



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.'*

DEDICATION FESTIVAL 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/tJ9yl2GsnTI>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: St John's Mass (Ernest Hui)
Hymns: SJC Hymn, 271, 270, 604
Anthem: I was glad (Henry Purcell)
Readers: Patricia Hon, Gordon Jones
Intercessor: Thomas Swain
Voluntary: Fantasy on 'Een Vaste is onze God' (Jan Zwart)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Douglas Lam
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 21st September Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship
WED 23rd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital— <i>Flowing of Seasons</i> 歲月留聲 Rayne Chai (Soprano) and Edmund Cham (Piano)
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 24th <i>Our Lady of</i> <i>Walsingham</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 25th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
* The Cathedral church and admin office will close at 4.00pm. *		
SAT 26th <i>(Public Holiday)</i>	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 27th September <i>Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end</i> <i>Psalms 25.1-8</i> <i>Philippians 2.1-13</i> <i>Matthew 21.23-32</i>	The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

**** 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

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; 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 1 Kings 8.22-30

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the

prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 12.18-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21.12-16

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called

a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.’

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Australia.

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 Matthew’s Church, for the Revd Leung Ka Jor and colleagues; For the parish’s development; for her nurture and evangelistic ministries; for the devotion and spiritual growth of the parishioners; For the evangelistic and pastoral care ministries; may God strengthen their faith

and edify fellowship among the congregation, and in wider Sheung Wan; For SKH St Matthew’s Primary School, St Matthew’s Church Kindergarten, and St Matthew’s 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 our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

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, Issac Chan Sze Kit and Alden van de Vorstenbosch.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Anna Wu, Arthur Lee, Harry Bramma, Alexander Yu Ki Ka, Mary Carter and Tong Yin Sum.

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

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 Michael and All Angels 29th September 2026 (Tuesday)



7.30pm Sung Eucharist
sung by the Cathedral Choir
with the Commissioning of
the Michaelmas Fair Committee

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP

CLERGY

This morning, Fr Francis 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.

*Welcome back to
Sunday School!*

*St John's Cathedral
Children's Ministry*

DEDICATION FESTIVAL



We are celebrating our Dedication Festival at St John's Cathedral today. This is the Sunday of the year when we give special thanks to God for our Cathedral Church and his blessings on its ministry to Hong Kong and its people over the last 177 years!

Let us give thanks and remember that *'How awesome is this place. This is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven'.*

FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers are donated by Daniel Kong in celebration of the Cathedral's Dedication Festival.

CELEBRATING 177 YEARS: AN INVITATION TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

This month, we joyfully mark the 177th anniversary of our beloved Cathedral. For generations, this sacred space has witnessed countless prayers, celebrations, and moments of profound grace, standing as both a spiritual home and a historic monument.

The legacy of stewardship continues today through essential renovation work that is about to start. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to participate through a financial gift. Please use the special '177th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offertory' envelope for your donation and place it in the collection bag or the donations box. Every contribution, large or small, will make a tangible difference. Thank you for your generous heart and for helping us care for the beautiful house of prayer entrusted to us.

TALK ON THE AWARENESS OF FRAUD PREVENTION

Filipino members of the congregation are invited to a talk this afternoon against fraud, at the Fanny Li Hall, 3.15pm to be given by Steve Li Kwai Wah, Cathedral member and a member of the HK Police Force. Please do come and join us.

RADIO MINISTRY

The service at St Stephen's Chapel this morning will be recorded, and broadcast on RTHK4 (97.6FM) just after 12noon today.

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





The poster for the Michaelmas Fair 2026 Grand Raffle features a blue background with a red crest on the top left. The title 'Michaelmas Fair 2026' is in a white script font, and 'GRAND RAFFLE' is in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the dates 'Date of Sale: 7th September 2026 - 24th October 2026' and 'Date of Raffle Draw: Saturday, 24th October 2026' are listed. A central text block states the beneficiaries: 'THE RAFFLE TICKETS' BENEFICIARIES ARE: CHRISTIAN ACTION, ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, HOME OF LOVING FAITHFULNESS AND HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED.' Below this, it says 'GO TO THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS AND GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!' and 'TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT LI HALL BEFORE/AFTER THE 6.00PM SATURDAY SERVICE, AND AFTER THE 9.00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.' On the right, a colorful wheel of fortune is shown with a pink arrow pointing to a yellow segment, and a label 'EACH TICKET HK\$20'.

Michaelmas Fair 2026
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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

ONLINE DONATION

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



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



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.

Other questions / information:

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