



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 11TH MAY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist—CW

(<https://youtube.com/live/YWjmsr4lHxQ>)
(Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Hymns: 573ii, 574i, Great is thy faithfulness, 577
Anthem: The Lord is my Shepherd (Howard Goodall)
Readers: Thomas Swain, Marina Lau
Intercessor: Mark Tse
Voluntary: Prelude on 'O filii et filiae' (Healey Willan)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Gareth Williams

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Drew Courtright
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Hymns: 484, 574i, Great is thy faithfulness, 573ii
Reader: Saki Tsoi
Intercessor: Douglas Lam

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 12th May	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 14th <i>Matthias the Apostle</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 15th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 16th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 17th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i> (join the Diocesan Gospel Rally, see page 7)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 18th May The Fifth Sunday of Easter		
<i>Acts 11.1-18</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalm 148</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>Revelation 21.1-6</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>John 13.31-35</i>		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Most Revd Datuk Ng Moon Hing
	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 Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

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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 God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Acts 9.36-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Revelation 7.9-end**

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in

white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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GOSPEL READING **John 10.22-30**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they

follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

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 Church of the Good Shepherd, the Revd Jonathan Lue, staff and vestry members; for the Church's 70th anniversary celebration and the organizing committee, and ask the Lord to grant wisdom and ability so that all plans can be implemented smoothly and glorify God and benefit people; for the development of the Church, that brothers and sisters will have a spiritual vision from the Lord and be willing to contribute devoutly; for the health of body, mind and spirit of teachers, staff, students and parents of SKH Good Shepherd Primary School, SKH Tsoi Kung Po Secondary School, SKH St Timothy's Primary School and Heep Yunn School; For the well-beings of the staff and members of HKSKH Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service

Centre. For the Church space planning so that relevant space can be best used to glorify God and benefit people.

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 Tougoo in Myanmar, and for all those suffering after the earthquake. 46 churches in the diocese have suffered partial or severe damage, and in one parish 106 houses belonging to parishioners have been damaged or destroyed. You can help by making a donation. All funds will go directly to the diocese for relief work.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Ma Sau Yuen, Chris Maden, Annabella Janssen, Dan Severson, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Cheung Chik Wan, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Teresa Ray Li, Fung Wan Nui, Joseph Chu, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Alan Irvine, Li Chunjuan, Sabrina Ho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Arturo Lamshing, Eva Sorrel, Daisy Tai, Caitlin Berry, Wanda Clay, Sanson Lau, Sister Jean Mary, Wanda Wan H, Lucita Villareal, Raymond Yuen, Sarah Wong, Kitty Wong, and Chuan Xiaokang.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Leung Sue Ting Stephen and Gary Lee Kitch

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.



‘HABEMUS PAPAM’

As Anglicans we join with Christians around the world in sending our prayers and congratulations on the election of Pope Leo XIV to the Chair of St Peter. May God bless and empower him in his ministry of leadership within the Roman Catholic Church, and in the world.

‘Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself’

STUDY SERIES

led by

The Revd Professor John Kater

The ‘Grace in a Busy Week’ Bible study group is organising a special four-week series titled ‘Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself.’

This series will explore how each Gospel offers a unique perspective on Jesus, his life, and his message, and how they collectively shape our understanding of his teachings.

Dates: Mondays
19th and 26th May, 2nd and 9th June

Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Please note that seating is limited.
To register, please email:
reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or call the cathedral office on 2523 4157.

CLERGY

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

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.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025

SPRING SALE

- A HOMEMADE DELIGHT!

The wait is over! Our **beloved Home Produce Sale** is back, bringing you the freshest, most delicious homemade goodies — three fruit marmalade, lemon curd, chocolate cupcakes, and so much more. Homemade goodness that tastes like a hug from home!

While you’re here, you can also browse our **houseware selection** — DVD players, plates, and other treasures.

Don’t miss out
—**TODAY after 9.00am service in Li Hall (until 12.00noon)**

Bring your appetite, your shopping bag, and your friends—See you there!

EVENSONG & CURRY!

Sunday 18th May 2025

**5.00pm Choral Evensong
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 Servers’ Guild.*

The Standing Commission for Mission – Thy Kingdom Come 2025 Prayer Movement

Thy Kingdom Come – a worldwide prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray together during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost for friends, family members and neighbours who have not yet faithed in Jesus Christ to know more about His redeeming love. Since its launch in 2016, the prayer movement has united more than a million Christians in prayer. This year, we are excited to celebrate the tenth anniversary of *Thy Kingdom Come*!

As always, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui encourages parishioners to participate in this meaningful prayer movement. Please scan the QR code or visit the web page below to obtain the prayer booklet based on *The Lord's Prayer* by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, as your daily devotional material and prayer from Ascension Day (29th May) to Pentecost (8th June).

In addition, *The Daily Word* will collaborate with the prayer movement to use *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer materials as scriptural meditations, reflections, and prayers during the movement period, you are welcome to watch daily.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Nicola Wong at 2526 5355 or nicola.wong@hkskh.org.

Thy Kingdom Come 2025 prayer booklet:

Web page: <https://www.hkskh.org/content.aspx?id=98&lang=1>

QR code: 

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College 'Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music' 2025 May Course

The 'Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music' series is designed for all music lovers. Through joining the courses, attendees will deepen their knowledge of sacred music while enjoying its beauty. No prior musical experience is required for enrolment. Retirees are especially welcome to join us and spend together a leisurely afternoon immersed in sacred music.

Hymns Singing and Appreciation

Instructor: Mr Lau Yik Long (Provincial Music Officer)

Date: 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th May (Thursdays, 4 lessons in total)

Time: 2.00 – 3.15pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

Fee: \$240

The course is taught in Cantonese. Scan this QR code or visit <https://www.minghua.edu.hk/en/news-sacredmuspm-en/> for details and applications:

For enquiries, please dial 2536 7537 (Mr Lau),
or email to music@minghua.edu.hk



NOTICES



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

- Date: 17th May 2025 (Saturday)
Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm (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 4th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)
Language: Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English
and Putonghua respectively)
Tickets: Free of charge. Tickets are available at the Cathedral office.
Please register in person or by phone 2523 4157. Thank you.

**You are encouraged to invite
non-Christian relatives and friends to join.**



Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Diocese of Hong Kong Island

Seminar:

In One We Testify & Build the Church: Church Renewal

Speaker:

The Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing
(The 4th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)

- Date: 20th May 2025 (Tuesday)
Time: 7.30 – 9.15pm
Venue: HKSKH St Stephen's Church (71 Bonham Road)
Target: Vestry members, Mission church council members and
church leaders in HKSKH
Language: Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English)
Fee: Free of charge
Enrollment: Please scan the QR code for registration.
Deadline for Enrollment is 12th May 2025
Enquiries: Ms Chiu, Diocesan Office (Tel: 2526 5366)

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

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Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

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.

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.

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