



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.'*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY) 11TH OCTOBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/Q9Z9-PnnWDc>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH 682)
Hymns: 360i (omit *), 365, 363
Anthem: Look at the World (John Rutter)
Readers: Susan King, Thomas Swain
Intercessor: Eunice Tuma-ac
Voluntary: Choral-Improvisation on Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op. 65
No. 59 (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

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
Reader: Gareth Williams

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Drew Courtright
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Hymns: 458, 574i, 620, 490
Reader: Saki Tsoi

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 12th October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
WED 14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital – Singing in Autumn 秋之頌歌</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 15th <i>Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 16th	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 17th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 18th October Luke The Evangelist		
<i>Isa. 35. 3-6 or Acts 16.6-12a Psalm 147.1-7 2 Tim 4.5-17 Luke 10. 1-9</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist- Provincial Rite (II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

**** 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 AND READINGS

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from

flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9.6-end

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the

READING AND PRAYERS

confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.16-30

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

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

Jesus told the people a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow:

they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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 Burundi.

**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** the pastoral direction and vision of **Kindly Light Church**; for the Revd Hubert Che, all the parish staff, leaders, and volunteers. May the Lord protect their body, mind, and spirit,

granting them wisdom, strength, and unity, so that all their service may be offered to the Lord as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and worship. For the 2026 theme, 'Living with a Grateful Heart.' May the Lord use the twelve monthly themes and Scripture verses to guide the congregation to reflect on His grace and remember His works, growing deeply in His love. Pray that God renews the hearts of believers, enabling them to walk by faith, stand firm, and live out gratitude and hope in daily life. For the kindergarten and the Young Seedlings after-school programme; may the Lord bless the children to grow healthily in an environment filled with love, acceptance, and Christian values, building good character and coming to know the source of life; pray also for the teachers and caregivers — may God grant them wisdom, patience, and strength. Pray for the Elderly Social Services, community outreach, and caring ministries. May the Lord use Kindly Light Church as a blessing to the neighbourhood, so that the elderly, especially those who are lonely, unwell, or in hardship, may be visited by His peace, care, healing, comfort, and hope. Pray for the 2026 ministry plan, with its focus on strengthening discipleship, enhancing pastoral and emotional–spiritual care, rebuilding pastoral support, renewing fellowship life, fostering intergenerational connections, and expanding community networks. May the Lord guide the church to use its resources wisely, build partnerships, and strengthen ministries, so that Kindly Light Church may be a “community of thanksgiving and a channel of blessing” in East Kowloon. Pray that Kindly Light Church will continue to be a community “marked by gratitude and committed to being a blessing”. May the church, through worship, service, mutual care, and outreach, lead more people to see God’s glory and remember His grace.

**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.** Pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, and for Bishop Saw Sheesho. Give thanks for the successful fundraising appeal at St John’s Cathedral and St Stephen’s Chapel, Stanley. The money you donated will help the diocese to build new classrooms and expand the primary education they can give to disadvantaged children. Many of them are refugees from the conflict in their own country. Their families have lost their homes, and depend on the Church for support. Give thanks that the Church can continue to spread faith and hope, and share God’s love in the community. Thank you for caring for them.

### PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for those who are sick: Bogdan Moskal, Glen Villamil, Kwok Leung Yuet Wo Ida, 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,

## PRAYERS AND NOTICES

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, Blair Campbell Reeve, Teresita Ubamos, Gerald (Jerry) Caraher, and Alexander Yu Ki Ka.

*In Memoriam:* Li Fook Hing and Anthony (Andy) Kwan.

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, the Revd Will Newman and the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre are celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church and St Stephen's Chapel respectively.

### 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

### 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 PRE-SALE OF THE YEAR RETURNS!

**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!*



The poster for the Michaelmas Fair 2026 Grand Raffle features a blue background with a red shield logo on the left. The text is in white and yellow. It includes the date of sale (7th September 2026 - 24th October 2026) and the date of the raffle draw (Saturday, 24th October 2026). It lists the beneficiaries of the raffle tickets: Christian Action, St. James' Settlement, Home of Loving Faithfulness, and Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited. It encourages people to go to the Cathedral Office during office hours to get tickets, and also mentions that tickets are available at Li Hall before/after the 6.00pm Saturday service and after the 9.00am Sunday service. A graphic of a raffle wheel is on the right, with a red arrow pointing to a yellow segment, and text indicating each ticket costs HK\$20.

**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.

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OFFICE HOURS AND GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

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SATURDAY SERVICE, AND AFTER THE 9.00AM SUNDAY SERVICE.

★ EACH TICKET HK\$20 ★



# GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK



## *How to Tell the Time*

ADVENT WITNESSING  
THROUGH THE AGES

**Speaker:** The Very Revd Professor  
Martyn Percy

For Christians belonging to the Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican traditions, Advent is a period of preparation for the threefold coming of Christ. This includes his Incarnation in Bethlehem, his sacramental presence in the Eucharist, and his Second Coming at the final judgment. As we prepare for Advent this year, we invite you to join two pairs of talks exploring the history and meaning of Advent in the lead-up to Christmas.

Led by our Provost Theologian, the Very Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy, we take an approach to faith that examines our roots, warmly embraces critical discernment in our history and the Scriptures, looks at paintings and poetry, and is open to emerging new insights.

**26 OCT  
(MON)**

**What Time Is It? BC, AD, Modern, Postmodern...and End-Time Movements.**

**2 NOV  
(MON)**

**Taking a Deeper Dive into Advent... Sacrifices, Prophecies, and Costly Discipleship.**

**30 NOV  
(MON)**

**Traditional Advent Themes and Customs...and Some Modern Variations.**

**7 DEC  
(MON)**

**Was Santa Claus an Anglican...and other Alternative Histories of Christmas?**

**7.00-8.00pm  
Harold Smyth Room,  
St John's Cathedral**

To register, please email [reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) or WhatsApp +852 5107 7170.

# 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](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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