i>Please bring non-perishable food items which will be delivered to Bethune House.</i>
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Choral Mattins
		Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

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

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**Habakkuk 1.1-4, 2.1-4**

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth
perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say
to me, and what he will answer
concerning my complaint.

Then the LORD answered me and said:
Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the ap-
pointed time;

it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 1.1-14**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17.5-10

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according Luke.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 **Kindly Light**

Church, for the Revd Hubert Che and all the staff and volunteers, asking the Lord to protect their hearts and health, and grant them wisdom and courage. Pray for the annual theme 'Ignite the Fire of Life, Witness a Rich Life,' to encourage believers' spiritual growth. Pray for the Kindergarten and Young Seedlings Educational Program; for the children will come to know Jesus, sowing the seeds of faith in their lives, and grow healthily in the Lord's love. Pray for the Elderly Social Services; may the Lord's love be with the elderly person, helping them feel the support of the Christian community.

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, 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, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Arturo Lamshing, Joseph Chu, Annabella Janssen, Chris Maden,

Daisy Tai, Ray Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Rhonada Marsland, Alan Irvine, Hsu Hon Chung, Esther Tse, Melville Boase, Teresa Ray Li, Donna Willis, Eva Sorrel, Irena Wu, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Wanda Wan H, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sabrina Ho, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Jane Pang Tong, Sanson Lau, Sarah Wong, Sister Jean Mary, Raymond Yuen, Margaret Murrell, Chuan Xiaokang, Yeewan Li, Donna Kantor, Caitlin Berry, Evelyn Chan, Li Chunjuan, Steven Khoo, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Sylvia Kwok Lee Shuk Po, John Chakas, Beverly Rea, and Esther Bangcawayan.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Keith So and Lucita Villareal

In Memoriam:

Li Fook Hing
Wong Lau Yim Fong
Winnie Lau
Christopher Laurence Gamlot

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.



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.



**HKSKH
Ming Hua Theological College**

**Recruitments
for Autumn Semester
2025/26**

The recruitment for the following programmes is open now. All programmes are conducted in Cantonese. For more details, please scan the following QR code:



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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



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?



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

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 reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or
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DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR
Saturday 25th October 2025

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'.

12oz JAM JARS

for the Home Produce Stall

*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*

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Michaelmas Fair

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25 十月 OCT 10.00AM-4.00PM
上午10時至下午4時

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