



# 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.'*

## EPIPHANY SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026

### 8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Reader: Douglas Lam

### 9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/93dq8ns-iJ4>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox  
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)  
Hymns: 69ii, 68, 67, 74  
Anthem: There shall a star from Jacob come forth  
(Felix Mendelssohn)  
Readers: Mark Tse, Martin Hills  
Intercessor: Frank Lang  
Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Wie schön leuchtet der  
Morgenstern', Op. 52 No. 42 (Otto Dienel)

### 10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

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

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox  
Reader: John Breen  
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

### 1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

### 5.00pm Diocese of Hong Kong Island 2026 New Year's Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

Officiant: The Revd Adam Mo  
Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

# THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

<b>MON 5th January</b>	8.00am <i>12.25pm</i> 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 6th</b>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm <i>7.00pm</i>	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
<b>WED 7th</b>	8.00am 1.00pm <i>1.15pm</i> 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—Trombone and Organ Recital</i> <i>Jennifer Chou (Organ), Joseph Yu (Trombone)</i> Said Eucharist
<b>THU 8th</b>	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm <i>2.30pm</i>	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
<b>FRI 9th</b>	8.00am 1.00pm <i>3.00pm</i> <i>8.00pm</i>	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
<b>SAT 10th</b>	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Pilipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 11th January</b> <i>Isaiah 42.1-9</i> <i>Psalm 29</i> <i>Acts 10.34-43</i> <i>Matthew 3.13-end</i>	<b>The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)</b>	
	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der Preacher: The Rt Revd Arun Arora Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong Choral Mattins Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Philip Wickeri Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

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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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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

**Isaiah 60.1-6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**Ephesians 3.1-12**

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

I, Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by

revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 2.1-12**

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

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

**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 the Church of the Epiphany;** may God bless that its evangelistic, care ministry and pastoral work may bring about the spiritual growth in unity and harmony in the service of God and the Church.

**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**, 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:*

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Victoria Kwan and All who lost their lives in the Wang Fuk Court fire in Tai Po.

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 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.

### CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the worship and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

### A WARM WELCOME

We welcome The Revd Francis Yu to join our clergy team at the cathedral. Fr Francis's ministry will be for the entire cathedral with a special focus on the Chinese ministry. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood in 2022 and has been serving at St Stephen's Church. We welcome Fr Francis, his wife Ivy and his daughter to our cathedral family.

### 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 JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HIKE on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Join a hike that links all four churches of St John's Cathedral parish / Meet new friends from sister churches / Enjoy food, friendship, and a great day hiking!

#### The Full Route

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| 7.00am    | Opening Prayer at Discovery Bay Ferry Pier                                                                          |
| 7.10am    | Ferry to Central, then walk to St John's Cathedral                                                                  |
| 8.00am    | Service at the Cathedral                                                                                            |
| 8.40am    | Depart from the Cathedral to Emmanuel Church, via the Peak                                                          |
| 10.30am   | Service at Emmanuel                                                                                                 |
| 11.30am   | Refreshments                                                                                                        |
| 12.00noon | Leave Emmanuel, then return up the Peak ( <i>or take a taxi</i> )                                                   |
| 1.00pm    | Depart from the Peak to Wong Nai Chung Gap, following the catchwater around Violet Hill and Twin Peaks, and Stanley |
| 5.15pm    | Evening Prayer at St Stephen's with Will                                                                            |
| 6.00pm    | Supper in Stanley                                                                                                   |

*\* You don't have to do the entire walk! \**

For  
Registration



# Dedication Prayer

Empowering Disciples,  
Building the Church Together

Almighty God, our loving Father in heaven, we give thanks to you for your great love and grace, which are always far more than we can ask or imagine. In face of the many changes and challenges in life, may you teach us to remain humble and grateful in our hearts, and to follow closely the footsteps of Jesus Christ. Teach us to look up to your guidance and take up the cross in response to your calling.

Grant us a willing heart to be empowered to become your good and faithful disciples. Help us to participate actively in the mission work of the diocese and parish, and together we build the church we all love so dearly. Lead us to go the extra mile, and put in a little extra effort for the work of your Kingdom, in spreading the Good News to our community.

We pray in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bishop Matthias Der



Diocese of Hong Kong Island, HKSCHK 2026



Diocese of Hong Kong Island

**2026**

**New Year's Thanksgiving  
& Dedication Service**

In the beginning of 2026, let us gather and offer our thanksgiving and dedication to our Lord.

The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, cordially invites all the faithful to a New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service (Evensong) at **John's Cathedral TODAY at 5.00pm**.

Bishop Matthias Der shall preach, and the choirs of St John's Cathedral and St Matthew's Church will lead the Evensong.

Before the service, **tea reception** will be held **in the Li Hall at 4.00pm** for Bishop Matthias and the clergy to meet and share with all participants.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Suzanne Yeung of the Diocesan Office (Tel: +852 2526 5366)

## *Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together* **DISCIPLESHIP COMMITMENT CARD**

In the beginning of the New Year 2026, Bishop Matthias Der would like to invite all church members to offer a Discipleship Commitment Card on the first Sunday Service in January as our dedication to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

As we start this new year let us re-dedicate ourselves and keep in mind the words of the famous Christmas carol:

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb  
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part  
Yet what I can I give him, give my heart.**



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LUNCH AFTER THE WALK FROM 12.30PM

FEE: HK\$50 (ADULT)

HK\$20 (FULL-TIME STUDENT)

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01 FEB 二月  
11.00am 上午11時/  
12.00nn 中午12時  
(Registration from 10.00am  
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# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

## Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan  
(*Acting Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church*)

## Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -  
The Revd Canon Peter Koon  
The Revd Francis Yu

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

Youth Ministry - The Revd Francis Yu  
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:

Ms Bette Lai, 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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*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.*

*Other questions / information:* \_\_\_\_\_

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