



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 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/6zuf1HXLHls>) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Addington Service (Richard Shephard)
Hymns: 427 (omit*), 443, 496, 605
Anthem: 萬物有時 (Lau Yik Long) (world premiere)
Readers: Eunice Tuma-ac, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Intonationes breves per Primi Toni (Sebastian Anton Scherer)

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
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Simmy Chan

*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.***

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 28th September	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 29th September MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.00pm	<i>Christians in Central (Please see page 7)</i>
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist and Commissioning of the Michaelmas Fair Committee
WED 30th <i>Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher, 420</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital – BACH: A Recital with Yale Alumni Lora Chow (Composer, Soprano, Pianist) and Angus Fong 拉赫曼尼諾夫及原創音樂：耶魯大學校友 周曉晴 (作曲家、女高音及鋼琴) 及方皓 (大提琴) 演奏會</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 1st October (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
FRI 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 3rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 4th October <i>Isaiah 5.1-7 Psalm 80.9-17 Philippian 3.4b – 14 Matthew 21.33 - end</i>	The Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity	
	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	The Blessing of Animals Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Festal Evensong for the 800 th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: Br Christopher John

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

COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you 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

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they

shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.1-13

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in

human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21.23-32

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From

heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

PRAYERS

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 Paul's Church, Macau, for the people and community shepherded by St Paul's Church, Macau, the Revd Odette Pun, the Revd Woo Kak Pui and all council members; For the vision and mission of St Paul's Church, Macau, and all the ministries; For the evangelical ministry in the Northern District of Macau, in particular for ministries in SKH Choi Kou School (Macau) and SKH Macau Social Services Coordination Office; for the staff, students, parents, and service users.

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. 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 REQUEST

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, Kwok Leung Yuet Wo Ida, 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: Bobby Tse, Margaret Rizza, Bryan Kelly, Anna Wu, Arthur Lee, 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.

NOTICES

CLERGY

This morning, the Dean 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.



Michaelmas Fair 2026

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SATURDAY SERVICE, AND AFTER THE 9.00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.**



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





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MICHAELMAS FAIR

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24十月**OCT** 10.00AM-4.00PM (SAT)
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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
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Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Jason Wong



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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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