



# 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 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

### **8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin  
Reader: Will Clay

### **9.00am Sung Eucharist** ([https://youtube.com/live/4aXeJvh\\_6h4](https://youtube.com/live/4aXeJvh_6h4))

Celebrant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Revd Prof Philip Wickeri  
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Communion Setting: The Salisbury Setting (Ian Hubbard & Neil Cocking)  
Hymns: 428, 444 (T.237), 581, 588 (omit \*)  
Anthem: The Beatitudes (Arvo Pärt)  
Voluntary: Fugue from Prelude and Fugue in G minor  
(Stéphane Delplace)  
Readers: Susan King, James Choo  
Intercessor: Mark Tse

### **10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

### **11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)**

Celebrant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Reader: Saki Tsoi  
Intercessor: Daniel Kong

### **1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

### **5.00pm Choral Evensong** (*followed by Curry Supper*)

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright  
Reader: William Cheng

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## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 17th February</b> <i>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977</i>	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 18th</b>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
<b>WED 19th</b>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—Violin Recital by Ally Chung</i> Said Eucharist
<b>THU 20th</b>	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm 8.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i> <i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>
<b>FRI 21st</b>	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
<b>SAT 22nd</b>	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist ( <i>Filipino</i> ) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist ( <i>Cantonese</i> ) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 23rd February</b> <i>Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end Psalm 65 Revelation Ch 4 Luke 8.22-25</i>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b> 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Maurice Elliott Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

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**COLLECT**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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**

**Jeremiah 17.5-10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15.12-20**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is

no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 6.17-26**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.  
‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.  
‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
‘Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to  
the false prophets.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church of Bangladesh.

**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 Kei Oi Church** and her education and social service ministry; especially for all students and their family, teachers and staffs of Kei Oi Primary School, Kei Fook Primary School, Kei Oi Church Kindergarten, Kei Oi Nursery School, Kei Oi Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, St James’ Settlement Neighbourhood Elderly Centre. Letting them work together as One to provide pastoral, education and spiritual care to the community in spreading the Gospel by action; For the Revd Frankie Lee and all staffs of Kei Oi Church; all their projects in evangelism, pastoral ministries, renovation, and fund raising; May the Lord strengthen

and enable their parishioners to witness and glorify the Lord in this unpredictable world.

**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 the diocese is providing food, shelter, medicine, and basic education for several thousand villagers displaced by the civil war. We give thanks for the funds donated in our Advent Appeal for Toungoo, and we pray for Bishop Saw Sheesho and all the people of the diocese as they serve those in great need.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please pray for those who are sick:*

Ma Sau Yuen, David Leo Yeung, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Stella Ko Lau, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Fung Wan Nui, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Toung Ming, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Irena Wu, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Got Yuen Dick, Caitlin Berry, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Sister Jean Mary, Robin Rowley, Arturo Lamshing, Eva Sorrel, Sanson Lau, Wanda Wan H, Wanda Clay, Hsu Hon Chung, Jerry Gleicher, Jane Pang Tong, Lucita Villareal, Daisy Tai, Kitty Wong, Chuan Xiaokang, Annabella Janssen, Raymond Yuen, and Sarah Wong.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Verner Bickley, Wong Dor Chun, Lee Clubb, and Jeff LK Chu

*In Memoriam:* Wong Suet Fun Fanny

## PRAYERS AND NOTICES

*The funeral service of Orville Leverne Clubb (Lee) will be held at St John's on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am. All are welcome to join.*

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 almost 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 give thanks for the cease fire in Gaza, and 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.

**REFRESHMENTS  
in the Li Hall  
after 9.00am service**

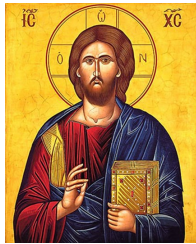


Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

### EVENSONG & CURRY!

**TODAY at 5.00pm  
followed by Curry Supper.**

*Please join us after the service  
for an informal time of fellowship  
in the Harold Smyth Room  
hosted by the Cathedral clergy.*



### Faith Begins:

**The Christian Faith explored,  
discussed and enjoyed!**

on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.00pm  
followed by a talk and discussion.

'Faith Begins' is a course for adults who have been regularly attending services in St John's Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 6 months, and who want to belong to the Anglican Church and become part of the regular worshipping community.

'Faith Begins' includes talks and discussion about many different aspects of Christian belief and living as a Christian. It leads to baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral, when you commit yourself to following Jesus Christ.

The next 'Faith Begins' will start on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025, continues every Wednesday up to 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Baptism and Confirmation Service will be held in the cathedral on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 5.00pm.

#### ***How do I enrol?***

Just send your contact details to Fr Amos  
[amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

**Registration deadline:  
8<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Course Fee: HKD1,000-



# ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL DIAMOND JUBILEE



Come join us to celebrate St Stephen's 75th Anniversary (1950-2025)!

February 22, 2025, St Stephen's Chapel Stanley

\*5:00 pm Thanksgiving Eucharist  
(Please be seated by 4:45 pm)

Celebrant: Bishop Matthias Der

Preacher: Archbishop Emeritus Paul Kwong

\*6:30 pm Celebratory dinner under the stars in chapel grounds \* *Dinner sold out* \*



## **HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College Recruitment for Spring Semester 2024/25**

The recruitment for our **Diploma of Theology** programme is open now. It will be conducted in Cantonese. For enquiries, please contact us at [admission@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:admission@minghua.edu.hk) or WhatsApp to +852 9530 7241.



## NOTICE

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### Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Diocese of Hong Kong Island **Gospel Rally 2025**

- Date: 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Saturday)  
Time: 3.00 – 5.00 pm (Admission begins 30 mins before the event)  
Venue: S.K.H. Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School  
(9 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong)
- Theme: Go Where?**  
**“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”  
(John 10:10b)**
- Content: Hymn sharing, sand-painting testimonies, preaching  
Speaker: The Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing  
(The 5th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)  
Audience: S.K.H. parishioners are invited to bring non-Christian relatives and friends to attend.  
Language: Cantonese (\*Simultaneous interpretation available in English and Putonghua respectively)  
Fee: Free of charge (Tickets are required for admission. Details to be announced later.)

QR code for promotional video clip:



### **Cycle of Prayer**

Let us pray for HKSKH Diocese of Hong Kong Island Gospel Rally 2025

- Sunday:* Pray for the Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing, the speaker of the Gospel Rally.
- Monday:* Pray for relatives and friends struggling in life, suffering from physical, mental and spiritual distress.
- Tuesday:* Pray for the willingness of parishioners in the diocese to share their testimonies with non-Christian relatives and friends.
- Wednesday:* Pray for the zeal of parishioners in leading people to the Gospel Rally.
- Thursday:* Pray for the current or planned missionary work of each church in the diocese, and for the cooperation between each church and school(s) or social service unit(s).
- Friday:* Pray for the clergy and those who will lead the Gospel Rally; pray for the brothers and sisters in Christ who will participate in various creative works.
- Saturday:* Pray for the organizing committee members, working group members and volunteers in the Gospel Rally.

# 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 Co-ordinator:

Mr Jason Wong

*Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the 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: 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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