



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 BAPTISM OF CHRIST 11TH JANUARY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: James Choo

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist

(<https://youtube.com/live/c7DVjVoYULA>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Preacher: The Rt Revd Arun Arora
Deacon: The Revd Francis Yu
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)
Hymns: 107, 109, 337, 108
Anthem: Litany to the Holy Spirit (Peter Hurford)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Andrew Ashley
Voluntary: Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam, BWV 684
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
Reader: Gareth Williams

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Hymns: 15, 411, 421, When Jesus came to Jordan
Reader: Zenaida Carias
Intercessor: Amos Chow

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 12th January	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 13th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 14th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—The Art of Sound, Frances Tang (Harp)</i> <i>Sharon Chan (Piano), Sunny Tam (Flute)</i> Said Eucharist
THU 15th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 16th	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 17th <i>Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356</i>	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Pilipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 18th January <i>Jeremiah 33.6-9a Psalm 100 Ephesians 4.1-6 John 17.11b-23</i>	The Second Sunday of Epiphany (Unity Sunday)	
	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Dean Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 **Isaiah 42.1-9**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10.34-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 3.13-end**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens

were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

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 Diocese of Eastern Kowloon, the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok, and all clergy, may the Lord keep everyone healthy in body, mind, and spirit; For all parishes and mission churches in the Diocese, for spiritual lives and a willing mind to serve, may the Spirit grant each one commitment to being a disciple; For all schools in the Diocese and for all students and teaching staff, may God watch over each family, so that the love of Christ may be manifested on every campus; For all social service units in the Diocese, for both the service users and the service staff, that they may bring people hope and joy; For all the general public of Hong Kong, may the Lord grant blessing and peace, and that people may live in quietness and in trust.

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, earth-quake and flooding, providing food, shelter, medicine, and schooling for children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Yvonne Pang Chim
Victoria Kwan

(Victoria served as Cathedral Server from 1980 to 2000. Her funeral service will be held at St John's Cathedral on Friday 16th January at 10.30am.)

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.

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.

C L A R E S

Donations Needed

Castaways needs donations of clothing, including bags and shoes and household linen. All goods must be in a good, clean, saleable condition.

Please bring them to the Castaways Charity Shop during the following opening hours:

Wednesday	12.00 noon—2.30pm
Thursday	12.00 noon—2.30pm
Friday	12.00 noon—2.30pm
Saturday	10.00am—12.00 noon

WELCOME

We welcome The Rt Revd Arun Arora, Bishop of Kirkstall, Anglican Diocese of Leeds, to be our Preacher at the 9.00am Responsorial Eucharist.

Bishop Arun was originally trained and practiced as an employment lawyer. He worked as Director of Communications for the Diocese of Birmingham and as press officer to Bishop Mark Santer. Bishop Arun was consecrated at York Minster in 2022.

We also welcome The Revd Canon Dave Young of the Diocese of Leeds.

CLERGY

This morning, the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre is leading the worship and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

JOIN OUR PARISH HIKE TODAY

Join a hike that links all four churches of St John's Cathedral parish / Meet new friends from sister churches / Enjoy food, friendship, and a great day hiking!

The Full Route

7.00am	Opening Prayer at Discovery Bay Ferry Pier
7.10am	Ferry to Central, then walk to St John's Cathedral
8.00am	Service at the Cathedral
8.40am	Depart from the Cathedral to Emmanuel Church, via the Peak
10.30am	Service at Emmanuel
11.30am	Refreshments
12.00noon	Leave Emmanuel, return up to the Peak (<i>or take a taxi</i>)
1.00pm	Depart from the Peak to Wong Nai Chung Gap, following the catchwater around Violet Hill and Twin Peaks, and Stanley
5.15pm	Evening Prayer at St Stephen's with Will
6.00pm	Supper in Stanley

** You don't have to do the entire walk! **

**St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre presents
'The Theme Song That Never Sleeps' Concert by ONCE VOCAL**

Date / Time: Tuesday 27th January, 2026 8.00pm

Venue: St John's Cathedral, Li Hall

Price: \$300 (Seated) / \$50 (Standing)

(Full-time students are eligible for a free standing activity voucher)

Song list: 《霧之光》, 《The Bright Side》, 《Dear My Friend,》,
《Stars》, 《Joyful Joyful》 and more

ONCE VOCAL is a choral ensemble established in May 2025. It provides a musical platform for self-discovery, expression, and sharing. The name 'Once Vocal' is derived from LEC's 'Once Theatre.' Building on 'Once Theatre's three years of experience in large-scale public performances and its spirit of embracing new initiatives and breakthroughs, 'Once Vocal' expands the use of drama and creative arts to incorporate music.

We hope all members will remember their original purpose of joining, learn to accept themselves and others, and cherish every learning opportunity each performance brings. The name '如初' (Once) is taken from the lyrics of our original youth composition for the concert: *'Accept me as I was at the beginning, accept me for who I am, accept that flawless, unique me.'*

Inquiries: IG [@Once.thatre](https://www.instagram.com/@Once.thatre) / 6083 9391 (Whatsapp) / skhsjclec@gmail.com



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GRACE
in a busy week



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

Living in Grace
Being a good and faithful steward

**21st January
(Wednesday)**
6.30-7.30pm
Harold Smyth Room

Register by email
reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or WhatsApp 5107 7170



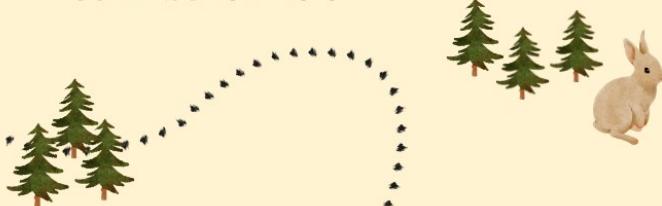


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Michaelmas Fair 2026 WALKATHON

聖約翰座堂賣物會2026 慈善步行

LUNCH AFTER THE WALK FROM 12.30PM

FEE: HK\$50 (ADULT)

HK\$20 (FULL-TIME STUDENT)

步行結束後，將於下午12時30分提供午膳

費用：成人港幣50元

全日制學生港幣20元



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「最踴躍參與獎」及「最高籌款獎」



01 FEB 二月
11.00am 上午11時 /
12.00nn 中午12時
(Registration from 10.00am
上午10時起登記)



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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

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, 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 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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