



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 19TH JULY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/Kvu2c35RNro>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: St Martin's Mass (David Bednall)
Hymns: 355, 585, 358, 615
Anthem: Teach me, O Lord (William Byrd)
Readers: Mark Tse, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Julianne Doe
Voluntary: Ut re mi fa sol la (William Byrd)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

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: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 20th July	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 Mary Magdalene	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Six hands, One Decade, Endless Love—Fantina and Friends 10th Anniversary Multiple Hands Piano</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—NO MEETING</i>
		<i>The Parents and Toddlers is taking a summer break in July and August. Further updates will follow.</i>
FRI 24th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 25th James the Apostle	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 26th July <i>1 Kings 3.5-12</i> <i>Psalms 119.129-136</i> <i>Romans 8.26-39</i> <i>Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52</i>	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8.12-25

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have

received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.”

The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of 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 Castle Peak and all the celebratory activities planned for the 90th Anniversary, may they grow in thankfulness and servanthood to God. For the cooperation between parish, schools and social service units in spreading the Gospel.

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, where thousands of church members are still suffering from last year's earthquake and floods, and the continuing civil war.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Sabrina Ho, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Raymond Yuen, Birdy Yeung, Fung Wan Nui, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Ray Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Chung Sheung Yung, John Chakas, Hsu Hon Chung, Jane Pang Tong, Fr John Chynchen, Ruth Phillipson, John Lo, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Daisy Tai,

Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Jeffrey Lee, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jan Williams, Bonnie Lin, Louis Shih, Li Chunjuan, Tiffany Au, Esther Bangcawayan, Irena Wu, Chris Maden, Mark Hammitt, Sanson Lau, Brigitta Wheele, Tristan Sherliker, Sister Jean Mary, Emily Tso, Pamela Bennett, Yu Chi Ming, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Chuan Xiaokang, Yeewan Li, Wanda Wan H, Sarah Wong, Cheung Leung Wah, Tim Hancock, Tjhang Chui Fa, Merander Ng, Michael Beckett, and Donna Willis.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Y Y Chan, Eleanor Hensel Kraft, Sabine Day, Michael Manio, and Choi Yat Ho

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

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As wars and conflicts bring terror and suffering to so many of God's children in Iran and the Middle East, in Ukraine, and in Africa, you can join our online Peace Prayers, 8.30-8.50pm every Thursday evening. We pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves, so that we can spread peace around us. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920 for the link.

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### CLERGY

This morning, Fr Francis and Mother Sharon are celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam and Discovery Bay Church respectively.

### 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.

### ENGLISH SPEAKING EfM IS RECRUITING

Education for Ministry, EfM (also called Enquiring Faith Matters) is a four-year mentored self learning course on the Bible, Church history and various topics on Christian beliefs, Christian living and how Christians perceive and interact with the world.

The course is divided into four units, each lasting for a year. The group of participants meet with the mentor each week at St John's Cathedral to share what they understand from the reading assignment and to share one another's thoughts. The abilities to read with discernment and to use a computer as a tool for learning are required.

Each enrolment is for one year and the fee is \$2,200.- Participants are also required to buy their own books.

A course is starting in September 2026. Those interested are welcomed to contact the mentor, Tony Poon tssf at email [ksapoon@gmail.com](mailto:ksapoon@gmail.com) for further details.

Closing date is 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026.

St John's Cathedral Hong Kong  
**Summer Sunday School 2026**  
*'Fruit of the Spirit'*

**Venue:** Harold Smyth Room

**Date:** Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> August

**Time:** 9.00am - 9.55am

**Online Registration Form:**

[https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xVqJbm\\_uH00iQIO6rWubEnVszXEM2D9CnYqfelbOaCNURFU3NUhLREpXNkRTU09ZNkYyOFZBTtQ2VS4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xVqJbm_uH00iQIO6rWubEnVszXEM2D9CnYqfelbOaCNURFU3NUhLREpXNkRTU09ZNkYyOFZBTtQ2VS4u&route=shorturl)



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College  
**Autumn Semester, 2026/27, is now open for admission!**  
(September 2026 – January 2027)

**Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS)**

**MCS102 Bible and Theology in Context**

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim & Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> Sep – 10<sup>th</sup> Dec (Thursdays, except 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct)

**MCS108 Reading the Bible in the Contemporary World**

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> Sep – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec (Wednesdays, except 21<sup>st</sup> Oct)

**MCS113 Who and What is the Church?**

Lecturer: Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> Sep – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec (Tuesdays, except 20<sup>th</sup> Oct)

*Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm*

*Venue: Ming Hua Theological College/Zoom (for overseas students only)*

*Tuition Fee: HKD9,800 per module      Audit Fee: HKD5,880 per module*

*Application Fee: HK\$200      Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026*

Enrolment & Enquiries: [admission@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:admission@minghua.edu.hk)

or WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

**Diploma of Theology**

We would like to inform you that the recruitment for our **Diploma of Theology** programme is open now. It is conducted in Cantonese. Should you have any enquiries, please contact us at [admission@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:admission@minghua.edu.hk) or WhatsApp to +852 9530 7241.



## **ASSISTANT BOOKSTORE MANAGER – ST JOHN’S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE**

St John’s Cathedral Bookstore is seeking a dedicated and customer-focused **Assistant Bookstore Manager** to support daily operations, drive sales, and foster a welcoming environment for book and gift lovers. Reporting to the Bookstore Manager, this role contributes to serving the Cathedral community, visitors and the public.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- **Operational management:** Assist in overseeing daily operations, including inventory control, merchandising, sourcing and staff coordination.
- **Customer service:** Provide excellent service by assisting customers with book and gift selections, inquiries and recommendations.
- **Event coordination:** Plan and organize in-store events such as author talks, book clubs and community programs.
- **Sales development:** Support initiatives to increase sales and enhance the bookstore’s role as a cultural hub.

### **Qualifications**

- **Education:** Diploma or degree in business, retail management, humanities, or a related field. Equivalent professional experience will also be considered.
- **Retail experience:** At least 2–3 years of experience in retail, ideally with books, gifts, or cultural products.
- **Language skills:** Strong spoken and written communication skills in English and Cantonese. Proficiency in Putonghua and Tagalog is an advantage.
- **Leadership:** Ability to supervise part-time staff and volunteers, motivate teams, and manage operations effectively.
- **Cultural awareness:** Interest in literature, religious life, cultural products, and community engagement is desirable.

**Please apply with full resume in English, copies of certificates and contact details to: The Executive Administrator, St John’s Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong by mail or email to [administrator@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:administrator@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) no later than 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

# 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  
(Chaplain to the English-speaking congregations)

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

## 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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and its ministries can be found on the  
notice boards and on the website:  
[www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://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.

*Other questions / information:*

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