



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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/lswcc7xNDtc>)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Canon Prof Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns: 339, 210, 209, 622
Anthem: O thou the central orb (Charles Wood)
Voluntary: Fuga sopra il Magnificat, BWV 733
(Johann Sebastian Bach)
Readers: Julianne Doe, Eunice Tuma-ac
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Letty Awingan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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| MON 3rd February | 8.00am | Said Eucharist |
| | 12.25pm | <i>Meditation Group</i> |
| | 1.00pm | One o'clock Prayer |
| TUE 4th | 8.00am | Said Eucharist |
| | 1.00pm | One o'clock Prayer |
| | 1.15pm | Said Eucharist |
| WED 5th | 8.00am | Said Eucharist |
| | 1.00pm | One o'clock Prayer |
| | 6.00pm | Said Eucharist |
| THU 6th <i>The Martyrs of Japan,</i> <i>1597</i> | 8.30am | Said Eucharist |
| | 1.00pm | One o'clock Prayer |
| | 1.15pm | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.30pm | <i>Parents and Toddlers</i> |
| | 8.30pm | <i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i> |
| FRI 7th | 8.00am | Said Eucharist |
| | 1.00pm | One o'clock Prayer |
| | 8.00pm | <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i> |
| SAT 8th | 8.30am | Said Eucharist |
| | 12.00noon | Said Eucharist (<i>Filipino</i>) |
| | 4.00pm | <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> |
| | 6.00pm | Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service) |
| SUN 9th February <i>Isaiah 6.1-8 (9-end)</i> <i>Psalms 138</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15.1-11</i> <i>Luke 5.1-11</i> | The Fourth Sunday before Lent | |
| | 8.00am | Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman |
| | 9.00am | Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Prof Martyn Percy |
| | 10.30am | Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon |
| | 11.45am | Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Dean |
| | 1.30pm | Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Angeline dela Torre |
| | 5.00pm | Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin |

*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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
Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING
Hebrews 2.14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING
Luke 2.22-40

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the

child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 Diocese of Western Kowloon; the Diocesan Bishop, the Most Revd Andrew Chan, and all clergy; For all the parishioners in their spiritual life nurturing; For all the people in the Diocese who are facing various difficulties.

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, where the diocese is providing food, shelter, medicine, and basic education for several thousand villagers displaced by the civil war. We give thanks for the funds donated in our Advent Appeal for Toungoo, and we pray for Bishop Saw Sheesho and all the people of the diocese as they serve those in great need.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Wong Yau Sut, Ray Li, Keith So, Stella Ko Lau, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sabrina Ho, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Fung Wan Nui, Alan Irvine, Toung Ming, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Irena Wu, Sister Jean Mary, Joseph Chu, Got Yuen Dick, Dr Verner Bickley, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Caitlin Berry, Jane Pang Tong, Sanson Lau, Wanda Clay, Hsu Hon Chung, Wanda Wan H, Daisy Tai, Arturo Lamshing, Lucita Villareal, Eva Sorrel, Chuan Xiaokang, Raymond Yuen, Annabella Janssen, Kitty Wong, Jerry Gleicher and Sarah Wong.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Wong Dor Chun
Hugh Phillipson, Priest
Lee Clubb

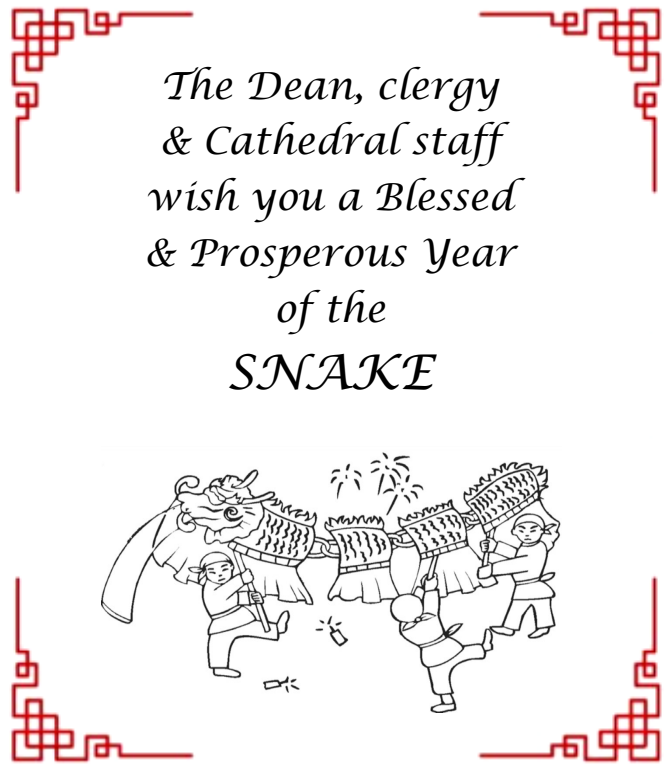
The Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Revd Hugh Brian Phillipson will be held at St John's Cathedral on Thursday, 6th February, at 3.30pm.

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157**.



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

For almost 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We give thanks for the cease fire in Gaza, and pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



**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.

EVENSONG & CURRY!
Sunday 16th February 2025
**5.00pm Choral Evensong
followed by Curry Supper.**

*Please join us after the service
for an informal time of fellowship
in the Harold Smyth Room
hosted by the Cathedral clergy.*

Public Lecture

‘Just Desserts? Ingredients, Enigma, Empire, and Ecclesiology in English Anglicanism’

The Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy

St John’s Cathedral Li Hall
Tuesday 4th February 2025, 7.30pm



Martyn Percy’s latest book, *The Crisis of Colonial Anglicanism*, offers a bold new cultural theory explaining how the Church of England has acted for and benefited from being the spiritual arm of the British Empire.

You are warmly invited to this lecture open to the public, when Martyn will show how through exploitation and racism the English adopted elitist and hierarchical worldviews which reinforced both Empire and Church. Yet by regarding the rest of the world as lesser, both the Empire and the Church slowly degenerated, and those peoples who were looked down on fought for equality and independence.

Today, the worldwide Anglican Communion faces a new era of moral reckoning.

Martyn Percy is Provost-Theologian for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, and Professor of Religion and Culture at the University of St Joseph, Macao. He writes and teaches on culture, faith, values and public life, and contributes to Prospect, The Guardian, and The Times.

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Michaelmas Fair 2025

JOY IN WALKATHON

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2月3日 **MAR** 11.00am/12.00nn
上午11時/中午12時
(Registration from 10.00am 上午10時起登記)

Route 1 路線一
The Peak
山頂

Route 2 路線二

Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens
香港動植物公園



The walkathon features 'Most Active Participation Award' and 'Top Fundraiser Award' for schools, individuals, and family/ministry/friends teams
步行籌款設有學校、個人、家庭/事工/朋友團隊
「最踴躍參與獎」及「最高籌款獎」

All proceeds will go towards supporting the Cathedral and its various ministries
所有捐款將用作支持聖公會聖約翰座堂，以及座堂各項事工

Lunch after the walk from 12.30pm
Fee: HK\$50 (adult)
HK\$20 (full-time student)
步行結束後，將於下午12時30分提供午膳
費用：成人港幣50元
全日制學生港幣20元



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Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

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Chinese Ministry -
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Amos Poon

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
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Mission and Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Youth Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

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:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

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: 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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