



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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Douglas Lam

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist with the Commissioning of Sunday School (<https://youtube.com/live/ti5YPniC7uo>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: 552, 87, 575, 508
Anthem: Ave verum corpus KV618 (Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)
Readers: Julianne Doe, Amos Chow
Intercessor: Susan King
Voluntary: Prelude in B minor, BWV544 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Philip Wickeri
Reader: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Ordination Service

Celebrant: The Archbishop
Preacher: The Revd Frankie Lee

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 14th September Holy Cross Day	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/u2tgLBPYtnw)
TUE 15th <i>Cyrian Bishop of</i> <i>Carthage Martyr, 258</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship
WED 16th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital— Venus Chan Yuk Ying Flute Solo Recital 2026-Bumblebee and Wind Caprices 陳玉英個人長笛獨奏會2026之狂蜂隨想曲
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 17th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 18th <i>Joseph Hoare, Bishop of</i> <i>the Diocese of Victoria,</i> <i>Hong Kong, 1906</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
	8.00pm	'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
SAT 19th <i>Theodore of Tarsus,</i> <i>Archbishop of Canter-</i> <i>Bury, 690</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	Andrew Fellowship
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 20th September Dedication Festival		
<i>1 Kings 8.22-30</i> <i>Psalms 122</i> <i>Hebrews 12.18-24</i> <i>Matthew 21.12-16</i>	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

** Mandarin Fellowship (First and third Sunday of each month)
at 1.00pm in the Conference Room of the Cathedral Admin. Building. **

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

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 50.15-21**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Romans 14.1-12**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only

vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 18.21-35**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to

settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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 Calvary Church; for the Revd Cora Ip, all pastoral and administrative staff and volunteers; may God keep them and grant them strength; For turning a new chapter for our parish, may God lead us forward together in proclaiming the gospel and guiding the flock; For the planned focus on "Go, therefore"; for the Emmaus Nurture and Alpha Parenting Course; for the spiritual growth programmes; For the parish's Schools Evangelisation Committee; may the Gospel be received well by the students, especially at the S.K.H Holy Cross Primary School Worship Centre; For the parish's social services; may God's love reach everybody, especially in the newly developed area of Kai Chuen Estate and its community health 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 our Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

ONLINE DONATION

<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>



We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Even in the midst of civil conflict and natural disasters, and while providing for the basic needs of hundreds of Christian families who have lost their homes, the diocese is expanding the Agape Pre-School to open Agape Primary School, and they are requesting our assistance. This is the only Christian school in the diocese. Give thanks for their faith and hope, sharing God's love in their community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Glen Villamil, May Kwan, Birdy Yeung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Raymond Yuen, Sabrina Ho, Tommy Hui, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, John Chakas, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Louis Shih, Eva Sorrel, Fung Wan Nui, Ray Chan, Jan Williams, Joseph Chu, Brigitta Wheele, Hsu Hon Chung, Alan Irvine, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Yu Chi Ming, Crisanto Velasco, Chung Sheung Yung, Yeewan Li, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, John Lo, Daisy Tai, Tiffany Au, Li Chunjuan, James W. Sweitzer, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Felicidad Bernardo, W. K. Luk, Irena Wu, Sister Jean Mary, Ruth Phillipson, Fr John Chynchen, Bonnie Lin, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sanson Lau, Cheung Leung Wah, Mark Hammitt, Tjhang Chui Fa, Emily Tso, Esther Bangcawayan, William L. Shia, Tristan Sherliker, Chris Maden, Wanda Wan H, Pamela Bennett, Sarah Wong, Michael Beckett, Kitty Wong, Donna Willis, Chuan Xiaokang, and Alden van de Vorstenbosch.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Anna Wu 吳姚安娜, Harry Bamma, Alexander Yu Ki Ka, and Ho Kwok-Kee

In Memoriam: Catalina dela Torre

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

CLERGY

This morning, Fr Dwight is celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

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.

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.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Registration for 2026/2027

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xVqJbm_uHO_OiQIO6rWubEVszXEM2DqCnYqfeIb_OaCNUNkZPQkJEWlREWkVFRTg5UUxJMkRINjBLMC4u



QR Code for Registration form.

NOTICES

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LINK DIOCESE OF TOUNGOO, MYANMAR

St John's Cathedral asks you to help provide a Christian education for children in Myanmar.

Toungoo Diocese has established Agape Pre-School for several years, and some of our members have volunteered to teach there in the past. Now the Diocese plans to expand Agape into a Primary School, providing education for children from Christian families displaced by war, and others in Toungoo.

The cost of building 4 new classrooms and providing desks, chairs and equipment is around HK\$300,000. Will you help?

ORDINATION SERVICE OF DIACONATE AND PRIESTHOOD

The Ordination Service of Diaconate and Priesthood will take place today (The Feast of Saint John Chrysostom) at 5.00pm at St John's Cathedral. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, the Primate of HKSKH, shall ordain Ms Queenie Sao-leng Leong and Mr Simon Chun-hung Tsang to the Sacred Order of Diaconate and The Revd Ryan Muir to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. All are welcomed to join the service.



HOLY CROSS DAY

Monday 14th September

7.30pm SUNG EUCHARIST
with the Cathedral Choir

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Dean

CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL

29th Sep 2026 (Tues)
1.00-2.00pm
Li Hall

SPEAKER:
Four Brothers from the
Anglican Society of St Francis

Topic:
The Message of
St Francis for us Today

Sandwiches and refreshment will be served from 12.45pm.
Tickets at HK\$100 each are available from the **Cathedral Bookstore**,
or by reservation through phoning the **Cathedral Office** at 2523 4157,
or email: general@stjohnscathedral.org.hk



DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR
Saturday 24th October 2026

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 Book-stall. 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'.

*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*

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Michaelmas Fair 2026
家庭同樂夜

19 九月 SEP
7.00-10.00PM (SAT)
下午7時至10時 (六)

Li Hall 李堂

Ticket: HK\$500
(Children: HK\$250)
票價：港幣 \$500
(小童：港幣 \$250)

The much-anticipated Family Fun Night is making a comeback! We've got delicious food and wine lined up for you. You definitely don't want to miss out on the fantastic performances and the thrilling ticket now evening with

All proceeds after covering expenses will go to supporting various Cathedral. 聖約翰座堂

ALL TICKETS GONE - GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT DONATIONS STILL OPEN.

期待已久的家庭美酒佳餚，豐富拍賣籌款環節，坐，與我們座堂大

快購票留

請即到座堂辦事處或WhatsApp至 5107 7170報名參加，名額先到先得。

First come first serve.

APPEAL FOR DONATIONS TO THE VICTIMS OF CHINA—NEPAL FLASH FLOOD

In the morning of 26th August, flash floods and landslides swept across the border between China and Nepal, destroying areas along Tibet's Gyirong County and Nepal's Rasuwa District. As of 2 September, at least 1,000 deaths have been reported, with over 5,000 still missing and casualties expected to rise. Buildings, cars, roads, and bridges were likewise destroyed. With the complexity of the geography in the surrounding region, together with the expected rainfall in the coming days and significant temperature difference between night and day, rescue operations will become even more difficult.

The bishops of H.K.S.K.H. call upon all the faithful to keep those affected by the flash floods in Tibet and Nepal in prayers. At the same time, Archbishop Andrew Chan has initiated an appeal for donations from the faithful and the public to the H.K.S.K.H. Archbishop World Relief Fund. All proceeds will go to the Diocese of Singapore (under which the Anglican Church in Nepal operates as a deanery) and the Amity Foundation for purposes of relief and reconstruction. Those who are moved to contribute to the cause can make donations to the Fund in the following ways:

Direct deposit or bank transfer

Deposit fund into the account of the H.K.S.K.H. Archbishop World Relief Fund at the Bank of East Asia (account number: 015-514-40-53009-3).

Crossed cheque

Make cheque payable to "H.K.S.K.H. Archbishop World Relief Fund" and send it by post to Provincial Office, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Bishop's House, 1 Lower Albert Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Each contribution will be split equally between the Diocese of Singapore and the Amity Foundation, unless a donor instructs otherwise by specifying on the donation form, the deposit slip, or the back of the cheque which organization should receive the donation.

If a receipt is required, a donor should write his/her name, address, and contact number on the deposit slip or the back of the cheque and send the information by email to office1@hkshk.org or by post to the Provincial Office. Donations of \$100 or above are eligible for tax deduction in Hong Kong. Please ring +852 2526 5355 for enquiry.

The webpage of H.K.S.K.H. Archbishop World Relief Fund is at <https://www.hkshk.org/content.aspx?id=65&lang=1>

