



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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 23RD AUGUST 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/bb3t7R4AHOo>) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Choir: Die Konzertisten
Communion Setting: St Martin's Mass (David Bednall)
Hymns: 567, 231, 571i, 550
Anthem: O sacrum convivium (Pierre Villette)
Readers: Julianne Doe, Helen Clubb
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Toccata in F major, BuxWV157
(Dieterich Buxtehude)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Frank Lang

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: Saki Tsoi

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 24th August BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 25th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
WED 26th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Smile and Friends Singing Recital</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 27th <i>Monica, Mother of</i> <i>Augustine of Hippo,</i> <i>387</i>	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 August. Further updates will follow.</i>
FRI 28th <i>Augustine, Bishop of</i> <i>Hippo, Teacher, 430</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 29th <i>The Beheading of</i> <i>John the Baptist</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 30th	The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	
<i>Jeremiah 15.15-21</i>	8.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Psalms 26.1-8</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>Romans 12.9-end</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Matthew 16.21-end</i>		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist (Provincial) - Rite II
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Celtic Eucharist followed by Walking the Labyrinth
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP

**** Mandarin Fellowship (First and third Sunday of each month)**
at 1.00pm in the Conference Room of the Cathedral Admin. Building. **

*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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 51.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING
Romans 12.1-8

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 16.13-20

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the

Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa.

**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 Titus’ Church;** for the Revd Billy Ip and the Revd Wong Lai Ha, their colleagues and congregation, and their spiritual growth; For the vision and the future development of various outreach and nurture ministries; For the devotion and spiritual growth of the parishioners; for the evangelistic and pastoral care ministries; may God strengthen their faith and edify fellowship among the congregation; For the development of Alpha

parenting course and nurturing programmes, in particular, the ministry to children and youth; may God guide and lead all participants to pursue Christ; For the church’s mission in SKH Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, the evangelistic ministry for the school students and parents; For their partner in the community, the HKSKH Ma On Shan Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre; for ever deeper cooperation between the church and the centre, that we may bear joint witness of God.

**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.** Even in the midst of civil conflict and natural disasters, and while providing for the basic needs of hundreds of Christian families who have lost their homes, the diocese is expanding the Agape Pre-School to open Agape Primary School, and they are requesting our assistance. This is the only Christian school in the diocese. Give thanks for their faith and hope, sharing God’s love in their community.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for those who are sick:*

May Kwan, Birdy Yeung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Raymond Yuen, Sabrina Ho, Tommy Hui, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, John Chakas, Cheung Chik Wan, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Teresa Ray Li, Wu Yat Cho, Louis Shih, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Eva Sorrel, Danny Tsen, Fung Wan Nui, Ray Chan, Joseph Chu, Brigitta Wheele, Hsu Hon Chung, Alan Irvine, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Yu Chi Ming, Chung Sheung Yung, Yeewan Li,

Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, John Lo, Daisy Tai, Li Chunjuan, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Irena Wu, Fr John Chynchen, Tiffany Au, Ruth Phillipson, Jan Williams, Bonnie Lin, Sanson Lau, Cheung Leung Wah, Mark Hammitt, Chuan Xiaokang, Emily Tso, Esther Bangcawayan, William L. Shia, Chris Maden, Tristan Sherliker, Donna Willis, Wanda Wan H, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sister Jean Mary, Tjhang Chui Fa, Pamela Bennett, Michael Beckett, Kitty Wong, and Sarah Wong.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Ho Kwok-Kee and Choi Yat Ho.

*In Memoriam:*

Quintin Wen Wai To (溫偉圖),  
Tip Lam (林蝶)

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

### FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers in church today are donated in loving memory of Quintin Wen Wai To and Tip Lam by Douglas Lam.



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

### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Registration for 2026/2027*

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### 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 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.

### ONLINE DONATION

<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>



### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR LINK DIOCESE OF TOUNGOO, MYANMAR

St John's Cathedral asks you to help provide a Christian education for children in Myanmar.

Toungoo Diocese has established Agape Pre-School for several years, and some of our members have volunteered to teach there in the past. Now the Diocese plans to expand Agape into a Primary School, providing education for children from Christian families displaced by war, and others in Toungoo.

The cost of building 4 new classrooms and providing desks, chairs and equipment is around HK\$300,000. Will you help?



### ORDINATION SERVICE OF DIACONATE AND PRIESTHOOD

The Ordination Service of Diaconate and Priesthood will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (The Feast of Saint John Chrysostom) at 5.00pm at St John's Cathedral. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, the Primate of HKSKH, shall ordain Ms Queenie Sao-leng Leong and Mr Simon Chun-hung Tsang to the Sacred Order of Diaconate and The Revd Ryan Muir to the Sacred Order of Priesthood. All brothers & sisters are welcomed to attend the service.



**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
Michaelmas Fair 2026  
家庭同樂夜

**19 九月 SEP**  
7.00-10.00PM (SAT)  
下午7時至10時 (六)

**Li Hall 李堂**

**Ticket: HK\$500**  
(Children: HK\$250)  
票價: 港幣 \$500  
(小童: 港幣 \$250)

The much-anticipated Family Fun Night is making a comeback! We've got delicious food and wine lined up for you. You definitely don't want to miss out on the fantastic performances, games, and the thrilling auction. Grab your ticket now and join us for a joyous evening with our Cathedral community!

期待已久的家庭同樂夜正式回歸！精心預備的美酒佳餚，豐富表演和節目，還有刺激非常的拍賣籌款環節，等待您一同參與。快購票留坐，與我們座堂大家庭享受這個歡樂晚上！

All proceeds after covering expenses will go towards supporting various ministries of St John's Cathedral.  
收益扣除成本後將全數撥捐聖約翰座堂作發展各項事工之用。

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp 5107 7170. First come first serve.  
請即到座堂辦事處或WhatsApp至 5107 7170報名參加，名額先到先得。

## 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 HK\$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](mailto:ksapoon@gmail.com) for further details.

**Closing date is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2026.**

### HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College Public Lecture 'From An Atheist, To A Guide Of Faith For Generations: Research on C S Lewis' Life and Cross-Genre Works'

#### **English Public Lecture**

Lecturers: Prof Martyn Percy  
Bishop Patrick Yu  
Dates: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Sep  
(Tuesdays)  
Time: 7.00—8.30pm  
Venue: Zoom  
Fee: HK\$250  
Deadline: 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2026 (Tuesday)



Course Introduction



Details and registration

#### **Cantonese Public Lecture**

Recording Lecturer: Bishop Patrick Yu  
On-site Lecturer: Dr Jessie Liu  
Dates: 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Sep,  
5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Oct (Mondays)  
Time: 7.00—8.30pm  
Venue: Lecture Hall, Ming Hua  
Fee: HK\$250  
Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 2026 (Monday)



Course Introduction



Details and registration

*Enquiry: [academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk) | WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241*



#### ***THEFT PREVENTION***

*As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.*

# 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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notice boards and on the website:  
[www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://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: +852 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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