



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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4TH OCTOBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/QVpoyvkD1BA>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Addington Service (Richard Shephard)
Hymns: 269 (T.270), 448, 359, 485
Anthem: Domine, fac me servum pacis tuae (Ko Matsushita)
Readers: Mark Tse, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Frank Lang
Voluntary: Fantasia from Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Blessing of Animals

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Readers: Saki Tsoi, Douglas Lam
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Festal Evensong for the 800th Anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: Br. Christopher John

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 5th October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 6th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
WED 7th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital – Witness of the Light 光的見證</i> <i>HKSHK Church of the Ascension 香港聖公會基督榮光堂</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 8th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	7.30pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 10th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 11th October	Harvest Thanksgiving (The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity)	
<i>Deuteronomy 8. 7-18</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
<i>Psalms 65</i>	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist CW
<i>2 Corinthians 9. 6-end</i>		Celebrant: Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Dean
<i>Luke 12. 16-30</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Drew Courtright Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

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

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 5. 1-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3. 4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21. 33-end

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

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner-stone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking

about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**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** For the Diocese of Western Kowloon, the Diocesan Bishop the Most Revd Andrew Chan, and all clergy members; For all parishioners, that their spiritual life may be nurtured; For the comfort and healing of those who are ill or in distress; For the families and individuals in their time of need, for their necessary and timely assistance; For the mission ministry within the Diocese, may the Lord lead us on, that his gospel may be heard and received by new ears.

## PRAYERS AND NOTICES

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**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 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

**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: Bogdan Moskal, 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, 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,

Tjhang Chui Fa, Emily Tso, Esther Bangcawayan, William L. Shia, Tristan Sherliker, 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:* Ng Leung Wing Fong, Bobby Tse, Gerald (Jerry) Caraher, Margaret Rizza, Bryan Kelly, Alexander Yu Ki Ka, Mary Carter and Tong Yin Sum.

*In Memoriam: Lucita Villarreal*

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.



**11<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
at 9.00am  
Responsorial  
Eucharist  
with Offering of  
Harvest Gifts**

*Please bring  
non-perishable food items  
which will be delivered to  
the Bethune House.*

## NOTICES

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### CLERGY

This morning, the Revd Canon Peter Koon 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.

## **DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR** ***Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Bookstall. 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'.

### **HOME PRODUCE STALL**

**12oz JAM JARS NEEDED** - Please bring your used, washed jam jars to the Cathedral office. You can contact the Cathedral office for additional information.

*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*

## NOTICES



*Michaelmas Fair 2026*

**GRAND RAFFLE**

Date of Sale: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026 - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 | Date of Raffle Draw: Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026

THE RAFFLE TICKETS' BENEFICIARIES ARE: CHRISTIAN ACTION,  
ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, HOME OF LOVING FAITHFULNESS  
AND HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL LIMITED.

GO TO THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS  
AND GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT LI HALL BEFORE/AFTER THE 6.00PM  
SATURDAY SERVICE, AND AFTER THE 9.00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.



### Michaelmas Fair Pre-Sale of the Year returns!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

5.00pm to 7.00pm, Porch

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am to 2.00pm, Li Hall

New and lovingly-used items at unbelievable prices. Branded handbags, clothing, accessories, sports equipment, household equipment, and more. **Plus:** homemade baked goods and jams! *Be sure to drop in!*

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HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Other Recruitments for Autumn Semester 2026/27

We would like to inform you that the recruitment for the following programmes is open now. All programmes are conducted in Cantonese.

Details & Registration:



Training Course for RE Teachers
Enrolment & Enquiries: admission@minghua.edu.hk or WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

New Public Lecture “St Paul: The Myth, the Man, and the Message”

Speaker: The Revd Ross Royden
Dates: 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 4/12, 11/12 (Fridays)
Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm
Venue: Zoom
Fee: HK\$300

Details & Registration:



Deadline: 1 Nov 2026 (Sunday)
Enquiry: academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk | WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

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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