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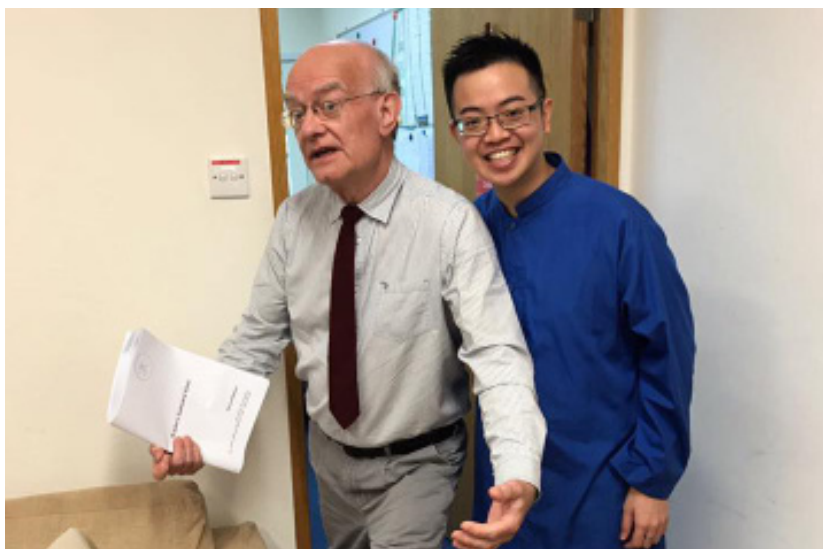
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TWO VISITORS TO ST JOHN'S



Archbishop Paul and Mrs Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong SAR, prayed for the city in the 'Celebrating Hong Kong' service. Read full report on page 4 to page 5.



The Cathedral choir was conducted by the internationally renowned composer and conductor John Rutter (left), who enjoyed a warm welcome from our Director of Music Felix Yeung (right) and the choir members. Learn about John Rutter's visit to St John's on page 9.

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In June, the Cathedral received two distinguished visitors. As it turned out, they made their appearances on the same day. A service, which celebrated Hong Kong in its twentieth year as an SAR, was held at 5pm on 9th July. Mrs Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive, attended the service and was afforded all the courtesies as befits the CE. She lit a candle for the community.

As well, famed church music composer John Rutter was visiting Hong Kong, and agreed to conduct the Cathedral Choir at Choral Matins earlier in the day. The Choir sang Rutter's morning canticles for the Mattins service.

Most of us have sung along to Rutter's Eucharist settings for years now and found them surprisingly hospitable to the untrained congregational croaker. Now here he was, the man himself! Apparently, he was inspiring for the Choir during rehearsal and at the Matins service, and the Choir had a great deal of fun with him.

Both these two well-known figures were unusual features for a Sunday and highly visible. Much less visible and much more usual in our lives are two lay ministries which we feature in this issue, the Minders and the Welcomers. The Cathedral Minders are probably the most silent of the lot; two people standing by the West door, speaking quietly and politely only when spoken to, making hushed suggestions to visitors when they use flash cameras or stand on the furniture, and discretely touring the church from time to time to make sure all is in order – and still there. Frankly, not many can be persuaded to break up their public holiday to do this, yet to be keeping those West doors open to hundreds of people is something essential and of enormous significance to a cathedral church.

You might spot a lady, slipping unobtrusively away from her pew just before the recessional hymn at the end of the 9 am service. She is a Welcomer. She is off to put on a very large

kettle in the Li Hall. The Welcomers encourage newcomers, hand out literature and cater. It's a very regular ministry, demanding a warm hearted commitment and probably an awful lot of patience for baffled newcomers and unaware congregants. It is work not noticed – unless it isn't done.

Sadly, the Welcomers have just lost an important member – Mel. Our profile interview of Melchora Bacagan on her leaving Hong Kong is a tribute to her and to that quality of unrequiring and unassuming ministry which we are looking at in this and future issues. Yet Mel's story is more than even this.

The Cathedral sees many Filipinas, (domestic workers like Mel), worshipping on Sundays. Only a small percentage have the opportunity and energy to volunteer as well. Mel is a brilliant example of what can happen when there is the will and a way; thanks to employers who treated Mel like family. Her dedication to St John's, and particularly the Sunday School, has been loving and unbounded.

These ministries are hope for the future. This issue looks to the past as well. Our story on the Lam Woo book launch shows how Chinese Christian businessmen were such a powerful good for the expansion of the Anglican Church and its transition to being a Chinese Church, and how much the history of the HKSKH is woven into the commercial and political development of Hong Kong.

Finally, history revisited St John's in the form of the Freemasons and their service here. Freemasonry came to Hong Kong very early. Freemasons have been numerous and helpful to St John's for over a century and a half. They have worshipped at the Cathedral formally on several occasions during that time. The general view is that The District Grand Lodge of Hong Kong and the Far East – A Service of Thanksgiving – was beautiful. Let us see if they come again.

THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

By the time this issue of In Touch is published, I will have just returned from the 2017 Australian Deans' Conference held in Bendigo, just north of Melbourne. Thanks to the invitation extended by The Very Revd John Roundhill, former chaplain here at St John's and currently the Dean of Bendigo Diocese, it will have been my privilege as a guest to share fellowship with 23 Australian cathedral deans across the country, and to hear the stories of their ministries. During my visit Down Under, it also has been my honour to preach at the patronal festival Choral Evensong at Christ Church St Laurence in Sydney.

On 10th August, the Church remembered the work and life of St Laurence, a deacon and martyr in the third century in Rome. He was well-loved by the community, as he faithfully and attentively cared for the poor and the sick. The church was under persecution and all property was confiscated. Many clergy, (including the bishop), were executed. The story has it that one day the prefect of Rome ordered St Laurence to surrender the wealth of the church. He agreed but said he needed three days to gather it. On the third day, the prefect arrived at the church to find St Laurence had gathered the sick, the widows and orphans, the poor and the homeless. "These are the treasures of the church," said St Laurence. Enraged, the prefect ordered him to be roasted alive on a gridiron where he died courageously.

"These are the treasures of the Church." What would you consider as the treasures of St John's? The beautiful liturgy, the silver holy vessels, or the grand Cathedral building? Yes, these items are highly treasured. However, as St Laurence has pointed out correctly, it is when we extend our love and care in the name of Christ to those who are in need, in and outside of the church, that the most precious and treasured, at least in the eyes of God, are being brought forth.

That is why caring ministry, from making a pastoral visit to a parishioner providing counselling to a depressed individual, from helping young people through AIDS prevention to caring for a foreign domestic worker who has been ill-treated, are important and an integral part of St John's. Jesus says, when we give a cup of water to the least among us, we are doing it to Christ himself. Yes, with all the different needs in our society, we need to prioritise what we can do and determine how we may do it well. This is an on-going discernment that we have to take on in the Cathedral. However, without an active caring ministry, for both people in the church and the wider community, the beautiful liturgy or holy vessels will be so much less glamorous. I am proud of the caring ministry and the outreach ministries of St John's Cathedral. Do you know who are being served by our caring ministry? Have you attended any event organised by our outreach ministries? Are you interested in becoming part of these meaningful ministries? We would appreciate more volunteers for our programmes and more financial giving for our outreach ministries. Why? Because God loves them and commands us to weep with those who weep. This is our treasure!

God bless you all.

Dean Matthias +



各位:

今期雜誌出版之際，澳洲的座堂主任牧師會議已圓滿結束，我也從墨爾本北面的班迪哥回到香港。還記得 John Roundhill 牧師嗎？他曾任聖約翰座堂聖品，現為班迪哥教區的座堂主任牧師，感謝他的邀請，我有幸參與會議，與23位來自澳洲各地的座堂主任牧師共享團契時光，細聽他們的事工點滴。在澳洲期間，我亦很榮幸於悉尼聖羅倫斯基督堂的守護聖者日頌唱晚禱中講道。

8月10日，教會記念聖羅倫斯的工作及生平事跡，他生於公元三世紀，在羅馬的教會擔任會吏，終成為殉道者。他真誠地關愛貧窮及患病的人，深受他們愛戴，無奈教會受到迫害，所有財產被充公，許多聖品甚至主教也被處死。有指當時羅馬市官長命令聖羅倫斯交出教會的財寶，聖羅倫斯答應了，但需要三天籌集財寶。第三日，官長來到教會，看見聖羅倫斯召集了貧病老弱、孤兒寡婦及無家可歸的人，他指「這就是教會的財寶」，官長在盛怒下命人把他放在烤架上活煮，他最後壯烈殉道。

「這就是教會的財寶。」你認為什麼是聖約翰座堂的財寶呢？是美好的崇拜禮儀、銀鑄的聖餐杯碟或宏偉的座堂建築嗎？誠然，這些都是我們珍視的，但正如聖羅倫斯指出，當我們奉基督之名，向教會內外有需要的人獻出愛及關心，才是最珍貴、最值得重視的，最少在上帝眼中如是。

因此，牧養關懷的事工相當重要，不論是探訪教友、為憂傷的人提供輔導、宣傳預防愛滋病以幫助年輕人，以至關顧被不當對待的外籍家庭傭工，都是聖約翰座堂重要及必要的一部分。耶穌說，當我們把一杯涼水給在我們中間的小子喝，就是接待耶穌。

的確，社會上有不同的需要，我們須為工作定下優先次序，思考如何做好這些工作。任重道遠，我們更需要長遠的目光和視野。然而，如果關懷教會內外的牧養事工缺乏熱心參與，美好的崇拜禮儀或銀鑄的聖餐杯碟也將失色不少。

我為聖約翰座堂的牧養關懷及外展事工感到自豪，你知道座堂牧養關懷事工的服務對象嗎？你曾參與外展事工舉辦的活動嗎？你有沒有興趣參與這些有意義的事工？一分一毫的資助，親力親為的義務工作，都是對外展事工莫大的支持。為什麼？因為上帝愛世人，要我們與哀哭的人同哭。這就是我們的財寶！

願上帝祝福你。

座堂主任牧師
謝子和 謹啟

St John's Cathedral is a place of God's grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong.

Mission Statement, St John's Cathedral

LIGHT UP THE CITY

TEXT BY/ STAFF REPORTER
PHOTOS BY/ CONRAD YU & STEPHEN LEE

A special service 'Celebrating Hong Kong' was held in St John's Cathedral to celebrate the vibrancy, diversity and achievements of Hong Kong. Members of different groups within the community joined together to offer hopes and dreams for Hong Kong, and prayed for all the people in the city.



A 'Celebrating Hong Kong' service was held in St John's on 9th July, presided over by The Most Reverend Dr Paul Kwong, Archbishop and Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. The Very Reverend Matthias Der, Dean of St John's Cathedral was the officiant, and the preacher was The Right Reverend Andrew Chan, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Kowloon.

Over 400 people attended the service. Amongst the congregation were the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR Mrs Carrie Lam, representatives of consulates-general, representatives of Christian denominations, and of the Muslim, Confucian, Taoist and Buddhist faiths.

In the opening prayer, Archbishop Paul thanked God for the many blessings upon the life of Hong Kong and for those who offered themselves for public service. *"We join together to offer our hopes and dreams for this place, and ask for the strength to strive for the greater good. We come to pray for all the people of Hong Kong, our nation*

and our world," he said.

The prayer was followed by two readings, from Ms Alice Chang and Mr Andrew Ashley, and reflections upon the topic *'What's Good about Hong Kong'*, contributed by Miss Hui Yip-lai (a teenager), Dr Janice Tsang (an adult), and Mrs Simmy Woo (a senior citizen). There were musical interludes between the contributions, namely a Cantonese song, *'His grace abounds'*, sung by Mr Ian Yu, and another famous Cantonese song, *'Beneath Lion Rock'*, sung by Mr John Li and the Pelicans.

After the sermon preached by Bishop Andrew and a litany of thanksgiving spoken in English, Cantonese and Tagalog by the Christian leaders, Dean Matthias invited members of the local community to light three candles, which represented faith, hope and love.

The first candle, *'the Candle of Faith'*, was lit by representatives of the local faith communities, praying that Hong Kong citizens may proceed on life's journey in harmony and happiness with

a peaceful heart.

The second candle, *'the Candle of Hope'*, was lit by a group of young people. They prayed that, through this gift of illumination, people would find the way through the darkness of this world and be a light for others in need. Three couples lit the third candle, *'the Candle of Love'*, and gave thanks for the gift of understanding and compassion for all of humankind.

Mrs Carrie Lam then lit the fourth candle, *'The Bauhinia Candle'*, on which had been impressed an illustration of a bauhinia, the symbol of Hong Kong. The congregation prayed that the city would continue to be blessed with peace, justice and prosperity.

Archbishop Paul ended the service with the Prayer of St Francis and a blessing upon the congregation and the city. A special candle, along with a prayer for Hong Kong, was placed in St John's Cathedral for the month of July to provide a focus for prayers.



Hidden Ministries



THE MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY

TEXT BY / DORIS LYE
PHOTO BY / CONRAD YU

The Welcomers are a group of about a dozen people who believe in the importance of a warm smile and a friendly greeting for everyone coming to St John's.

While Welcomers are at hand during all English services on Sundays, most efforts have been focussed at the 9am service, it being our main service. We station ourselves at the porch after the 9am service by the Welcomers' Table and afterwards in the Li Hall where morning coffee is served. Whether they are tourists, returning old friends or new friends seeking a new spiritual home, we offer a cheerful greeting, provide information and answer any questions about our church community. Visitors are invited to sign our Guest Book, while those looking for more information, or wanting to make St John's a regular part of their religious life are handed a Welcome Pack and introduced around.

We try to help newcomers settle in and make new friends by organising Welcome lunches for newcomers and new members every few months. We also undertake the provision of

the refreshments after the 9am service with generous donations from the Welcomers themselves.

To further deepen our ministry we have recently redefined our ministry to focus on hospitality not only to newcomers and visitors but also to fellowship building within the church at large.

To that end, the Welcomers have started a Catering team. We have teams making sandwiches and baking cakes and providing snacks. We have also been involved in making the refreshments after the Easter Vigil service, and organising and serving food after the various Advent or parish dinner events.

We are on a drive to widen our team members in all the areas of our ministry. Our only requirement is a welcoming smile. However, we are particularly working to expand our fledgling food ministry and welcome anyone who has an interest in food to join our team. Cooking and baking ability and experience are not required!

MINDING THE CATHEDRAL ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

TEXT BY / ADRIAN DAVIS

Like most people, I look forward to the many public holidays that we have in Hong Kong. Here at St John's, we like to keep the Cathedral open during these days. Whilst the Cathedral staff enjoy their well-earned rest, a team of volunteers take shifts in manning the doors, usually in two hour sessions. For me, a public holiday means a chance to be part of this team.

Surprisingly, these shifts can vary considerably. Some days will start very quietly with very few visitors, and then there will be a flurry of activity as a tour group passes or else a tram load of people walk through the grounds on their way back from the Peak. For some, these holidays may be the only chance they have to visit the Cathedral to say prayers for their families and perhaps light a candle. Consequently, I am very pleased that the Cathedral is able to open on these days.

The Cathedral staff will have left the church clean and tidy following any services or concerts the night before, so there is very little essential housekeeping for us volunteers to do other than keeping candles and postcards stocked up. Our role is more about people, an extended Cathedral Welcomers role. There will be visitors wanting to know the times of services and outreach projects, or asking about the history of the building. There are people hoping to find their lost property, and of course, tourists looking for the Peak Tram or the nearest toilets. There is always a member of the clergy team on call for those visitors with spiritual needs.

As a member of the choir, I see and remember many faces from the congregation as we recess down the aisle at the end of a service. However, I often don't know the names to put to those faces. Whilst minding the

Cathedral, I see several of those familiar folk as they visit it. Sometimes there will be a nod of recognition, whilst at other times we will stop to talk and I learn something new about my fellow worshippers. I particularly enjoy sharing a shift with a new volunteer when, with two hours together, we exchange stories and gain insight into different perspectives on the various services that we enjoy at St John's. It is interesting to hear feedback, both positive and negative, on the choral music.

Even on the busiest of days, there will be lulls in the number of visitors. It is easy to find jobs to keep yourself occupied throughout our brief two hour shifts, such as replacing scattered hymn books and kneelers or replenishing candles, but occasionally you will realise that you are alone in the Cathedral. These times are most precious and I enjoy sitting quietly either talking to, or more importantly and more difficult, trying to listen to God.

I enjoy both reading about the history of St John's in the excellent guides at the West Door and also sharing some of the knowledge with tourists who show an interest. Quite often visitors will stop to talk and reveal that they used to worship at St John's 10, 20 or 30 years ago. They will recall weddings, baptisms and confirmations and ask after various clergy and congregation members. This reminds me that as well as being a beautiful historic building, St John's has a very rich spiritual history. Even the most infrequent visitor thinks of St John's as their Cathedral, part of their life.

I consider it a privilege to be part of the Cathedral Minders team and look forward to the next public holiday.

HEADS-UP ON THE MICHAELMAS FAIR 2017

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY / STAFF REPORTER

The Michaelmas Fair 2017 will be held on 21st October. A series of events were organised as the prelude to the D-Day. Music lovers enjoyed the live performance of talented musicians in the Organ Recitals at St John's and, at auction during the Fellowship Fun Night, bidders were keen to bid for this year's exciting items.



Despite the heavy rain, not a seat was empty inside the Li Hall on the evening of 8th July. Over 100 parishioners gathered to enjoy the fellowship, tasty food, fascinating magic show, music, and dance performance at the Fellowship Fun Night.

This year, the auction was again the highlight of the evening. Auctioneers were Fr Robert and Alice Shum. Two great auction items 'Dinner for Six with Fr Des' and 'Dinner for Four with the Dean', popular repeats from last year, topped the most wanted list, realising \$10,000 each after keen competition in bidding.

New auction items, such as a Ferrari ride with Edward Ng and a helicopter tour of Hong Kong with John Li piloting, drew bidders' attention and realised \$6,000 and \$20,000. Other auction items included 'Chinese Dinner for Six by Adam Mok', two finely painted limited edition collector's plates in the Legendary Ship Series, and a 1.22 carats diamond cross pendant set.

The fruitful evening ended with a performance by the male members of the Pelicans, an a capella group led by John Li, and a solo performance of singing by Alan Tsang, the Cathedral's Assistant Director of Music.

For music lovers, the Organ Recitals at St John's were not to be missed. The Organ Recital on 29th April was by the Cathedral Sub-organist Jonathan Yip, and the Organ Recital on 24th June featured three talented performers, Erma Lee Wai-shan, Vincent Li, and Robin Newman. For each of the Organ Recitals, more than 100 people attended.

The Fellowship Fun Night and the Organ Recitals were part of the Michaelmas Fair. When interviewed by In Touch, Chairperson of the Michaelmas Fair Committee, Margaret Sang thanked all Cathedral staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors and participants for making the events a success, and she invited all to continuously support the Michaelmas Fair 2017.



TEXT BY / THOMAS LI
PHOTOS BY / FELIX YEUNG & MARQUES NG

Back in June it was confirmed that John Rutter would conduct the Cathedral choir at choral mattins, on 9th July, for his setting of the Te Deum and Jubilate Deo. His music has been sung regularly at St John's since the 1980s, and some have even become favourites like 'The Lord bless you and keep you' at weddings. Many will also be familiar with his Christmas carols and anthems. His communion service was sung during the 9am Eucharist on Sundays throughout July, and recently a Chinese adaptation of the setting was also authorised by him.

Instead of being an explorer of new music expression or building mighty cathedrals in sound, Rutter always prefers his music to be serious yet accessible, communicative and aimed at cheering people up. The chaplain of Clare College, Cambridge, where Rutter studied and later was the Director of Music, once paid him the compliment of saying he did not expect a miserable bloke like Rutter could write all that cheerful music.

Beyond the lovely tunes, sometimes consolation also touches people's hearts, as with his Requiem. It can give encouragement too. John Endicott, a former member of the Cathedral choir, recalled that Rutter's music rekindled his interest in choral singing when Raymond Fu introduced it in the early 1990s.

Despite a packed schedule over four days

with workshops and a sold out concert, organised by the Hong Kong Youth Choir at the Cultural Centre, Rutter managed to meet the Cathedral choir first at the Friday rehearsal. He told us that the last time he was at a choral mattins was for a premiere of his work at Sandringham, Norfolk, in the presence of HM The Queen, who prefers the tradition of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

Mattins was also a regular form of worship in his youth as a chorister before the Eucharist became the principal service. He also recalled the late John Scott, former Music Director at St Paul's Cathedral, London, and later St Thomas Church at Fifth Avenue, New York, presided at the organ when the Te Deum was first performed in 1988 at Canterbury Cathedral.

Rutter's rehearsal style was relaxing yet precise. We quickly went through the selected music. Only some minor tuning issues needed fixing and the dynamics more faithfully observed. The choir also turned out in full and well prepared. Our Director of Music Felix Yeung joked that only Rutter could summon such a tour de force for mattins. Besides conducting during the service, Rutter also sang with the choir in the newly composed preces and responses by Lau Yik Long, one of the young choir members who is currently studying music at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dean Matthias later presented Rutter with souvenirs, including a Chinese calligraphic work of the Lord's Prayer. Later at the service of Celebrating Hong Kong in the afternoon that same day, the choir, brass ensemble, percussions and organ rendered Rutter's arrangement of 'All creatures of our God and King', 'Now thank we all our God', and also the Te Deum, with full force for a festive and exuberant musical celebration. It was a fitting and jubilant culmination to mark Rutter's first visit and celebration of his music.



MEL'S JOURNEY OF FAITH: THREE DECADES AT ST JOHN'S

TEXT BY / MAGGIE CHAN
PHOTOS BY/ STAFF REPORTER

Melchora Bacagan, or Mel, is well known for her contributions to St John's Cathedral, especially to the Filipino congregation. She has been active in leading the Filipino Fellowship and the Filipino Fellowship Choir, teaching in the Sunday School and serving in the Welcomers group. This year, she is retiring and returning to the Philippines after working in Hong Kong for over three decades.

In the interview with In Touch, Mel took a walk down memory lane and reminisced about her journey of faith and her golden years at St John's.



How did you become an Anglican?

I came from Sagada, Mountain Province. My home town is predominantly Anglican with almost all the people baptised into the Episcopal Church of the Philippines. I went to an Anglican kindergarten. In our primary school, religious education was included in our curriculum. When I went to St Mary High School, which is an Anglican school, again, religious education was part of our curriculum.

In the high school, we had evensong every afternoon except Friday. All students had to attend evensong. We had the school mass every Wednesday. At that time, I almost memorised all the prayers from the Book of Common Prayer. Our faith grew stronger when we became older. That helped us a lot.

When and why did you come to Hong Kong?

I guess God has a plan for me and He brought me to Hong Kong. Professionally, I am a high school English teacher. When I graduated, I taught in a high school. After three years, I left the school. The pay for teachers was minimal. Even the pay for principals was very little. That's why I looked for greener pastures to support my parents and siblings.

When I was working for a government research project, I saw an ad in the newspaper and it said there was a job in Hong Kong. So I decided, "Let me try my luck in Hong Kong". In just two weeks, I had a Chinese employer in Tsuen Wan. I still remember I came to Hong Kong on 23rd June 1983. One year later, I moved on and worked for an Australian family.

How did you become a member of the congregation at St John's Cathedral?

It was already a part of my life going to church every Sunday, and especially at the time when I first arrived in Hong Kong. I felt very lonely and I longed for that.

After nearly a month, on the second Sunday of July, I decided that I should try to find a church in Central. I took the MTR train from Tsuen Wan to Central and I didn't know which church I was going to. At that time, the current HSBC Main Building was not there. I asked the people in Statue Square where the church was. They said, "You walk up the stairs". I found St John's Cathedral and joined the Filipino Fellowship. I have been the Chairman of the Filipino Fellowship since 1995. It's such a long time!

What is the main reason for you to stay in Hong Kong for over 30 years?

I have worked for the Australian family for over 30 years. I am their first and their last domestic worker. They are very good. I am a member of the family.

Although I don't have children of my own, I love children. That's also why I volunteered for the Sunday School. I take care of the three children of the Australian family. They love me and I love them. That's the main reason that has driven me to stay in the family and Hong Kong for so long. And now the children have grown up. The family is returning to Australia this year and I am going to retire.



▲ The farewell party for Mel

Among the ministries that you take part in St John's Cathedral, which part do you enjoy the most?

It's the teaching of the Sunday School. As I said, I love children. I handle the two and a half years old class. Every time when I meet the children in my class, I greet them. Some of them do not speak. You know, some kids are very shy. But as they come to know you better later in the year, they will try to open their mouths.

There are times when the children went on to the three years old class. They came back to me and showed their work to me. I saw stunning stars in their eyes. And one parent came and said to me, "The best place for disciplining children is the church." It's touching to hear the words from the parent.

And of course being part of the service and the church is also gratifying, one way or the other. I feel very happy coming to St John's. I am very special, in my way, for being a part of the cathedral because I take part in the cathedral ministries. If you take part in the activities, you have the sense of belonging.

How is St John's different compared with the Cathedral in the 1980s?

Only existing Anglicans, mostly Europeans, and the Filipinos came to church 30 years ago. As time goes by, there are more Chinese and a lot of them are being baptised.

In the 1980s, there were very few Chinese children. Recently, there are more Chinese children, and their parents come to the Sunday School with them. It is good because some of the parents are not Christians. I guess their eyes and minds will be opened through the teaching in the Sunday School.

The buildings in St John's grounds have been improved. For example, the Li Hall's kitchen has been renovated. In the 1980s, the Upper Room was a kitchen. Can you imagine we were cooking for the fellowship in the Upper Room?

Do you have anybody to thank for your good times at St John's?

First of all, I would like to thank Mrs June Li for her support and generosity to the Filipino Fellowship. In the 1980s and 1990s, when we had lunch gatherings, Christmas parties and anniversary parties, she was very generous to supply food for us. We just supplemented whatever she brought.

I would also like to thank the cathedral and Dean Matthias. The past Deans were also supportive to our fellowship. Also I am thankful to Mrs Viola Ip and the Cathedral Office. The priests, of course, I would like to thank them, and all the people I meet on Sundays for all their support.

Over the past 30 years, do you think migrant workers' rights have been better respected and protected in Hong Kong?

Over the years, that has become much better in Hong Kong. You probably remember James Collins. When James came to Hong Kong, he was interested in the life of migrant workers. He also met his wife Marcela in the Filipino Fellowship. He founded the Helpers for Domestic Helpers (now renamed as HELP for Domestic Workers) later. At that time, there was not much protection for the foreign migrant workers. I cannot say anything more because as I said, my employers are very good to me, both the Australian and the Chinese family.

Nowadays, we have the HDH (HELP) and the Mission For Migrant Workers (MFMW). We are very grateful indeed to the cathedral for the outreach ministries for helping the foreign migrant workers with their problems.

How life will be when you return to the Philippines?

When I return to the Philippines, I'll live in my house in La Trinidad, Benguet. It is a two-storey house. I will organise my house and let it be home, because everything is in a mess. After that, I will take my younger sister to travel to the south of the Philippines.

As I have been teaching in the Sunday School here, maybe I will teach in the Sunday School in the church there. And I am thinking of joining the choir there, too.

Thank you

INTO THE SUNDAY CLASSROOM

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY / JAMES BILLINGHAM



For those of you who don't know, my name is James and I am proud to say that I am a Sunday School teacher. For 20 years I had been bringing up my 3 children and taking them to Church. For 20 years I had sat in the congregation feeling a little guilty that someone else has given up their time in Church to teach my children and I was not doing enough in return.

Some time ago, on a particularly busy Sunday at Emmanuel, I told Kate, who was teaching that day, that if it got out of hand she could just ask me for help. The next thing I knew I was on the teaching rota! I was so very very scared!

So why did it take me 20 years to volunteer? Why was I so scared to be on that rota? Looking back there were 4 reasons.

1st – Don't tell Father Robert, but I have embarrassingly limited knowledge of the Bible, did not want everyone to find out and was certain I could not teach children without it.

2nd – Surrounded by so many people with deep and complex faiths, mine seemed so shallow and unworthy of being a Sunday School teacher.

3rd – My comfort zone as a contractor's commercial manager is fighting with clients and subcontractors over money on huge civil engineering projects. Teaching a dozen 7 year old children about Jesus was as far from my comfort zone as you can get.

4th – Just too busy. I work 6 days a week, in the office for over 60 hrs, with

networking commitments on top, Sunday I have mini-rugby coaching, dragon boating, membership of a cycle group and a busy social calendar... oh yes, plus 3 kids and 2 dogs. I have no time!

These were great and worthy reasons to stay seated in the congregation. You may empathise with one or more of them! So how did I get on preparing for and giving lessons?

1 – Knowledge.

I was right, I know so very little... even less than I thought! But before teaching the kids about the Holy Spirit, for example, I was forced to brush up on my own basic knowledge and understanding. I learnt so much in the process and, although I still know far too little, I am much stronger for the experience.

2 – Shallow faith.

So I don't read the Bible enough, I don't pray enough, I do not follow my ideals every minute of every day but the children do not judge me for that. What I have found is that my simple basic belief in what is right and wrong is more than enough to give a strong message to the children. And my oh-so shallow faith is growing with the experience.

3 – Comfort zone.

I still worry more about a Sunday School lesson than I do about even the most important and challenging of meetings at work. I still wake up early in the days before a lesson fretting about whether there is a better way of gluing that tissue paper to the toilet roll to ensure the right good news message will stay with the children. BUT it is amazing what you can do when you step out of your comfort zone and it is even more amazing what you learn about yourself when you are there!

4 – No Time.

With the help of one or two more teachers, the commitment is once every 6 weeks. With the holidays that's only about 6 lessons a year – one every 2 months. Because I need to do so much homework and preparation, it takes me on average 5 hours to prepare for a lesson. It is not easy to find the time, but because the outcome is so rewarding I am, of course, able to make the time.

If you are being held back for some of the reasons that kept my hand down for 20 years, then I encourage you to at least give it a go. If you are like me, you will find it really rewarding.

LAM WOO

MASTER BUILDER, REVOLUTIONARY, AND PHILANTHROPIST

TEXT BY / SAMUEL LAM
EDITED BY / STUART WOLFENDALE
PHOTOS BY / THE BOOK LAM WOO AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY PRESS

On 27th April, there was a book launch held at St John's to introduce a newly published biography of Lam Woo, described as a master builder, revolutionary and philanthropist. His grandson Samuel Lam, speaking at the launch, had found that the memory of his grandfather was fading, even amongst the younger members of the family.



He said, "My Grandfather Mr Lam Woo passed away over 80 years ago. I never met him, yet I greatly respect and admire him. We have lived abroad for over 50 years, and have met many young relatives who want to know about the family history. When we came back to Hong Kong a few years ago, we were surprised that even the local younger generation does not know much either. That was why I decided to find someone to write about Grandpa."

Samuel asked Professor Moira Chan-Yeung, biographer of Bishop R. O. Hall, of whom Samuel's father Lam Chik Ho was a good friend, to write a biography of Lam Woo. Professor Chan-Yeung agreed and they enlisted Chinese scholar Fung Yee Wang to write a Chinese version.

Samuel spoke to those present at the launch about the notable features of his Lam Woo's life.

"Grandpa Lam Woo left his village at 14 and went to Australia as a labourer. Two things he did in Australia would influence him tremendously in his later life. Firstly he attended Sunday school at the local Anglican Church, and was later baptized to become a Christian. Secondly he studied English at the YMCA in the evening. Later on in Hong Kong he would become one of the founders of the Hong Kong YMCA.

"He went to Melbourne first and later to Sydney. He stayed in Australia for 7 years. After he has saved enough money, he went home to see his mother and also got married. A few months later, he decided to return to Australia. But first, he had to go to Hong Kong to catch a boat.

"One day he was walking in the street and accidentally picked up a wallet. In fact it was in Ice House Street. It belonged to an Englishman. He waited for over four hours until the Englishman came back, anxiously looking for something. After identification, grandpa returned the wallet to him. The Englishman was very grateful and was surprised that this young lad could speak English. He took him back to his office and offered him a job as a foreman and interpreter.

"I do not have actual proof of who he was. However, I understand that he was a famous architect. There were not many architects in Hong Kong at that time. I believe he would be Mr Turner of Palmer and Turner Architects. I know that they had lots of dealings afterwards. When Mr Turner retired, he sold his house in Mok Gon Shan (a suburb of Hangzhou) to Grandpa. It is now the residence of the deputy major of Hangzhou.

"After three years, Grandpa started his own company, first with an Englishman and then he asked his elder brother Mr Lam Kau Mou to come out from the village to join him in Hong Kong to establish Lam Woo and Company. Together they built many buildings. Unfortunately most of them have been demolished and rebuilt. The few remaining are the Fung Ping Shan Library in HKU and the Repulse Bay Hotel.

"As for churches, he was one of the founders of St Paul's Church, Glenealy and also built the church. Bishop Hall said at Grandpa's funeral that he spent one third of his wealth building the church. The church is now over 105 years old and is packed every Sunday. The other church he built was in Guangzhou (救主堂). We were there two years ago when it celebrated its 95th anniversary and it looks like a replica of St Paul's.



"The Anglican Church is famous for its schools. Grandpa built three of them, including St Paul's Co-educational College in MacDonnell Road. It started off as St Paul's Girls School and changed the name to St Paul's Co-educational College after the war. The red brick building still stands there. It is our alma mater. The second one is St Stephen's College in Stanley. The third one is the Diocesan Boys School in Mong Kok. Half way through the building process, the school went bankrupt. Grandpa not only finished the school on time and but also did not ask for further payment.

"As for infrastructure, reclamation of land in Wanchai and Shauiwan were probably his biggest projects. After reclaiming the land, Grandpa bought the land from the government and built houses on it. A large part of the road around the New Territories was also built by Lam Woo & Co.

"If you visit Shanghai, at Nanjing Xi Lu (南京西路) you will see Wing On and Sincere Department stores and also close by BEA in Pu Xi (浦西). These buildings are all over 100 years old. They were all built by Lam Woo.

"Most of the family grew up in Guangzhou and studied in Lingnan University. Grandpa was a council member. All his daughters were graduates of Lingnan, probably among the earliest female graduates. If you walk around the beautiful campus, there are buildings named after my grandparents.

"In Guangzhou there is an island called Shamian (沙面) where most of the foreigners lived and the area opposite that is called Huangsha (黄沙) where the main railway station was situated. In China when it names a place with the word 'sha' (沙), it means that there is sand around. In fact, the Pearl River washed all the debris and sand downstream and clogged up the river.

"Grandpa built dykes in Huangsha to prevent flooding and then bought the land from the government and developed the area. In addition, he also built 12 piers. Why? He used boats to transport the fresh



water sand to Hong Kong. Apparently in the building trade, salt-water sand from Hong Kong does not mix with cement. Fresh water sand does. Thus he solved two problems together and benefitted from it. I am sure those boats on their return trip to Guangzhou would be carrying supplies for the revolutionary army.

"Many of you will be surprised by the title of the book, Lam Woo, master builder, revolutionary, and philanthropist. Grandpa was a member of the Hsing Chung Hui (興中會, or Revive China Society) and Tung Meng Hui (同盟會, or Chinese United League). He was a great supporter of Dr Sun Yat-sen (孫中山). He was one of his big financial backers. After the failed 1911 uprising in Guangzhou, he and his friend Mr Tam Siu Hong buried all the martyrs.

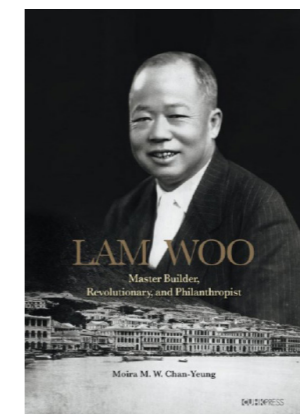
"After the founding of the Republic, Grandpa was offered many patronage appointments. He turned them all down. He did not want to benefit personally from the revolution. Dr Sun called him the 'Perfect Revolutionary' (革命完人). All that is engraved on his tomb in the Protestants' cemetery in Pokfulam, right by the entrance.

"This book is a gem. It does not talk of only one person. It describes the building of Hong Kong, the early days of the Anglican Church and schools in Hong Kong, and the founding of the Chinese Republic. I hope you will enjoy reading the story."



BOOK DETAILS

Lam Woo
Master Builder,
Revolutionary, and
Philanthropist
Moira M. W. Chan-Yeung
The Chinese University
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Available at St John's
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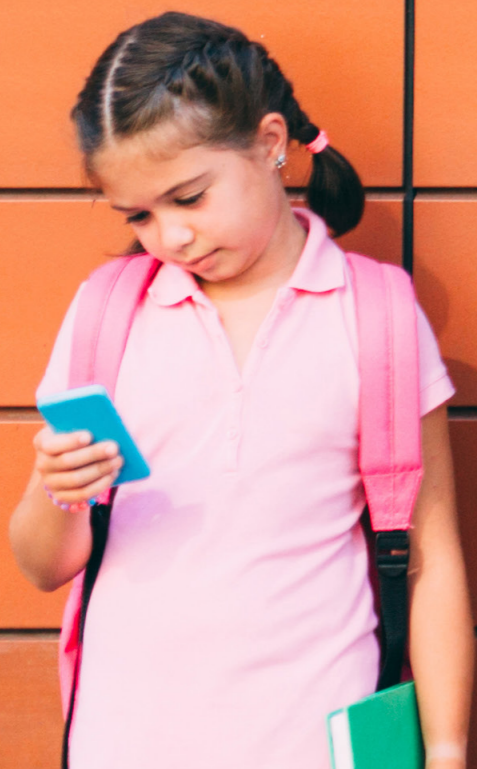
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, TOP TO BOTTOM ON THE PAGES

- 1/ Lam Woo and his family in the late 1920s
- 2/ Sun Yet-sen (front row, centre), Lam Woo (front row, left 4), and other friends during Sun's Visit to Hong Kong in 1923
- 3/ Consecration of St Paul's Church on 28 October 1911 by Bishop Lander (left 3), attended by Governor and Mrs Lugard (right 5 and 4), and Lam Woo (right 1)
- 4/ Members of the first St Stephen's Church Committee in 1904 (Lam Woo, front row)
- 5/ Lam Woo Fund Raising for YMCA in 1907

REFLECTING ON THE DAILY DOSE OF THE FIVE WS IN THE INTERNET WORLD

TEXT BY / MARK L GANDOLFI (DR MARK)

We have a fairly good idea by now what childhood immunizations our little darlings require to remain healthy, how many hours they should sleep each day, what vegetables and fruits are good for their diet, why play and humour is important for their well-being, how often they should exercise, and what supplements and vitamins will help them remain stronger and, dare I say, smarter. On the other hand, when we explore everything from internet surfing to texting to online gaming to social media activities and countless other online activities, we still have a great debate on why, what, when, where, and who our children should and should not be exposed to in the ever increasing and always present digital world.



WHY

Broadly speaking, we have known since 2012 that children exposed to certain types of 'modern technologies' (in short, some sort of device that connects to content through the internet or WiFi) can further develop complex thinking brain neurons, expanded problem-solving skills, enhance independent thinking (hopefully without quoting from *Wikipedia*), and increase curiosity about the self and the world at large. Technology like never before has provided our children with an endless list of possibilities for learning, entertaining and socialising. So, we now know why we should embrace technology for our children, but we still have many concerns about integrating technology into the hands of that little darling who now prefers a mouse or a keyboard to holding our hands.

WHAT

Let's first start with what is NOT good for our children to have in the digital world: sexting, online porn, cyberbullying, violent online gaming, sites for adults and mature brains (I don't know if it's a good thing for kids to look at news sites that predominantly show violence and human misery), chat rooms advocating drugs and violence and many others. **What** is good about the internet and the use of digital devices has a broad range of positive, life enriching resources such as instant communication, access to international libraries, connecting to classmates and teachers, paperless learning-homework activities (we need to hug those trees), expanding communication and social skills and so many others. But my concern here is that very few parents know what their kids are doing online. In short, know the **what**, mom and dad.

WHEN

Harvard Medical School professor Dr Charles A. Czeisler and others have been reporting for years that the artificial light emitted from devices can arouse certain brain neurons that will disturb sleep and in some cases develop a sleep disorder. So **when** should devices be turned off so our children are not at risk for various well-being issues? Common sense tells us: at the dinner table, when in bed going to sleep, when having a conversation with another (I get it; it's ok for today's generation to text Tommy online while talking with Johnny face-to-face in McDonald's), when watching a movie in a theatre, in church, when playing a sport, when practicing the piano. I think you get the point. The greater debate is **when** a child should get their first electronic device and when they can use that device in a given day.

WHERE

Technology is everywhere, hence devices for school, work, family and play are modern day methods for time and energy management. Some parents worry about

their children taking their devices into the bathroom but when further explored, most of us can remember a grandparent or two who took the newspaper into the toilet. Parents and their children need to set clear boundaries as to **where** as well as when a device can be used. And if I may, the *Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary & Thesaurus* defines dumbwalking as 'the practice of walking slowly and without looking where you are going, because you are looking at your mobile phone.' Let's make sure our kids don't *dumbwalk* on the street, the escalator, and other public places of ambulatory movement.

WHO

As parents we would like to be able to say we know who children are playing with, who their good friends are and who the bully is. The social media world sometimes draws our children into relationships that may cause harm immediately and sometimes among daily multiple sources of curiosity and pleasure. As I have mentioned in my previous articles, parents should spend at least one day a week getting know **who** your kids know on the internet and through social media – texting. Yes our children deserve a bit of space and privacy, but they clearly benefit more greatly from living in a safe world than in secrecy.

By now we have all read and heard about the negative consequences of the digital world: online predators, drug dealing, device addiction, social isolation, gambling, porn and gaming addiction, and even ADHD. My growing and possibly greater concern is how the digital world is sometimes preventing the developing brain from experiencing a skill and behaviour we will need throughout our life: reflection. As reported by *Harvard Business Review* article 'The Power of Reflection at Work' and other research, we clearly see how employees who are given time to reflect actually boost their performance, reduce simple mistakes and enhance resilience consequently, we now have video reflections for working adults in education that provide opportunities for improvement in classroom teaching and academic outcomes.

As John Dewey so accurately stated: "we do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience." Teaching our children why to reflect in prayer before a meal, what to reflect upon after they have played a rugby game, when to reflect as they are doing their homework, where they can reflect in their digital world, and who to share their reflections with are what parents need to be mindful of. There is so much more to explore in the Five Ws of the digital age. Let's hope this article encourages us to reflect more on a topic that won't go away.



DR MARK

INVESTIGATING LIVING ACCOMMODATION OF FOREIGN DOMESTIC WORKERS



TEXT BY / STAFF REPORTER
PHOTOS BY/ MISSION FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

On the eve of the International Day of Families 2017, the Mission for Migrant Workers (MFMW) released a survey revealing that unsuitable accommodation arrangements, denial of privacy, and deprivation of amenities for migrant domestic workers (MDWs) persist in Hong Kong.

The researchers at the MFMW surveyed more than 3,000 Filipino and Indonesian domestic workers in the research 'PICTURES FROM THE INSIDE: Investigating Living Accommodation of Women Foreign Domestic Workers towards Advocacy and Action' and provided real descriptions of how MDWs live inside households.

The launch coincided with the celebration of the International Day of Families, as observed annually by the United Nations every 15th of May. The International Day hopes to promote awareness of issues concerning families, including social, economic and demographic processes that affect families. The MFMW believes that the issue of space and accommodations for migrant domestic workers needs to be tackled, as it surely affects the prospects for harmonious and productive relationships between families and the domestic workers who live with and serve them.

In the research, the MFMW found that three out of five MDWs in Hong Kong either endured alternative accommodation arrangements, or their designated bedroom serves other multiple functions in the household.

While more than half of the MDWs in Hong Kong (57%) were provided with their own room, 33% of them also said that their 'own room' was also used to double as house storage area

(64%), space to hang clothes (49%), room for ironing and washing (45%), computer or study room or office (3%), and a room for pets (1%).

Of those who were not provided with their own room (43%), one in every 50 of them slept in areas such as toilets, storage rooms, stock room or warehouse, backdoor, basement, balcony, roof, computer room, study room, music room, closet, dressing room, or in a room with just a divider for their sleeping space. Around 32,000 MDWs (14%) did not have ready access to toilets, while 67% did not have their own toilets.

Norman Uy Carnay, programme officer at the MFMW and the lead researcher, pointed out that accommodation policies and conditions in Hong Kong for MDWs did not measure up to international human and labor standards, and was far behind policies of other countries and cities with a concentration of MDWs.

He noted that lack of privacy also made women MDWs feel vulnerable, especially if they slept in common areas, such as the living room.

The study concluded that problems regarding accommodation arrangements among MDWs, anchored in the mandatory live-in arrangement, were widespread and varied. Even the quality of accommodation of those provided with a bedroom was compromised, as the room was often used for other purposes. The MFMW urged policymakers to make reference to countries such as Austria and Singapore, which had clearer requirements for living conditions.



BOOKSTORE IN THE LI HALL



St John's Cathedral Bookstore went back to operate in the Li Hall, to where it began in a makeshift room in 1983. This is because of the renovation of the shop which was scheduled for completion in August. With the new lighting system, bookshelves and cabinets, a more pleasant environment for shopping and reflection in the shop can be expected. In Touch captured the historic moments.



SHORT FILM CONTEST OPENS FOR SUBMISSION

TEXT BY / STAFF REPORTER
PHOTOS BY / ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL HIV EDUCATION CENTRE

The St John's Cathedral HIV Education Centre is accepting submissions for its Short Film Contest 'Stand Up for Zero Discrimination'. The Champion-winning team will receive a prize of HKD 10,000 and a trophy.

The competition is open to anyone from the age of 12 to 18 (Secondary School Group) and 19 to 30 (Open Group) until 15th November 2017. Competing teams will have to submit screenplays for screening. Shortlisted teams will be invited to attend the Film Production Skills Building Workshops jointly run by the HIV Education Centre and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in January 2018. They are expected to complete shooting the short films by the end of March 2018.

The Short Film Contest is sponsored by St John's Cathedral Endowment Fund and Hop Yuen Charitable Foundation Fund, aiming at raising the awareness of HIV prevention among young people, creating a 'Zero HIV Discrimination', 'Zero HIV Infection' and 'Zero AIDS-related Deaths' community, and eliminating stigma for people living with HIV/AIDS.

For more details, please see URL: <http://1718shortfilmcontest-eng.my-free.website/>



HELP LAUNCHES FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN ONLINE

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY / HELP FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Every domestic worker should have access to justice and receive equal and fair treatment before the law. We are excited to announce that online donations are now live.

In 2016, we assisted almost 3,000 foreign domestic workers in need, and reclaimed almost one million HKD in money due to them. Our goal in 2017 is to raise as much in funds as possible to allow us to continue to serve domestic workers in Hong Kong, who are often subject to exploitation.

We launched our 2017 Fundraising Campaign page with Charitable Choice in an effort to broaden our reach and expand our daily efforts in seeking justice for domestic workers in Hong Kong.

Funds contributed go towards providing case workers for domestic workers in pursuit of justice, developing educational



resources that inform and inspire domestic workers about their rights, and our everyday operational costs. Every donation helps and we truly appreciate your interest in HELP for Domestic Workers.

Give what you can today and make a difference for domestic workers in Hong Kong:

<https://www.charitablechoice.org.hk/en/campaigns/2017-fundraising-campaign-67fd64>

Or Scan the QR code



CLIMB TO MOUNT KILIMANJARO FUNDRAISER

TEXT BY/ STAFF REPORTER
PHOTOS BY / HELP FOR DOMESTIC WORKERS

Liza Avelino, a Filipina domestic worker, successfully reached the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa (5,895 meters), on 2nd August, in an effort to raise HKD 150,000 for HELP for Domestic Workers.

Liza, who is known for her sense of adventure, whilst holding down a full-time job looking after a family, is the first Filipino domestic worker to scale Mt Kilimanjaro, following her previous climbs in the Himalayas, Malaysia and Japan.

Liza said, "I want to put the spotlight on the positive contributions made to the world by domestic workers; to show the world that we can do more than scrub loos, and demonstrate to other women how to be confident and assertive, while being a part of the community".

Her passion and enthusiasm for supporting others is contagious, she is an inspiration not only to other domestic workers but to everyone who wishes to overcome personal challenges. If you wish to donate, please visit her fundraising page: bit.ly/helpaliza



STAFF NEWS

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Alice Lam



Meet the new face of the Cathedral Office, Alice Lam, our Administrative Assistant (Information Services) since April.

A month after we bade a fond farewell to our beloved colleague and friend, Connie Lee, who took up a challenging new position in the government, Alice joined the Cathedral Office, exploring a whole new experience in her very first full-time job.

Alice is assisting in a wide range of work in the office, from receiving incoming phone calls to taking care of the reception, from putting up posters on the bulletin boards to helping with designing promotional materials. She is becoming more familiar with the vibe here at St John's. When dropping by the office, please say hello to this young lady.

At weekends, Alice enjoys watching movies and listening to pop music. She loves Japanese cuisine - and all food that tastes good!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to The Revd Canon Peter Koon on his installation as an Honorary Canon of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem, and also on receiving the Bronze Bauhinia Star award from the Hong Kong SAR Government. This is a double blessing for his contributions to the life of the Anglican Communion.

STAFF OUTING TO INVENTING LE LOUVRE



Led by Dean Matthias and Viola, the staff in the Cathedral Office and the outreach ministry offices enjoyed a relaxing yet enriching outing to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and Tao Fung Shan Christian Centre in June.

The clergy and staff were inspired by the cross-cultural setting of the 'Inventing Le Louvre' exhibition in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, and admired the brilliant selection of works and masterworks from all the Louvre Museum's departments. In the afternoon, they were refreshed by a moment of peace at Tao Fung Shan, humbled under the big cross on the hillside.

Forthcoming Services and Major Events at St John's & Daughter Churches

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2017



St John's Cathedral

4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
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14th September (Thursday): Holy Cross Day

19.30 Sung Eucharist

16th September (Saturday):

10.00
|
14.00 CLARES Designer Sale

17th September (Sunday) : Dedication Festival

9.00 Sung Eucharist

18.00 Jazz Vespers

23rd September (Saturday)

11.00 International Day of Peace:
Cultural Presentations

19.30 Fund Raising Concert for
Scholarship and
Development Funds in aid
of prison ministry
(refreshments at 18.30)

29th September (Friday): The Feast of St Michael and All Angels

19.30 Sung Eucharist

1st October (Sunday):

11.45 The Blessing of Animals

8th October (Sunday): Harvest Thanksgiving

9.00 Sung Eucharist

21st October (Saturday):

10.00
|
16.00 The Michaelmas Fair

29th October (Sunday):

9.00
|
14.00 'Pace The Peak'
Fundraising
Walk for HELP for
Domestic Workers

1st November (Wednesday): All Saints' Day

20.00 Sung Eucharist with the
ordination of Walter Lau to
the Diaconate

2nd November (Thursday): All Souls' Day

19.30 Sung Eucharist
- Duruflé's Requiem

4th November (Saturday)

10.00
|
17.00 Charity Christmas Card &
Handicraft Fair

12th November (Sunday): Remembrance Sunday

18.00 Evening Remembrance
Service

14th November (Tuesday)

19.00 The HIV Charitable Concert

23rd November (Thursday):

12.30 American Thanksgiving
Day Service

26th November (Sunday): Feast of Christ the King

18.00 Provincial Choir Festival

Emmanuel Church Béthanie Chapel 139 Pok Fu Lam Road, Pokfulam

Further information Tel: 2523 4157
www.emmanuel.org.hk



Every Sunday

10.15 Sung Eucharist

St Stephen's Chapel 22 Tung Tau Wan Road, Stanley St Stephen's College

Further information Tel: 2813 0408
www.ststephen.org.hk



Every Sunday

9.30 Sung Eucharist

12th November (Sunday): Remembrance Sunday

10.50 Short Service of Remembrance and wreath-laying at Stanley
Military Cemetery

Discovery Bay Church SKH Wei Lun Primary School, Lautau

Further information Tel: 2987 4210
www.discoverybaychurch.org.hk



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HONG KONG FREEMASONS

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UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2017

TEXT BY / JOHN CHYNCHEN

PHOTOS BY / DAVID RUSSELL & ANTHONY KWONG

Organised Freemasonry began in 1717 when four London Lodges came together to form a Grand Lodge, the first in the world. Freemasonry has been an important part of the fabric of society for nearly 300 years, encouraging the development of personal integrity and respect for one's fellow man, and quietly providing care and support for the disadvantaged and distressed. This English social institution was formulated to a considerable extent in tandem with the Church of England, and jointly exported to the Empire. Concurrently, Freemasonry took hold in continental Europe and the rest of the world. The senior lodge in Hong Kong is Zetland Lodge, No. 525 EC, which was consecrated in March 1846, just a year before the foundation stone of St John's was laid in March 1847. The following is an extract from a Sermon delivered by the Revd M C Odell, BA, Assistant Chaplain to the Forces, Senior Warden of Zetland Lodge, in the Cathedral on 24th June 1856: *Freemasonry seeks the elevation of the moral character, the subjugation of guilty passions, the practice of justice, truthfulness and fidelity. The brother of high degree is taught humility; the brother of low degree is elevated in self-respect.*



▲ The District Grand Master, Vivian Lee, DGL(HK&FE) UGLE, is welcomed at the West Door.



▲ Vivian Lee reads the First Lesson



▲ John Chynchen, Priest and Freemason



▲ The District Grand Master (English), his senior officers and his counterparts in sister constitutions, Brendan Bong (Irish) and Martin Thomas (Scottish).