



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 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 27TH JULY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Reader: Ben Lee

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

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns: 622, 520, 558, 340
Anthem: Pater noster à 5 (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)
Readers: Mark Tse, Gordon Jones
Intercessor: Susan King
Voluntary: Fantasia Cromatica (Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Reader and Intercessor: Daniel Kong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
Reader: Zenaida Carias

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 28th July	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 29th <i>Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 30th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—Vocal Recital with Fiona Fong (Soprano)</i> Sung Eucharist
THU 31st <i>Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556</i>	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 1st August	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> (No meetings in July and August) <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 2nd	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 3rd August <i>Eccles. 1.2, 12-14</i> <i>Psalms 49.1-9</i> <i>Colossians 3.1-11</i> <i>Luke 12.13-21</i>	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP

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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

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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**Genesis 18.20-32**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He

answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Colossians 2.6-15**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 11.1-13

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

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 St Anne's Church, for their ministries and development; for parish's cooperation with provincial social service organisations; for the implementation of the Church Policy Paper of the General Synod through the ministries of the church, schools and social services.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Give thanks for the completion of the recent Humanitarian Assistance Project, which has delivered rice to 3250 refugees from the continuing conflict, provided training for 60 healthcare workers to work among the refugees, with medical kits and medicines, and renovated preschool and primary school buildings so that refugee students can attend school.

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, 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:
Sun Onn Chin and Vivienne Raewyn Chin.

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 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 27th Jul **Kids' Sports**—Let's keep the SS fun going and play!*

*Sun 3rd Aug **Bible Plays**—Through interactive adventures and imaginative role playing, it is a fun way to engage children with the Bible stories and characters.*

*Sun 10th Aug **Kids' Games**—Playing games is good for kids. It enables them to make connection and understand what is seen, heard and experienced.*

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Wednesday 6th August 2025

7.30pm Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:
The Revd Amos Poon

Preacher:
The Revd Robert Martin CMP

<https://youtube.com/live/MHnfngGhSf4>

CLERGY WHEREABOUT

This Sunday, The Revd Amos Poon is presiding at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley while The Revd Will Newman is covering at Morrison Chapel in Macau. The Revd Sharon Langbis is on her annual leave.

A SHORT COURSE ON THE BIBLE

led by the Revd Will Newman

on Wednesday evenings, from 7.00-8.30pm in the Conference Room

JULY

- 9th In the Beginning: Creation, Covenant, and the Law
- 16th Triumph to Disaster! The Rise and Fall of the Kingdom of Israel
- 23rd A New Covenant: Exile, Prophecy and Wisdom
- 30th Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John: 4 Authors, 1 Subject

3 weeks on the Old Testament, then 1 week on the gospels. We'll look at the main themes, and how the bible fits together.

For registration, please email Elisa at deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

ENGLISH SPEAKING EfM IS RECRUITING

Education for Ministry, EfM, is a four-year mentored self learning course on the Bible, Church history and various topics on Christian beliefs, Christian living and how Christians perceive and interact with the world.

The course is divided into four units, each lasting for a year. The group of participants meet with the mentor each week at St John's Cathedral to share what they understand from the reading assignment and to share one another's thoughts. The only qualification required is an ability to read with discernment. Each enrolment is for one year and the fee is HK\$2,500.

A course for year one, year two and year three studies of the programme is starting in September 2025. Vacancies are limited. Those interested are welcomed to contact the mentor, Tony Poon at email ksapoon@gmail.com for further details.

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. Additionally, the Bookstore will host a signing event in the Harold Smyth Room after the 9.00am service on 3rd August. 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.



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

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

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) programme is designed to equip and empower Christians to engage biblically and theologically within Asian contexts. It aims to help students develop a public witness that is prophetic and contextually relevant. The programme focuses on balancing Western and Asian perspectives through a dialogical learning model and looks towards the wider Anglican communion in the Asia-Pacific region for resources and conversation.



For more details:

Subjects in Autumn Semester, 2025/26:

- **MCS102 Bible and Theology in Context**

Lecturers: Dr Matthew Jones, Dr Stephen Lim

Dates: 11th September - 4th December (Thursdays, except 9th October)

- **MCS107 Church and Theology in the Majority World**

Lecturer: Dr Matthew Jones

Dates: 9th September - 2nd December (Tuesdays, except 7th October)

- **MCS108 Reading the Bible in the Contemporary World**

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim

Dates: 10th September - 17th December (Wednesdays, except 1st, 8th and 29th October)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College / Zoom*

* Zoom setup is for overseas students to attend the classes only.

Tuition Fee: HK\$9,800 per module

Audit Fee: HK\$5,880 per module

Application Fee: HK\$200

Enrolment & Enquiries:

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

Deadline: 1st September 2025

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



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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:

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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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