



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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/ckK-o_AuecY) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Will Newman
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 569, 158 (omit *), 403, 400
Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring (Johann Sebastian Bach)
Readers: Patricia Hon, Letty Awingan
Intercessor: Mark Tse
Voluntary: Sonata for Organ in C minor (Giovanni Battista Martini)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: Gareth Williams
Intercessor: Zenaida Carias

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 Drew Courtright
Reader: Simmy Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 17th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 18th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 19th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 20th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Grace in a Busy Week</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 22nd <i>Cecilia, Martyr at Rome,</i> <i>c.230</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 23rd November Christ the King		
<i>Jeremiah 23.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 46</i> <i>Colossians 1.11-20</i> <i>Luke 23.33-43</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: The Revd Ramil Aguilar
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong with Benediction
		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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Malachi 4.1-2a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 Thessalonians 3.6-13**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command:

Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**Luke 21.5-19**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be

betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria.

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 Holy Wisdom Church and its future development, for the Revd Cora Ip and her family, Pray for all staff members; For the members of the Mission Church Council; For the congregation's stewardship, their contribution of talent, time, and financial resources for church growth and development; For the pastoral ministry of the church, and fellowship life of the church members; For the youth and parent ministry of the church and schools, including S.K.H. Chan Young Secondary School, S.K.H. Wing Chun Primary School and S.K.H. Ka Fuk Wing Chun Primary School; For Alpha 'The Parenting Children Course' of church-school cooperation, its ministry and all activities, especially the establishment of a parent fellowship.

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, rebuilding churches after the earthquake and floods earlier this year, and still caring for some 4000 villagers made homeless by the continuing cruel war, earthquake and flooding, providing food, shelter, medicine, and schooling for children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Peter Yue, Maddy Foo, Andrew Ashley, Matt Chan, Annabella Janssen, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Chung Sheung Yung, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Arturo Lamshing, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Daisy Tai, Joseph Chu, Eva Sorrel, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Cheung Chik Wan, Irena Wu, Teresa Ray Li, Ray Chan, Hsu Hon Chung, Li Chunjuan, Fung Wan Nui, Yeewan Li, Sabrina Ho, Raymond Yuen, Sandra Davison, Alan Irvine, Chuan Xiaokang, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, John Chakas, Sister Jean Mary, Kwok Lee Shuk Po, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Jane Pang Tong, Sarah Wong, Wanda Wan H, Sanson Lau, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Caitlin Berry, Wanda Clay, Evelyn Chan, and Esther Bangcawayan.

In Memoriam:

Roshan Colabella

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

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

It's easy to feel helpless to do anything about the wars and conflicts taking the lives of so many people in many countries. What can we do? We can pray, individually or together. For over three years a small group of parishioners has been meeting on Zoom to pray for peace. We use prayers adapted from the Iona Community in Scotland to pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves. Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920.



CLERGY

This morning, The Dean is leading the worship and preaching at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley.

Fr Dwight is preaching at the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) - HK Congregation at 10.00am.

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.

GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK

20th November (Thu)

12.30—1.30pm

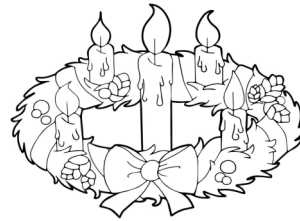
Upper Room

Speaker: *The Revd Drew Courtright*

Theme: ***Grounded in Grace***

These sessions aim to present grace—God's unmerited, one-way love for sinners—as the foundation and culmination of the church and its mission. Participants will explore how grace shapes our spiritual lives, our relationships, and the church's purpose in the world.

St John's Cathedral ADVENT 2025



Sunday 30th November
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm

'Looking for the Light'
A Service for the beginning of Advent

Sunday 7th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

Sunday 14th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm

'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A Service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season

Saturday 20th December

6.00pm

Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist

Sunday 21st December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am

Sung Eucharist with Nativity Play

5.00pm

A Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols

**PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE 14TH DIOCESAN SYNOD
DIOCESE OF HONG KONG ISLAND**



November 9th, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Diocese of Hong Kong Island,

Peace be with you.

In preparation for the 14th Diocesan Synod, we look back on the past two years, and I hope that you will do so with as much joy and thanksgiving as I do on the development of our diocese. Under the banner ‘Becoming Christ’s Disciple, Renewing the Church’, we focused on intentional discipleship. Through activities such as The Action 5-3-1, the Bishop’s Bible Study Series, the Church Open Day, the Renewal Meeting, the Gospel Rally and the Stewardship Bible Study, we experienced the joys and purposes in following Christ. I am thankful for the hard work, and I am particularly excited about the growth we have seen in our congregations. Thank you!

The 14th Diocesan Synod will be held from Sunday, November 16th to Wednesday, November 19th. The theme this year is ‘Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together’. As Christ’s disciples, we need to be equipped, and not just casually but systematically, so that we can become God’s faithful instruments, and be the salt and light in this world. In the next two years, the diocese will offer various short-term ministry and leadership training. We will also focus on building up each other within the community. On the one hand, we continue our path as Christ’s faithful disciples, and on the other, we are to make new disciples. It is also our aim to deepen the experiences of ‘Action 5-3-1’ and ‘living as God’s good stewards’, that they become an on-going and integral part of our Christian journey. By doing so, we can make our church more effective in nurturing believers, caring for the weak and expanding God’s kingdom. Your active participation in this will be greatly encouraged.

The synod is much more than a meeting where we talk business and governance, it is also the channel through which God reveals his vision to the church. Therefore, it is important that we pray humbly before God. Please pray for the items listed in the pew sheet for the synod. May God’s spirit come upon all synod members, so that this synod will bring forth God’s wonderful work! You are also encouraged to offer your thoughts on how to grow the church to the synod members, that they may bring your concerns to the synod. Let the voice of the entire diocese be heard.

‘Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together’. In the coming two years, let’s get equipped and build up our beloved church, that it may be our offering to God. May God bless you all and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. Glory be to God.

The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Bishop, Diocese of Hong Kong Island



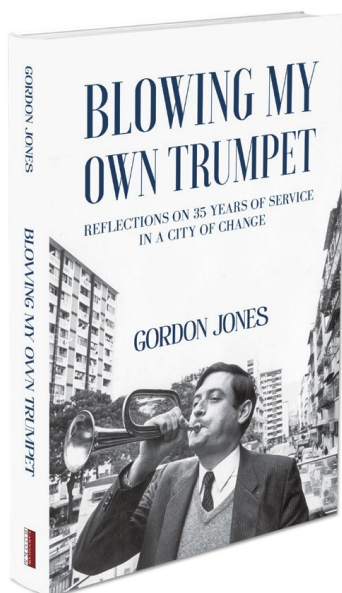
DAILY PRAYERS FOR THE 14TH DIOCESAN SYNOD DIOCESE OF HONG KONG ISLAND

16/11	As the Synod begins today, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and give wisdom to the Chairman of Synod and all the synod members so that they may understand the will of God, listen to each other with humility, and express their views constructively for the Church's development.
17/11	Pray that suitable synod members may be elected to be the members of various committees of the 14 th Diocesan Synod according to their gifts and passion.
18/11	May God grant creativity, courage and wisdom to all elected members of the various committees for the purpose of God's mission and for building the church together.
19/11	Pray that all brothers and sisters in our Diocese will join hands for 'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together', in fulfilling the will of God and in bringing hope to those who struggle.

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MATTHIAS DER FOR THE 14TH DIOCESAN SYNOD

Bishop Matthias Der wishes to address all faithful of the Diocese with a video message, which will be made available on the Diocesan website and YouTube channel on 9th November.

Please scan the QR code, browse the Diocesan Website:
<http://dhk.hkskh.org> or YouTube channel.



Blowing My Own Trumpet

Gordon Jones

**Join our Book Signing with Gordon Jones
on 23rd November 2025 at 10.30am in the Li Hall**

The author of the memoir Gordon Jones is a former member of the Hong Kong Government Administrative Service and has a long-standing connection with the Cathedral particularly the Choir. This memoir spans over 50 years including Gordon's time in the UK before moving to Hong Kong.

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

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Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Jason Wong



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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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