



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 (SEA SUNDAY) 12TH JULY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/CFcUZRuVEOk>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Desmond Cox
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Hymns: 457, 505, 618, I, the Lord of sea and sky
Anthem: My boat of Life (Toga P.L. Rajagukguk)
Readers: Eunice Tuma-ac, Helen Clubb
Intercessor: Douglas Lam
Voluntary: Hornpipe Humoresque (Noel Rawsthorne)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
Reader: Karmen Kar

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Hymns: 575, 505, 456, 457
Reader: Zenaida Carias

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 13th July	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 15th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Caritas-Tsuen Wan Children Choir</i>
		<i>Lunchtime Concert</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 16th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers—NO MEETING</i>
		<i>The Parents and Toddlers is taking a summer break in July and August. Further updates will follow.</i>
FRI 17th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 18th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 19th July	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Wisdom 12.13, 16-19</i>	8.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Psalms 86.11-end</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
<i>Romans 8.12-25</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
		Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
		Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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**Isaiah 55.10-13**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Romans 8.1-11**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the

law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had

no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!’

‘Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 to Seafarers, the Revd Canon Stephen Miller, the Revd Catherine Graham, the Revd Canon Andrew Dangerfield and all members of the chaplaincy team ministering to seafarers in Hong Kong; For the staff working at both centres in Tsim Sha Tsui and Kwai Chung; For the congregation and leaders of St Peter’s Seafarers’ Church; For all seafarers away from their families at this time, for those sailing through storms or high seas, we pray for God to keep them safe until they return to their loved ones.

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 Toungoo in Myanmar, where thousands of church members are still suffering from last year’s earthquake and floods, and the continuing civil war.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Sabrina Ho, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Raymond Yuen, Birdy Yeung, Fung Wan Nui, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Ray Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Chung Sheung Yung, John Chakas, Hsu Hon Chung, Jane Pang Tong, Fr John Chynchen, Ruth Phillipson, John Lo, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Daisy Tai, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Jeffrey Lee, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jan Williams, Bonnie Lin, Louis Shih, Li Chunjuan, Tiffany Au, Esther Bangcawayan, Irena Wu, Chris Maden, Mark Hammitt, Sanson Lau, Tristan Sherliker, Emily Tso, Pamela Bennett, Brigitta Wheele, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Yeewan Li, Yu Chi Ming, Sister Jean Mary, Sarah Wong, Sabine Day, Wanda Wan H, Chuan Xiaokang, Tjhang Chui Fa, Cheung Leung Wah, Merander Ng, Michael Beckett, Tim Hancock and Donna Willis.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Lai Lai Shu Man

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: +852 2523 4157.

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

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 is celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

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.

ENGLISH SPEAKING EfM IS RECRUITING

Education for Ministry, EfM (also called Enquiring Faith Matters) 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 abilities to read with discernment and to use a computer as a tool for learning are required.

Each enrolment is for one year and the fee is \$2,200.- Participants are also required to buy their own books.

A course is starting in September 2026. Those interested are welcomed to contact the mentor, Tony Poon tssf at email ksapoon@gmail.com for further details.

Closing date is 24th August 2026.



RETURN OF DISCIPLESHIP COMMITMENT CARD 2026 FOR MID-YEAR REVIEW

As scheduled, the Discipleship Commitment Card collected from parishioners on Sunday Service in January this year should be returned to each individual by the end of July for their mid-year review and reflection. For those who have offered the card, please claim them back at the Cathedral office.

St John's Cathedral Hong Kong Summer Sunday School 2026 'Fruit of the Spirit'

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Date: Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July & 2nd, 9th August

Time: 9.00am - 9.55am

Online Registration Form:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xVqJbm_uH00iQIO6rWubEnVszXEM2D9CnYqfelbOaCNURFU3NUhLREpXNkRTU09ZNkYyOFZBTQ2VS4u&route=shorturl



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College Autumn Semester, 2026/27, is now open for admission! (September 2026 – January 2027)

Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS)

MCS102 Bible and Theology in Context

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim & Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 10th Sep – 10th Dec (Thursdays, except 1st and 22th Oct)

MCS108 Reading the Bible in the Contemporary World

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim

Date: 9th Sep – 2nd Dec (Wednesdays, except 21st Oct)

MCS113 Who and What is the Church?

Lecturer: Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 8th Sep – 1st Dec (Tuesdays, except 20th Oct)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College/Zoom (for overseas students only)

Tuition Fee: HKD9,800 per module Audit Fee: HKD5,880 per module

Application Fee: HK\$200 Deadline: 31st August 2026

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

ASSISTANT BOOKSTORE MANAGER – ST JOHN’S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

St John’s Cathedral Bookstore is seeking a dedicated and customer-focused **Assistant Bookstore Manager** to support daily operations, drive sales, and foster a welcoming environment for book and gift lovers. Reporting to the Bookstore Manager, this role contributes to serving the Cathedral community, visitors and the public.

Key Responsibilities

- **Operational management:** Assist in overseeing daily operations, including inventory control, merchandising, sourcing and staff coordination.
- **Customer service:** Provide excellent service by assisting customers with book and gift selections, inquiries and recommendations.
- **Event coordination:** Plan and organize in-store events such as author talks, book clubs and community programs.
- **Sales development:** Support initiatives to increase sales and enhance the bookstore’s role as a cultural hub.

Qualifications

- **Education:** Diploma or degree in business, retail management, humanities, or a related field. Equivalent professional experience will also be considered.
- **Retail experience:** At least 2–3 years of experience in retail, ideally with books, gifts, or cultural products.
- **Language skills:** Strong spoken and written communication skills in English and Cantonese. Proficiency in Putonghua and Tagalog is an advantage.
- **Leadership:** Ability to supervise part-time staff and volunteers, motivate teams, and manage operations effectively.
- **Cultural awareness:** Interest in literature, religious life, cultural products, and community engagement is desirable.

Please apply with full resume in English, copies of certificates and contact details to: The Executive Administrator, St John’s Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong by mail or email to administrator@stjohnscathedral.org.hk no later than 30th July 2026.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

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



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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: +852 2523 4157

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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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