



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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 3RD AUGUST 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Daniel Kong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/KP2VvsUQulQ>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns: 428, 598 (T. 216), 490, 528
Anthem: The house of the mind (Herbert Howells)
Readers: Kevin She, Julianne Doe
Intercessor: Frank Lang
Voluntary: Exhortation on 'Nun danket'
(Rebecca Groom te Velde)

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 Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 4th August	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 5th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord	8.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer (no 6.00pm service) Sung Eucharist
THU 7th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 8th <i>Dominic, Priest,</i> <i>Founder of the</i> <i>Order of Preachers,</i> <i>1221</i>	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 9th	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 10th August <i>Genesis 15.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 33.12-end</i> <i>(or 33.12-21)</i> <i>Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16</i> <i>Luke 12.32-40</i>	The Eighth Sunday after Trinity 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean Responsorial Eucharist—CW Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

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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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; 2.18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

This is the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

This is the Word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.13-21

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; 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 Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

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 Pray for the development of the **Church of The Transfiguration**, for the Lord's bountiful support in their ministries and lead people to join the church; for the discipleship training and evangelistic ministries, for the spiritual growth of parishioners, that the church may grow healthily; for the Sunday school and youth fellowship ministries, that the Lord may grant them teachers and leaders blessed with talents; for the

church's evangelistic ministry at Yautong Kei Hin Primary School, ask the Lord to guide the church's colleague to develop evangelistic work both for students and parents.

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 Tounghoo 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 Tounghoo provides food, shelter and medical supplies for over 3000 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, 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, Vivienne Raewyn Chin,
and Loreta Bacagan Gomez.*

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.

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>

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 recognised 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.

CLERGY WHEREABOUT

This Sunday, The Revd Sharon Langbis is on her annual leave.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Venue: Harold Smyth Room Time: 9.00—9.55am

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE IFI!

The Iglesia Filipina Independiente (Philippine Independent Church) celebrates its 123rd anniversary of proclamation today, 3rd August 2025, with the theme: 'Gathered to Worship, Empowered to Witness' (Acts 1.6-8). The Anniversary Thanksgiving Service will be the 1.30pm Eucharist. All are welcome.

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 Burn-out, 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 TODAY**. 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.

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)

For more details:



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

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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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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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.

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