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.'

CHRIST THE KING
22ND NOVEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader:	Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (*https://youtube.com/live/J5mOKiWmxu8*)
(Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant:	The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher:	The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting:	The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns:	200, 176, 201, 199
Anthem:	看哪，弟兄和睦同住 Life in Unity (Kai-young Chan) *(world premiere)*
Readers:	Susan King, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor:	Gordon Jones

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 Sharon Langbis
Reader:	Gareth Williams
Intercessor:	John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm HKSKH Welfare Council 60th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

Officiant:	The Revd Kenneth Lau
Preacher:	The Most Revd Andrew 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.***

MON 23rd November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Clement, Bishop of Rome,	*12.25pm*	*Meditation Group*
Martyr, c.100	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 24th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
The Martyrs of Vietnam,	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
1745-1862	*7.00pm*	*Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)*
WED 25th	8.00am	Holy Communion for the Reserved Sacrament
Catherine of Alexandria,	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
Martyr, 4th century	*1.15pm*	*Lunchtime Recital–Vaughan Williams: Songs of Travel, Ricky Tsang (Baritone) and Felix Suen (Piano)*
THU 26th	8.30am	Holy Communion for the Reserved Sacrament
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 27th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	*Friday Fellowship Group*
	7.30pm	*'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)*
SAT 28th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	3.00pm	A Service of Life and Hope *For the 1st Anniversary of Wang Fuk Court Fire*
	4.00pm	*Andrew Fellowship*
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)

SUN 29th November — **The First Sunday of Advent**

Isa. 64.1-9
Ps. 80.1-8, 18-20
(or 80.1-8)
1 Cor 1.3-9
Mark 13.24-end

8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean
1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
5.00pm	A service for the beginning of Advent '*The Forerunn*er' Officiant: 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
Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING
Ezek.34.11-16, 20-24

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING
Eph.1.15-end

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING
Matt. 25.31-end

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Church of England.

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 mission of Social Services of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; we thank the Lord that the HKSKH has been carrying out social service ministries in Hong Kong since the 19th century, actively responding to the needs in the community through the parishes, serving children, youth, women, the elderly, families and people with disabilities; pray that the Lord will continue to guide and lead the church to uphold its faith and fervent heart of serving society, so that the Kingdom of Heaven may be built on earth. Pray for the social service organisations of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, especially for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council, St James' Settlement, and S.K.H. St Christopher's Home, that they may discern the changes in our society with the acuity of prophets, and follow the footsteps of our servant king Jesus, caring for the weak and lowly with love, both socially and individually, in body, mind, and spirit. Pray for those who dedicate themselves to social services ministries; may God bestow his abundant grace to the executive board members, unit-in-charge officers and frontline staff of the various social service organisations of
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the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, so that they can serve the least among us, thereby serving Christ; we ask the Lord to call more church members to be equipped to participate in the church's social services ministry.

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, giving thanks for the faithful witness of Bishop Saw Sheesho and the clergy and people, as the Church grows even in a time of conflict and hardship. May the Holy Spirit continue to give them courage to spread the gospel of God's love to those who are in great need of good news.

PRAYER REQUEST
Please pray for those who are sick:
Nicola Crymble, Peter Kgaer, Celia Jack, Sue Ko, Yip Ting Chor, Bogdan Moskal, 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, Chung Sheung Yung, Yeewan Li, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Daisy Tai, Li Chunjuan, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, W.K. Luk, Irena Wu, Sister Jean Mary, Ruth Phillipson, Fr John Chynchen, Bonnie Lin, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Cheung Leung Wah, Tjhang Chui Fa, Emily Tso, Jessy Milner, William L Shia, Tristan Sherliker, Wanda Wan H, Pamela Bennett, Sarah Wong, Michael and Donna Beckett, Chuan Xiaokang, and Alden van de Vorstenbosch.

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Jolita, 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.

CLERGY
This morning, the Dean will be celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church.

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.

RADIO BROADCAST
The 10.00am Eucharist from St Stephen's Chapel Stanley is being recorded this morning and will be broadcast at 12.00noon today on RTHK4 (97.6FM). Tune in at lunchtime, or listen later on the RTHK4 Archive.

FLOWERS
The pedestal flowers are donated in thanksgiving by Felix Yeung and Marques Ng.
'Ecce quam bonum et quam iucundum habitare fratres in unum.'

PROVINCIAL CLERGY CONFERENCE
The Cathedral Clergy will be away from Tuesday 24th until Thursday 26th November on the annual Provincial Clergy Conference. This yearly event is a time for the provincial clergy to gather, with their bishops, for prayer, study and fellowship. Please keep your clergy in your prayers over these days.

There will be a slightly revised schedule for the weekday Eucharists at St John's during this time. Please see the pew sheet or the Cathedral website for more information. If you need a priest in case of emergency, please call the Cathedral Office +852 2523 4157.

KWONG KIT LECTURE 2026
The Standing Commission on Theological Education cordially invites you to the 'Kwong Kit Lecture 2026', aimed at promoting theological education and spiritual formation for all believers. Details are as follows:
Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Anglicanism
Date: Saturday, 28th November 2026
Time: 2.30pm–5.30pm
Venue: St Paul's Church (Followed by a fellowship tea reception at the JCC Centre)
Language: Conducted in English, with Chinese translation materials provided and respond.
Keynote Speaker:
The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
(Provost-Theologian, Ming Hua Theological College)
Respondents:
Professor Kwok Wai Luen
(Hong Kong Baptist University)
Archbishop Emeritus Paul Kwong
(Principal of Ming Hua Theological College & Former Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council)

All are welcome! Please scan the QR Code provided to register.

St John's Cathedral
ADVENT SERVICES 2026



Sunday 29th November
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
The Forerunner
A service for the beginning of Advent

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Sunday 6th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

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Sunday 13th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist

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Saturday 19th December
(Saturday Services as normal)

6.00pm
Cantonese Sung Eucharist with Carols

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Sunday 20th December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

9.00am
Sung Eucharist with *Nativity Play*

5.00pm
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

A Service of Life and Hope—for the 1st Anniversary of Wang Fuk Court Fire
The Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui will hold 'A Service of Life and Hope' at 3.00pm on Saturday, 28th November at St John's Cathedral. To remember the victims and pray for those affected by the fire at Wang Fuk Court, as well as for those who have served them in the past year, let us gather in the Lord to seek hope in this service. The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan will officiate at the service, and the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok will be the preacher. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 2026 MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETING
Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1,300 people to our Midnight Mass of the Nativity. We will be issuing tickets again this year to ensure that there is a fair distribution to members of the Cathedral congregations and the wider community.

Please apply for tickets online in order to attend the 11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity on Thursday, 24th December 2026 at the Cathedral:

1. Ticket application will begin at 10.00am on Monday, 30th November 2026, and close immediately when all available tickets are exhausted.
2. Church members on the stewardship scheme and the electoral rolls will enjoy the priority with reservation. The remaining tickets for the general public will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.
3. Applicants may request 1 or 2 tickets on the form. The maximum allotment is 2 tickets per successful application. Any duplicate application will only be counted as one.
4. Tickets are only confirmed upon receipt of a confirmation email. Successful applicants will be contacted to collect tickets in person from the Cathedral Office between Tuesday, 1st December 2026 and Tuesday, 15th December 2026 during the following hours:
   Monday to Friday - 9.00am to 5.00pm
   Saturday to Sunday - 9.00am to 12.00pm
5. Any uncollected tickets after Tuesday, 15th December 2026 will be reallocated to other applicants.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications. All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral.

ONLINE DONATION

Faster Payment System (FPS) ID: 109386409

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:

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Name of spouse (if applicable)

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Names and ages of children (if applicable)

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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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