



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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 10TH AUGUST 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist—CW

(<https://youtube.com/live/HTeaUU1B-mU>)

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Hymns: 334, 440, 385, 513
Readers: Frank Lang, Thomas Swain
Intercessor: Mark Tse
Voluntary: Recessional-Carillon on 'Lord of the Years'
(David Blackwell)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Gareth Williams

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Hymns: 428, 440, 385, 432 (omit *)
Reader: Saki Tsoi

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 11th August <i>Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 12th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
WED 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 14th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
FRI 15th The Blessed Virgin Mary	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group (No meetings in July and August)
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist
	8.00pm	'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
SAT 16th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	Andrew Fellowship
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 17th August	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Jeremiah 23.23-29</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 82</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
<i>Hebrew 11.29-12.2</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Luke 12.49-56</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
		Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Dean

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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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 15.1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 12.32-40

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'Be dressed for action and have your

lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

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 Resurrection Church; pray for their Word Ministry; pray for the Growth Group in the church, to encourage each other to grow as disciples; pray for their Community and Outreach, the Parenting Children & Teenagers Course, draw the families closer to Jesus Christ; pray for the Parents & Tots group, to provide spiritual support to young parents in the local community; pray for the new monthly Men’s Fellowship and Women’s Fellowship, to welcome newcomers and build camaraderie across the church; pray for their Ministry with new visitors and their church members’ non-Christian families. **Pray for Shatin Anglican Church,** their ability in equipping each member as apt disciples; pray for the volunteers who serve each Sunday in various roles, and their staff; pray for all visitors and newcomers.

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 Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, now suffering serious flooding and landslides at the same time when they are rebuilding after the major earthquake in March, which damaged several churches and left many people homeless. Add this to the continuing conflict which has killed and injured thousands of people, and left some villages destroyed by military action. The Diocese of Toungoo provides food, shelter and medical supplies for over 3,000 refugees from the war. Hold Bishop Saw Sheesho and his people in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Fr John Chynchen, Ruth Phillipson, David Fryers, Chris Maden, Annabella Janssen, Ma Sau Yuen, Daisy Tai, Dan Severson, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Joseph Chu, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Ray Chan, Eva Sorrel, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Irena Wu, Hsu Hon Chung, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Teresa Ray Li, Jane Pang Tong, Alan Irvine, Wanda Wan H, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Arturo Lamshing, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Sarah Wong, Steven Khoo, Sister Jean Mary, Donna Kantor, Esther Bangcawayan, Chuan Xiaokang, Sanson Lau and Rhonada Marsland.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Mary Moching Bennett, Sun Onn Chin, Vivienne Raewyn Chin, and Loreta Bacagan Gomez.

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

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

For over 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 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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Venue: Harold Smyth Room
Time: 9.00—9.55am

Sun 10th August

Kids' Games—Playing games is good for kids. It enables them to make connection and understand what is seen, heard and experienced.

RESIDENT GUEST CHOIR IN AUGUST

During the month of August, while St John's Cathedral Choir are in summer recess, all morning choral services will be sung by our resident guest choir, Die Konzertisten, under the direction of our Director of Music, Felix Yeung.

Die Konzertisten (DK) is recognized as one of Hong Kong's foremost chamber choirs. DK performs repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony and Baroque masterpieces to Romantic delicacies and newly commissioned works. The choir regularly works with internationally distinguished artists and is featured frequently in the Hong Kong Arts Festival. Other partnerships include Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, HKU MUSE, and RTHK. DK has been singing in the Cathedral's choral services since August 2012.

REFRESHMENTS
in the Harold Smyth Room
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.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday 15th August 2025
7.30pm Sung Eucharist



*And blessed is the fruit
of your womb*

Celebrant:
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

Preacher:
The Revd Amos Poon

<https://youtube.com/live/8h73SNUlhD8>

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025 – JOY IN EVERY NOTE

Embark on a musical journey of the rich tradition of our Cathedral with two fundraising recitals!

Recital 1 – Solo recital

Organist: Jeremy Ng (Organ Scholar of HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace 2025-26)

Date: Wednesday, 20th August 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Recital 2 – *Quadrumanus*: organ duets

Organist: Jonathan Yip (Cathedral Organist); Felix Yeung (Director of Music)

Date: Saturday, 6th September 2025

Time: 3.00pm

Both recitals will take place at the Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection to support various ministries of St John's Cathedral.

TEMPORARY SCAFFOLDING AT THE ALTAR AND HIGH ALTAR

To ensure the long-term safety and preservation of our beloved cathedral, scaffolding has been installed around the altar area for essential inspection and preventive maintenance of the roof. The work will take a couple of months.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while this important work takes place.

REPLACEMENT OF LI HALL FLOOR TILES

The floor tiles in Li Hall will be replaced in the coming weeks. During this time, the hall will be temporarily closed for all activities.

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Admission of Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) is open now!

For more details:



Enrolment & Enquiries:
admission@minghua.edu.hk or
WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

Recruitment for Autumn Semester 2025/26

We would like to inform you that the recruitment for our Diploma of Theology programme is open now. It is conducted in Cantonese. For more details, please scan the following QR code:



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CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE NEWS

A big congratulations to our dear Fr Amos Poon on the release of his new book, *Embracing God in Times of Uncertainty: A Millennials' Thesis of Faith*. This work explores four key challenges facing today's generation: Dreams and Reality, Authentic Faith, Rest and Burnout, and Loneliness, offering a Christian perspective on these issues. The book is written in Chinese and will be available for purchase at the Cathedral Bookstore. An English introduction of the book is featured in the Summer 2025 edition of *In Touch* magazine.

Do not miss this opportunity to grab a copy, and may this book be a blessing to both our cathedral community and the wider Hong Kong audience.



EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Are you interested in exploring Christianity or becoming a Christian?
Would you like to join our cathedral community and become a formal member of the Anglican Church (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)?

Through Baptism and Confirmation, individuals publicly declare their faith in God and trust in Jesus Christ. These sacraments mark the reception of the Holy Spirit and formal admission into the life of the Church.

Step 1 – Become an Enquirer

Enrolment remains open until mid-September 2025.

Please contact Elisa at: deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

From September 2025 to February 2026, cathedral clergy will meet with you monthly. During this period, we ask that you attend services regularly at either the cathedral or our daughter churches. These meetings allow us to get to know each other, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about:

- The Christian faith
- The Anglican Church (HKSKH)
- Our church services and practices

Step 2 – Enrol in ‘Faith Begins’ (Adult Baptism & Confirmation Course)

Course details

Dates: Every Wednesday from 25th February to 20th May 2026

Time: 7.00-9.10pm

Location: Harold Smyth Room

Weekly schedule:

7.00pm - Supper

7.30pm - Clergy-led talk

8.00pm - Small group discussions

(available in English, Cantonese, or Mandarin)

9.00pm - Group prayer

9.10pm - Close

Cost: HK\$1,200

Baptism and Confirmation Service

Sunday, 24th May 2026 will be your baptism and confirmation service, marking your formal membership in the Church.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

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 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: 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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