



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.'*

CHRIST THE KING 23RD NOVEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/k178IUhVnbY>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Most Revd Andrew Chan
Preacher: The Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 200, 176, 201, 199
Anthem: O clap your hands (Orlando Gibbons)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Susan King
Intercessor: Thomas Swain
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in G minor (Johann Schneider)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Peter Fung
Intercessor: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Ramil Aguilar

5.00pm Choral Evensong with Benediction

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 24th November <i>The Martyrs of Vietnam,</i> <i>1745-1862</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Ella Kiang Singers Thanksgiving Lunchtime Recital</i>
TUE 25th <i>Catherine of Alexandria,</i> <i>Martyr, 4th Century</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 26th	8.00am	Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Duetto Di Novembre</i>
		<i>Flute (Hong Man Kin) & Guitar (Gary Chan)</i>
THU 27th	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 28th	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 29th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 30th November <i>Isaiah 2.1-5</i> <i>Psalms 122</i> <i>Romans 13.11-end</i> <i>Matthew 24.36-44</i>	The First Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Ven. Simon Gates
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	<i>'Looking for the Light' - A Service for the beginning of Advent</i> Officiant: The Dean

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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

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Jeremiah 23.1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Colossians 1.11-20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Luke 23.33-43**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved

others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 Christ Church, and the new Vicar Darren, as he leads in his first year as an Incumbent. Pray he would be faithful to the word and ministry he has been called to. Pray for

the opportunities for youth and family outreach in the area. Please pray for the launch of new bible study groups. The church would be built up in knowledge and love of Christ. Pray for more help for the youth ministry and for the relaunch Creed the youth could be blest in Christ.

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:

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

In Memoriam: Donald Skinner and
Mark Andrew Rendell

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 coun-
tries. What can we do? We can pray,
individually or together. For over three
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 Tony Poon tssf
on +852 9860 2920.

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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.

FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers are donated by
Mr David Leo Yeung in thanksgiving.

WELCOME

This morning, we welcome The Rt Revd
Patrick Djuulume, Bishop of the
Anglican Diocese of Namibia, to be our
Preacher at the 9 o'clock Eucharist. We
also welcome our own Archbishop, the
Most Revd Andrew Chan, as our
Celebrant.

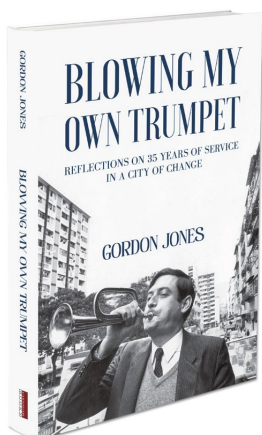
CLERGY

This morning, Fr Dwight is leading the
anniversary thanksgiving service of
Gabriela-HK, a migrant workers' organ-
ization, at 10.00am at Chater Road.

PROVINCIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

The Cathedral Clergy will be away from
Tuesday 25th until Thursday 27th
November on the annual Provincial
Clergy Conference. This yearly event is
a time for the provincial clergy to gath-
er, with their bishops, for prayer, study
and fellowship. Please keep your clergy
in your prayers over these days.

There will be a slightly revised schedule
for the weekday Eucharists at St John's
during this time. Please see the pew
sheet or the Cathedral website for more
information. If you need a priest in case
of emergency please call the Cathedral
Office - 2523 4157.



Blowing My Own Trumpet

Gordon Jones

**Book Signing with Gordon Jones
this morning at 10.30am in the Li Hall**

Thy Word is a Lamp

Simon Gates & Samson Fan

**Book Signing with Simon Gates
on 30th November at 10.30am in the Li Hall**



**St John's Cathedral
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025**



Sunday 30th November
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Looking for the Light'
A Service for the beginning of Advent

Sunday 7th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

Sunday 14th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
**A Service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season**

Saturday 20th December
6.00pm
**Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist**

Sunday 21st December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

9.00am
Sung Eucharist with Nativity Play

5.00pm
**A Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols**

Wednesday 24th December
Christmas Eve

3.00pm
Crib Service (30 minutes)

4.30pm
Christingle Service

*(The Cathedral will be closed
from 6.00pm for preparation.)*

11.00pm
**Midnight Mass of the Nativity
and Blessing of the Crib**

Thursday 25th December
Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

**11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols**

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

NO 5.00pm Service

**Handicraft & Greeting Cards
SALE**

Saturday 6th December 2025
12.00noon—6.00pm
in the Cathedral ground



Sunday 7th December 2025
10.30am—12.00noon
in the Li Hall



*All proceeds to
St John's Cathedral Michaelmas Fair*

*Please do drop by
to provide them support!*

THE END & THE BEGINNING OF A LITURGICAL YEAR

Today's celebration of the **Feast of Christ the King** marks the last Sunday of the Christian year. Next Sunday will mark the start of the Season of Advent and our solemn preparation for the Christmas Season. We will move into Year A of the *Revised Common Lectionary* and focus on the Gospel of St Matthew.

As a Cathedral Parish our annual theme for 2026 will be '**A Loving Church - A Caring Church**'. Please watch for the many ways in which we can live out this vocation as the Church during this coming year!

MOVING DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that, starting from the First Sunday of Advent, 30th November 2025, our Daily Gospel Reflections recordings will be available on the Lectionary page of our Cathedral website, in addition to being shared through the St John's Update WhatsApp Group. This enhancement aims to provide you with greater flexibility to access the reflections at your convenience, while continuing the usual WhatsApp broadcasts.

May these reflections continue to nourish your faith and bring you closer to God's Word.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 2025 MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETING

Each year, we welcome over 1,300 people to our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. To ensure that tickets are evenly distributed among parishioners and the wider community, tickets will be available for advance application through an online form.

The online application will start at 10.00am on Monday, 1st December and will close when all available tickets are exhausted. Please refer to the application form (QR Code can be found at the bottom of this notice) for further details.

The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between 2nd and 16th December during office hours. Any uncollected tickets after Tuesday, 16th December, will be reallocated to other applicants.

100 tickets will be reserved for distribution at the West Door at 9.00pm on 24th December.

Please note the following:

1. Ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm through the North and South Transept Doors.
2. All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
3. Any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen at 10.45pm.
4. There will be a livestream in both the Li Hall and the North Lawn for worshippers who cannot get a seat in the cathedral.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications. All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral. Please scan the QR code below to apply for the tickets.



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



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: +852 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.

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