



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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 20TH JULY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/56450QhHeIg>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Most Revd Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith
Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns: 342, 448, 524, 487
Anthem: Be Thou my vision (Bob Chilcott)
Readers: Martin Hills, Mary Szeto
Intercessor: Eunice Tuma-ac
Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in D minor
(Abraham Kerckhoven)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: Amos Chow

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 21st July	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 22nd Mary Magdalene	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 23rd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—Rhapsody in Colours—Fantina and friends, 4 & 6 hands Piano Concert</i> Said Eucharist
THU 24th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 25th James the Apostle	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 26th <i>Anne and Joachim,</i> <i>Parents of the Blessed</i> <i>Virgin Mary</i>	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 27th July <i>Genesis 18.20-32</i> <i>Psalms 138</i> <i>Colossians 2.6-15</i> <i>Luke 11.1-13</i>	The Sixth Sunday after Trinity 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

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Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized 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, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; 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 18.1-10a**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Colossians 1.15-28**

A reading from letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10.38-42

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United).

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 James'

Church, for the Revd Christine Ho, the Revd Sammy Lo, all staff and members of the church. May God renew them and set their hearts on fire, to spread your Good News and to thrive in God's Word; for the work of the parish in SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, SKH St James' Primary School, St James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Kindergarten and Child Care Centre (Kennedy Road), St Christopher's Nursery (Wanchai), St James' Settlement & HKSCH Welfare Council. May God's grace be upon the parish, schools and the Welfare Council, so that they can work together to complement each other and serve one another, and in turn reveal God's glory in the Wanchai district.

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 Tougoo 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, Chris Maden, Fung Wan Nui, Mandy and Mick Wheatley, 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, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Eva Sorrel, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Irena Wu, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Hsu Hon Chung, Keith So, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Teresa Ray Li, Jane Pang Tong, Alan Irvine, Wanda Wan H, Sabrina Ho, Li Chunjuan, Kitty Wong, Arturo Lamshing, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Raymond Yuen, Sarah Wong, Steven Khoo, Sister Jean Mary, Esther Bangcawayan, Sanson Lau, Rhonada Marsland, Donna Kantor, Sister Amy Joy and Chuan Xiaokang.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Lai Yue Wing, 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

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| <i>Sun 20th Jul</i> | <i>Hand Copying Scripture</i> —Writing out Scripture passage by hand is a great practice. It helps us to draw closer to God and connect with Jesus. |
| <i>Sun 27th Jul</i> | <i>Kids' Sports</i> —Let's keep the SS fun going and play! |
| <i>Sun 3rd Aug</i> | <i>Bible Plays</i> —Through interactive adventures and imaginative role playing, it is a fun way to engage children with the Bible stories and characters. |
| <i>Sun 10th Aug</i> | <i>Kids' Games</i> —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.

GUEST PREACHER

The preacher at the 9.00am Sung Eucharist this morning is The Most Revd Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith. He is the current Bishop of Asante Mampong in Ghana and was elected Archbishop of the Church of the Province of West Africa in June 2022. Although brought up near Ghana's second city, Kumasi, Dr Ben-Smith has studied and ministered abroad, including in South Korea and the United Kingdom, completing his doctoral studies at the University of Cardiff, Wales. Archbishop Cyril is preaching this morning at the invitation of the Dean and Archbishop Andrew.

A SHORT COURSE ON THE BIBLE

led by the Revd Will Newman

on Wednesday evenings, from 7.00-8.30pm in the Harold Smyth 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



Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
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Sharing & Thanksgiving Tea Gathering of the Diocesan Gospel Rally

The Diocesan Gospel Rally 'Where to Go?' was successfully held on 17th May with more than 850 participants and 67 people being converted or reconfirmed their faith. To continue the flame of spreading the gospel, Bishop Matthias Der of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island would like to invite all participants of the Gospel Rally, including organizing committee members, helpers, companions, the one who invited people to the Gospel Rally, the newly converted and the re-converted to share and encourage one another so that the flame continue to glow after the Gospel Rally, and keep pray for the missionary work.

Theme: 'Fan into Flame'

Date: 26th July 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 2.30-4.00pm

Venue: Li Hall, St John's Cathedral

Programme: Tea Reception
Thanksgiving and Prayer
Sharing by Bishop and participants

Enrolment: Please scan the QR Code for online application.

Deadline for enrolment: 21st July



All brothers and sisters in Christ are welcome to join this event.
Enquiries: 2526 5366 (Ms Chiu, Diocesan Office)

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

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

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) program 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 program 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: HKD9,800 per module

Audit Fee: HKD5,880 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

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Mr Thomas Li

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Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
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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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