



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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 19TH OCTOBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/EZVzDEcLt9w>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Most Revd Andrew Chan
Preacher: His Holiness Mar Awa III
Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Communion Service in E (Harold Darke)
Hymns: 554, 482, 454i, 414
Anthem: O taste and see (Ralph Vaughan Williams)
Readers: Mark Tse, Margaret Sang
Intercessor: Thomas Swain
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C minor, BWV 549
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Denise Giles

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 20th October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Choral Concert by The Sunshine Chorus</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 23rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 24th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 25th	Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Province of HKSKH	
	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	<i>Michaelmas Fair</i>
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 26th October <i>Ecclus.35.12-17</i> <i>Psalms 84.1-7</i> <i>2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18</i> <i>Luke 18.9-14</i>	The Last Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	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 CMP

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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 and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**Genesis 32.22-31**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until day-break. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 3.14-4.5**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Luke 18.1-8**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he

refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal Church.

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 Luke's Church, for the Revd Canon Ip Kam Fai, the Revd Augusta Leung and colleagues; for the nurture of the faithful, the pastoral and evangelistic ministries of the parish at schools and social centres; for the spiritual growth of brothers and sisters, that they may serve together in one heart and mind. For the health in body, mind and spirit of the teachers, staff, students and parents of SKH Lui

Ming Choi Memorial Primary School; may God bless and keep the staff and members of SKH Central and Western District Day Care Centre for the Elderly and SKH St Luke's Settlement Neighbourhood 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, rebuilding churches after the earthquake and floods earlier this year, and still caring for some 4000 villagers made homeless by the continuing cruel war, earthquake and flooding, providing food, shelter, medicine, and schooling for children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Mo Yin Chan, Chung Sheung Yung, Fr John Chynchen, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Daisy Tai, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Joseph Chu, Tommy Hui, Arturo Lamshing, Annabella Janssen, Chris Maden, Ray Chan, Irena Wu, Hsu Hon Chung, Eva Sorrel, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Ray Li, Li Chunjuan, Alan Irvine, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Esther Tse, Teresa Donna Willis, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Wanda Wan H, Sabrina Ho, Jane Pang Tong, Yeewan Li, Sister Jean Mary, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sanson Lau, Sarah Wong, John Chakas, Wanda Clay, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Donna Kantor, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Sylvia Kwok Lee Shuk Po, Caitlin Berry, Evelyn Chan, Esther Bangcawayan, and Sandra Davison.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Beverly Rea, Margaret Murrell, Yeung Yiu Chuen, Rosemary Coles-Gale, and Lai Kwong Fat.

In Memoriam:

Robert Willis, Priest

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: +852 2523 4157.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

It's easy to feel helpless to do anything about the wars and conflicts taking the lives of so many people in many countries. What can we do? We can pray, individually or together. For over 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting on Zoom to pray for peace. We use prayers adapted from the Iona Community in Scotland to pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves. Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on +852 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.

NO PARKING ON CATHEDRAL GROUNDS

from Fri 24th October 8.00am
to Sat 25th October 8.00pm
due to Michaelmas Fair.

*Thanks for your co-operation. We
apologise for the inconvenience caused.*

WELCOME

This morning we welcome His Holiness Mar Awa III, Catholicos-Patriarch of the Assyrian Church of the East, together with his delegation of bishops and clergy. His Holiness will be the Preacher at our 9 o'clock Eucharist. We also welcome our own Archbishop, the Most Revd Andrew Chan, as our Celebrant.

The Assyrian Church of the East is a direct descendant of the Church of the East, which first brought Christianity to China in the Tang Dynasty (7th-10th century). His Holiness is visiting Hong Kong as part of the celebrations for the 1700th Anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in the year 325AD, which laid the foundations of the Nicene Creed we still use today to express our faith.



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College — Recruitments for Autumn Semester 2025/26

The recruitment for the following programmes is open now. Please scan the following QR code for more details.



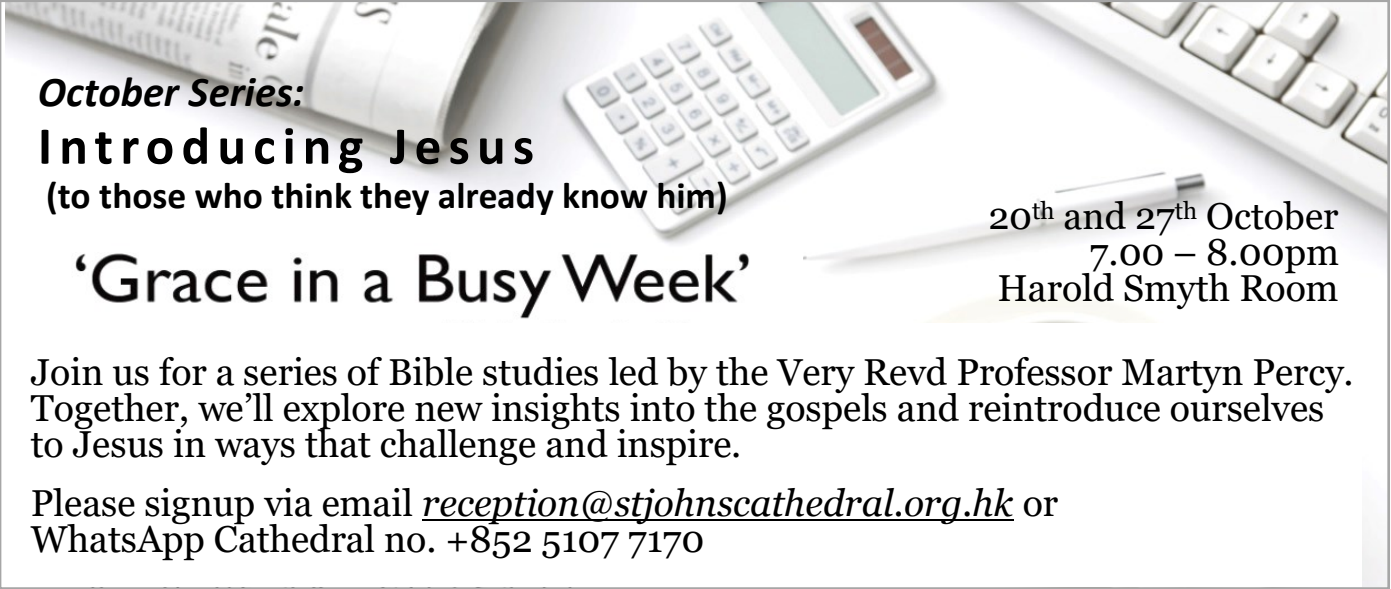
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October Series:

Introducing Jesus

(to those who think they already know him)

‘Grace in a Busy Week’

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.

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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 (+852 2523 4157)
clearly marked for the Michaelmas Fair
(Mon-Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm; (Sat) 9.00am – 12.00noon*

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

聖約翰座堂
賣物會

Michaelmas Fair

JOY IN UNITY

喜樂同行

25th OCT 10.00AM-4.00PM
上午10時至下午4時

FOOD & DRINKS

HANDICRAFTS

GAME STALLS

2ND-HAND BOOKS

RAFFLES

BOUNCY CASTLE

WINE

STAMPS STALL

LIVE PERFORMANCES

WHITE ELEPHANT

HOME PRODUCE

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 Officer:

Mr Jason Wong



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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.

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