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# A YEAR OF CELEBRATION



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*This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

St John's has just launched a year-long celebration of the 170th anniversary, on the theme of 'Faith in the City'. In the coming year, we will welcome a world-renowned scholar and formerly Bishop of Durham The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the US Episcopal Church, who gave a spirited and unforgettable sermon at the royal wedding in London.

In this issue, we are giving a push to the 170th anniversary celebrations. Highlights of the celebration include an entertaining and informative carnival, a public lecture series, a renewal of marriage vow service, a blessing Hong Kong service, and the grand finale, the thanksgiving service and gala dinner. Mark your diary and get ready for the celebrations!

This December, we have celebration tinged with sadness. The St John's family will gather together to say goodbye to Fr Desmond Cox and celebrate his long ministry with us and the beginning of a happy retirement. Fr Des is retiring at the end of this year and returning to Australia next year. He believes he was destined to spend over a third of his ordained life in

Hong Kong. We interviewed Fr Des before he leaves us for a while.

Back in October, fifteen members of St John's and the daughter churches made a special journey and experienced the very first 'Cursillo' short course in Hong Kong, with the theme 'Fan Into Flame the Gift of God in You'. Cursillo has encouraged people in a time of questioning, the Link Bishop with the Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia Bishop Ian told us. Learn more about Cursillo on page 10 and 11, and see how the participants celebrate their 'fourth day' after the three-day introductory course.

Life is a cycle of happiness, sadness, good times and bad. Let us not forget those who are experiencing a hard time in their lives. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family and friends of Jennifer Aledia, Administrative Assistant of HELP for Domestic Workers, who passed away in October. We give thanks for her life, her service, and her friendship. We are all saddened by the loss and we will surely miss her.

We are constantly on the lookout for stories involving St John's and the daughter churches. If you think you know of people or events past, present, or to come, that would suit our pages, please be in contact with the Editor on [communications@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:communications@stjohnscathedral.org.hk).

## We Need Your Help to Save The Environment

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# THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

December is always a month with much excitement. People are busy getting into the Christmas spirit, preparing and celebrating the festive season. Before rushing into the yuletide celebrations, we in the church are first called to slow down and evaluate how we live our lives. The Advent season reminds us that Christ is coming and we need to be alert and prepared for it. The preparation should not be so much of an idle and empty waiting, but rather to live our lives here and now to the fullest, with joy and purpose as God's people. When we take this seriously, we find the yearly celebration of God's incarnation at Christmas especially meaningful and joyful.

Advent this year carries a special significance at St John's Cathedral. We have launched the year-long celebration of the 170th anniversary of our beloved cathedral with the theme "Faith in the City" on Advent Sunday. This commenced a series of celebrations with the grand finale on Christ the King Sunday in November 2019. I am personally very excited about these celebrations. On the one hand they will strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ as his disciples, and on the other hand, they will empower us to carry this faith into our society. It is meant to be a time of active growing and active living. From the earliest days, St John's Cathedral has always seen herself as a church that lives for others. That was how Christ lived in his earthly life, and what he has called us to be and do. This is incarnational theology, one of the key emphases in the Anglican beliefs. Our faith is not only in words but deeds. Our faith is not only manifested in the past, but how we experience God's presence in our lives now. Our faith is something which compels us to make a difference in the world today, because of what Christ has done for us.

Have a spirit-filled Advent! Celebrate a blessed Christmas! Praise God for St John's Cathedral and live an active faith in the city of Hong Kong and beyond!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

*Dean Matthias +*



各位：

12月總是讓人興奮及期待，許多人忙於準備慶祝聖誕佳節。我們作為信徒，開始慶祝聖誕節前，首先應先放慢腳步，於將臨期反思自己的生活。將臨期提醒我們，耶穌基督將會來到，我們須為此警醒、預備。在這節期，我們並非只是空等，而是作為上帝的子民，積極地活出喜樂及有意義的人生。當我們正視將臨期，我們會發現慶祝聖誕節、紀念上帝道成肉身時，將變得更有意義、更喜樂。

今年的將臨期對聖約翰座堂來說，別具意義，於剛過去的將臨期第一主日，我們正式為一連串慶祝座堂成立170周年的活動揭開序幕。170周年慶祝活動的主題是「信在城中」，慶祝期為期一年，直至2019年11月的基督君王日，以感恩崇拜及晚宴結束。

個人而言，我十分期待各項慶祝座堂成立170周年的活動，這些活動既可以深化我們的信仰，作主門徒，又可以讓我們把信仰帶給其他香港人。未來一年，就讓我們共同成長、積極為主而活。

由早期開始，聖約翰座堂便一直致力成為服務他人的教會，這正是耶穌基督在地上生活時，呼召我們朝向的目標及使命。聖公會信仰的重要理念之一是道成肉身的神學。我們的信仰不單在言語上，也在行為上；不單顯明上帝在過去如何與我們同在，也顯明上帝如何於現在與我們同在。信仰可以促使我們為現今的社會帶來轉變，因為基督已為我們成就美好的事。

願你於將臨期被聖靈充滿、聖誕節主恩滿載！讓我們一同為聖約翰座堂讚美上帝，在香港及其他地方活出積極及投入的信仰。

祝各位聖誕及新年快樂！

願上帝祝福你！

座堂主任牧師  
謝子和 謹啟

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**Faith in the City**  
**1849 - 2019**

# Two Distinguished Guests of the 170th Anniversary

In celebration of the 170th anniversary, St John's Cathedral is welcoming two distinguished guests: The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright, a world-renowned scholar and formerly Bishop of Durham, and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the US Episcopal Church, who gave a spirited and unforgettable sermon at the royal wedding earlier this year and preached at St John's in February 2017.

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St John's Cathedral intends to involve all congregation members and friends of the Cathedral in celebrating the 170th anniversary, counting the many blessings throughout the years, and engaging the wider community in the Cathedral's work and ministries.

As part of the celebrations, the St John's Public Lecture series will be held in March 2019. The keynote speaker will be The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright, professor of the School of Divinity at the University of St Andrews in Scotland, and one of the world's leading New Testament scholars who has spent a lifetime studying





New Testament scripture and early Christianity.

The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright will preach at the 9.00 am service on 17th March 2019, and give two public lectures at St John's on 18th March and 20th March 2019. The highlight of the series will be the Evening Lecture at the University of Hong Kong on 21st March 2019, on the subject of "Rethinking Heaven and Hell".

The Cathedral is inviting all – Anglicans, Christians from different denominations, and members of the public – to the public lectures. The Evening Lecture will start at 7.30 pm. Registration for the lecture will open soon.

As a prolific author, The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright has written over 50 books on understanding scripture, including "Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church", "Simply Jesus: A New Vision of Who He Was, What He Did, and Why He Matters", and "Scripture and the Authority of God: How to Read the Bible Today". He has also written an extensive series of popular commentaries on the New Testament; to name a few, "Matthew for Everyone", "John for

Everyone", and "Mark for Everyone". His works are a bridge between the Church and academia.

Another special guest for the 170th anniversary celebration is Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the US Episcopal Church. Bishop Curry's sermon at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in May 2018 had a global audience of two billion hear him proclaim the power of God's love.

Bishop Michael Curry is the first African-American to head the US Episcopal Church. He was installed as presiding bishop of the US Episcopal Church on 1 Nov 2015. He often speaks on progressive issues of social justice, such as immigration policy and marriage equality.

In November 2019, Bishop Curry will visit St John's again and be the guest preacher at the Thanksgiving Service for the 170th anniversary celebration. His sermon at St John's back in February 2017 impressed many of the parishioners.

Other services and events of the celebrations include the Marriage Thanksgiving Service (16<sup>th</sup> February 2019), St John's Carnival (24<sup>th</sup> February

2019), and Blessing Hong Kong Service (30<sup>th</sup> June 2019, TBC).

St John's extends a warm invitation to all couples married at the Cathedral to the Marriage Thanksgiving Service. The service is a chance for couples to give thanks for the time they have had together and to look forward to the development of their relationship. It is a public declaration of their love for each other, and brings new energy to their partnership.

Couples married at St John's Cathedral are welcome to attend the service. Please register for the service at the Cathedral Office. Further announcements will be made on the Cathedral website. Registration forms will be available at the Cathedral Office and the Cathedral website.

Last but not least, the forthcoming St John's Carnival will be a unique opportunity to showcase the Cathedral's ministries. Information booths and game booths will be set up at Chater Road, with stunning performances by different groups.

Mark your diary and see you all in the celebrations!

## 170th Anniversary Celebration Diary

# Faith in the City

**Venue:**

St John's Cathedral  
(unless specified)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 (Sun)

**9.00am, Advent Sunday**

**Launch of the 170th anniversary  
celebration**

*(Celebrant and Preacher:  
Archbishop Paul Kwong)*

### 16<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Sat)

**3.00pm, Marriage Thanksgiving Service**

*We invite all those who were married at  
St John's Cathedral to the celebration.*

### 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019 (Sun)

**1.00 pm – 4.00 pm, St John's Carnival**

*Venue: Chater Road, Central*

### St John's Public Lecture Series

*Keynote Speaker:  
The Rt Revd Prof. N T Wright*

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Sun), 9.00am**

**Preaching at 9.00 am service**

**18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Mon), 7.30pm**

**Lecture at St John's**

**20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Wed), 7.30pm**

**Lecture at St John's**

**21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 (Thur), 7.30pm**

**Evening Lecture at HKU**

*Venue: Grand Hall, The University of Hong Kong*

### 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (Sun) (TBC)

**5.00pm, Blessing Hong Kong Service**

### 24<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 (Sun) Christ the King

**5.00pm, Thanksgiving Service**

*(Celebrant: Archbishop Paul Kwong)  
(Guest Preacher: Presiding Bishop Michael  
Curry of the US Episcopal Church)*

**7.00pm, Thanksgiving Gala Dinner**

*Venue: Metropol Restaurant (名都酒樓),  
Admiralty*

# History of St John's Cathedral

## PART TWO

TEXT BY/ STUART WOLFENDALE

### 1897

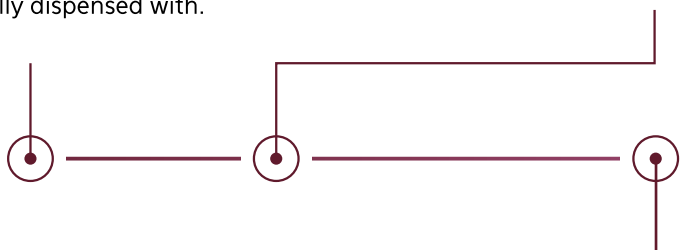
#### Refurbishment Programme

In 'Church Notes' in 1897, Chaplain Francis Cobbold published a 'wish list' of items for donation to improve the church's sparse and scruffy look. It was the beginning of 20 years of gradual interior refurbishment. Much was given, some of it lost now. The pulpit came from Governor Robinson. The original bishop's throne came from the sons of Bishop Alford. The stone font was given. The sanctuary was extended with its marble floor. The William Morris reredos was donated in 1919. Electric light was installed in 1907. The ceiling fans were donated in 1923, costing \$4000 and the 'punkahs' finally dispensed with.

### 1899

#### The First Assistant Chaplain

Up to now, the chaplain had worked only with occasional help from outside clergy. In 1899 Bishop Hoare found funds to appoint the Revd Frederick Johnson to assist Cobbold. When Cobbold retired, Johnson succeeded him but there was little money for a new assistant. In 1913 Sir Paul Chater raised \$12000 (mostly his) which was matched by Governor Henry May to establish an Assistant Chaplains Fund. The Revd HGH Griffiths was the first appointee. By 1928 the post had become firmly established.



### 1921

#### The Chater Endowment

St John's had few endowments and a hand-to-mouth income. It was frequently close to financial collapse. In the tradition of the biblical figure, St John's Good Samaritan was a surprising man, even a shock in British colonial society. Sir Paul Chater was an Indian of Armenian descent and keen to be a prominent figure and benefactor in that society. He worshipped at St Andrew's rather than St John's, but he gave the Cathedral an endowment of \$25,000, which, in the nick of time, picked it up off the floor. It was a turning point in a struggle to survive.

#### The Church Hall

The Li Hall, which was originally known as the Church Hall or the New Hall, was built in a year and opened on 31 January 1921 by Governor Sir Reginald Stubbs. The Cathedral had no supporting buildings at that time and there was a particular need for a Sunday school room. It was paid for largely with \$5000 from Sir Paul Chater and \$20,000 from a barrister, M.J.D. Stephenson, who had wished to remain anonymous at the time. The day before that opening, the governor had unveiled the war memorial Celtic cross, across the path.





## 1927

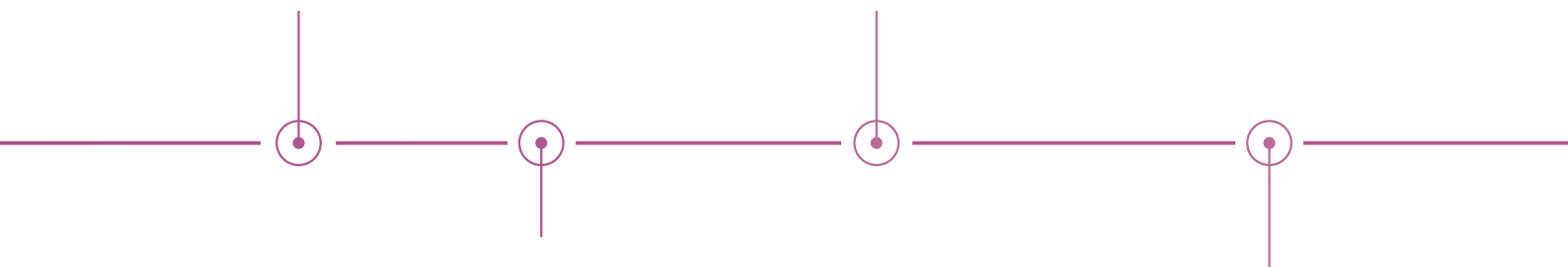
### The Last Pipe Organ

The last pipe organ to be played in the Cathedral was built by Mr Blackett, a renowned and sole European organ builder in Asia, and was a rebuild on the ruins of its predecessor on the south side of the chancel. It was completed in 1927, with the organ box in the now St Michaels' Chapel. The cost was \$14,000. It was an impressive instrument to see and to hear. It featured in the first broadcast service from the Cathedral in that year by ZBW radio. Although there are pictures of it, no recordings of the organ survive.

## 1935

### The Growth of Holy Communion

In the early twentieth century, many Anglican churches were not sacramental in worship. Matins was the central service on Sunday, not the Eucharist. From 1929, Dean Swann, backed by Bishop Duppy, began the slow move towards putting Holy Communion at the centre of worship. By 1935 there was one Sung Eucharist a month and a 12.15 pm Holy Communion on Sundays. A Holy Communion at 7.45 am took place every third Sunday, followed by a breakfast. By the time he arrived in 1933, Bishop R.O. hall reported that 100 people were attending.



## 1930

### Present Day Governance Established

After years of discussion and planning by Bishop Charles Duppy and Dean Alfred Swann, the 1930 Church of England Trustees Ordinance modernized the government of St John's. The renting of seats was abolished. Instead of seatholders, church members who registered on an electoral roll became the voters. The Annual Church Meeting became the Church Body and now elected a Cathedral Council to which it delegated its executive authority. All the fabric and finances of the Cathedral were vested in the Trustees and they delegated the care for, maintenance and administration of the Cathedral to the Council. It was a balance of vesting and delegating and thus it is today.

## 1938

### Michaelmas Fair and Outreach

St John's can be identified as reaching out to the less fortunate in an organised way in the years just before the Second World War. Donations were being made towards child protection and lepers in China. Food and shelter was being provided to refugees from the Japanese invasion of the Mainland, and there are instances where the Li Hall was used. People from the Cathedral founded and operated the Street Sleepers Shelter Society, which at times accommodated over 16,000. In 1938 the very first Michaelmas Fair was organised.

# FLAVOURS OF MYANMAR

TEXT BY / ANDREW ASHLEY  
PHOTOS BY / BRUCE CHAN



*Flavours of Myanmar on 15th September was not just a thoroughly enjoyable social event but a celebration of our partnership with the Diocese of Toungoo. Expertly emcee'd by Debbie McGowan, the evening gave us an opportunity to explore the colour and culture of Myanmar, raise funds for Toungoo's much needed building programme and socialise with our fellow parishioners.*

Dean Matthias welcomed everyone and thanked Debbie and the organising committee for their hard work. After a video greeting from Bishop John Wilme,

the doxology was sung in Burmese and the evening began in earnest. A group of friendly Myanmar students taught us some greetings (it seemed to take a very long time to say 'hello') and Sakura, from Yangon, danced in her lovely traditional costume while the students sang.

Catherine, who's made two trips to Toungoo, reminded us that although there is much that we can do to help the work of the church in Toungoo, this partnership is not principally about finance but about working together to discern God's plan for us and help bring about His kingdom. Taking the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5.22-23 as her theme, Catherine introduced four parishioners who'd been to Toungoo with her, to speak about four of the fruits, joy, peace, patience and kindness.

Focused on joy, Andrea Nye from St Stephen's told us that despite Toungoo

being a very poor place - 'not a bottle of gin in the whole town!' - it is far from miserable. 'They have joy in spades!'

Sidesman Lee Clubb remarked that Toungoo's very devout Christians reminded him of his youth in the southern USA and talked about the peace between the denominations. Catholics, Baptists and Anglicans all cooperate with each other and there is a strong sense of Christians working together for the good of the whole church.

Chris Hall was very amusing about his need for patience in Toungoo. After volunteering to teach adults, he was confronted with a class of three to five year-olds, despite his only previous contact with children being his god-daughter, who burst into tears whenever he picked her up. The good news was that the kids survived without tears. Even better, so did Chris.





Fiona Lo was troubled by the difficult conditions she encountered in Toungoo but deeply touched by the kindness of the people. Even though life is much tougher than in Hong Kong, there is a strong sense of everyone serving with kindness.

Debbie talked about her experience of teaching in Toungoo and stressed how valuable further input from St John's would be. There is also a pressing need for new buildings, particularly to provide accommodation for students from rural areas, who would otherwise have no access to secondary education.

An excellent dinner was followed by a live auction, with every dollar raised going straight to Toungoo. The auction was run very professionally by Fr Robert, looking dashing in his blue and white striped auctioneer's jacket, complete

with a sunflower in the lapel. A host of charming assistants was on hand to display the sale items to eager buyers.

Mostly appropriately, an elegant Guess Felix handbag was modelled by Felix, while James Choo flaunted a Jimmy Choo bag. The excitement level rose for The Glenlivet 18 year old single malt, while other highlights included dinner at Chris Hill's amazing antique-packed flat at the Peak and a thrilling battle between servers and choir – personified by James Choo and John Li - for a Selangor tea caddy. The servers were victorious.

We then watched a demonstration of how to apply Thanaka, the cream made from ground bark, which Burmese women use to protect their faces from the sun. It was the gentlemen's turn next, as four guys bravely volunteered to learn how to tie the traditional longyi. Debbie's stern insistence that 'It's really

very simple!' was rather at odds with their entertaining efforts. After a very quick practice, the volunteers took part in a longyi-tying competition to the strains of Mission Impossible and then modelled them seductively on stage.

After a Myanmar fashion show in which Dean Matthias, Catherine and a number of parishioners sashayed through the hall in a range of colourful garments, the Dean gave closing thanks on behalf of Bishop John to all those who had made the evening such a success. Dean Matthias reminded us that our partnership with Toungoo, a place of limited resources but generous people, teaches us to be generous too.

The choir sang an Irish blessing and we hurried home before the wrath of Tropical Storm Mankhut descended on Hong Kong.

# FIRST *Cursillo* IN HONG KONG

## ***FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD IN YOU***

TEXT BY / MAGGIE CHAN

PHOTOS BY / ADAM MOK & STAFF REPORTER

Fifteen members of St John's Cathedral and the daughter churches made a special journey to a retreat house on Cheung Chau Island in mid-October to experience the very first 'Cursillo' short course in Hong Kong, with the theme 'Fan Into Flame the Gift of God in You' (2 Tim 1:6). Anglicans from all over Australia, including Bishop Ian Palmer, joined together to gift Cursillo to the Anglican Church of Hong Kong.



*Bishop Ian and his wife Liz*

"Cursillo" is a Spanish word meaning a short course, but Cursillo is a worldwide movement for spiritual renewal in the Church. Cursillo is about building a community of encouragement in faith and Christian life that spreads into the wider church.

'Cursillo across Australia has been a movement which has brought energy and life to many dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia. Cursillo does not take the place of Church. It is a movement of encouragement within it. It is a bit like yeast going through the whole (batch of) dough in order to leaven everything,' Bishop Ian Palmer, the Link Bishop with the Anglican Cursillo Movement of Australia, explained.

Bishop Ian said, 'Cursillo has encouraged people who are in a time of questioning. It has drawn people into vocations for lay leadership or to be ordained as clergy. It has strengthened and encouraged groups in prayer and Bible study. It has increased the ministries we have taken to the needy, the marginalised, and the oppressed people as well. Therefore it has been a very important life giving movement in the Anglican Church of Australia.'

In the three-day course, a set programme was offered to the participants in Hong Kong, including fifteen short talks on different aspects of faith. Bishop Ian, The Revd Will Newman, and The Revd Robert Martin, together with thirteen members of the Anglican Church of Australia, each gave a talk to the participants.

'The talks were lively and we had certain things to say. We also included some of our own personal journeys in the short talks,' Leanne Doyle, one of the Anglicans from Perth, told In Touch.

**'Cursillo' is a Spanish word meaning a short course, but Cursillo is a worldwide movement for spiritual renewal in the Church.**



Confidentiality is an essential part of the course. 'What happens at Cursillo stays at Cursillo. Everybody feels safe and comfortable, so they feel free to speak and share their personal experiences with the community from the beginning.'

Rodger O'Hara, another Anglican from Bendigo, said, 'We are Christians and we are vulnerable, too. We are not perfect: we have troubles and problems. However, we have shared faith.' He enjoyed taking part in the Cursillo course. 'The participants from Hong Kong were very open and very ready for the course. They accepted and trusted us. It's lovely.'

Madeline Foo, one of the participants, viewed the course as a short stop to rejuvenate oneself through faith. 'Personal testimonies were powerful and uplifting. As each day progressed, I found myself humming hymns and looking forward to the sharing and fellowship ahead. I learnt to be still before God after a chat with one of the spiritual advisors, being at peace while praying for an answer.'

Another participant Saki Tsoi said, 'I would recommend this course for anyone who looks to deepen their spiritual life. This Spiritual Journey suits us best as it perfectly blends rational thinking, personal reflections, liturgies, prayers, and songs into this wonderful journey.'

'The way in which Cursillo moves is not because people read books or follow

instructions on a web page, but because somebody comes and shares with them.' Bishop Ian said, 'In Cursillo, we talk about having a three-day introductory course. Then we talk about the fourth day after that, which is the rest of the time, the rest of one's life. And it is in that fourth day, when the community that has been formed in the Cursillo is continued within the life of the church, and of the wider community.'

There is an expectation that after the course, the 'Cursillistas' (Cursillo participants) will continue to meet regularly in small groups with others from Cursillo, to support, challenge and encourage each other in three aspects of Christian living: Study, Prayer, and Action.

'In Australia, people would be going into the fourth day, such as being involved in prison visiting, taking communion to nursing homes, ministry to the sick in hospital, and helping the needy. Some people, after their Cursillo, went on to discover God's calling to ordination within the church and they had followed the vocation,' Bishop Ian noted.

'For Hong Kong, the way forward is about those who have completed the three-day course to continue to meet together in the fourth day, to encourage each other to draw other people in as well, and to be a powerful group that goes out in action in the wider community.' Bishop Ian told In Touch.



*Leanne Doyle and Rodger D'Hara*





# MICHAELMAS FAIR

PHOTOS BY / BILLY LEUNG,  
HERBERT TAM & STEPHEN LEE











# MICHAELMAS FAIR

TEXT BY / ANDREW ASHLEY  
PHOTOS BY / STEPHEN LEE

Another year, another Michaelmas Fair. Except that it's never just another Michaelmas Fair. St John's biggest social event is always special and this year's was a particularly lively, enjoyable occasion.

We were truly blessed by the weather. Blue skies and warm sunshine made it a joy to spend time in the cathedral garden and added to the festive atmosphere. The crowds of fair-goers watching the entertainment, playing the side-shows, sampling the food and drink, and buying all manner of things certainly appeared to be having a wonderful time.

Fr Robert rose to the challenge set by his congregation at Emmanuel, who raised \$14,000 to see their priest transformed

into a Minion. If anyone's wondering why Fr Robert chose this character, the alternative was Hello Kitty. As he whimsically remarked, 'This is most appropriate. Everyone knows I'm the Dean's minion!'

We all have our own favourite aspects of the multi-faceted Michaelmas Fair. I loved watching the two troupes of Morris dancers, listening to the music, chatting in the wine and beer garden (and devouring a delicious Cumberland sausage hot-dog) and browsing among the huge selection of books.

Perhaps these photos will help you relive your memories of this year's hugely successful Michaelmas Fair. And if you missed out this time, do join us next year!



**“Culturalisation is essential to a successful ministry, being part of the community and understanding the local way of life.”**

— Fr Des

# ONE PRIEST, MANY QUALITIES

TEXT BY / DEBBIE MCGOWAN  
PHOTOS BY / FR DESMOND COX

To say it was a memorable event when Fr Desmond Cox gave his first sermon after arriving in Hong Kong in September 2001 is a bit of an understatement. It happened the first Sunday after 9/11 which had shocked the world. And is characteristic of his sermons, the first was as upbeat, enthusiastic and full of thought-provoking challenges as they have been ever since. But given the horror of 9/11, this didn't please everyone at the time...

Before being ordained in 1974, the Archbishop of Perth explained that for priests to be successful in urban, multicultural parishes, they should go abroad and experience some Asian cultures. Fr Des spent over a month visiting Japan, Thailand, Indonesia and Hong Kong. It was both a frightening and fascinating experience for him, but led to his being well-equipped for his future roles, which included an industrial parish, two rural parishes, and one of the roughest in Perth.

These formative years really helped Fr Des become the enabling Priest he now is. Adapting to the local culture has been one of his mantras. "Culturalisation is essential to a successful ministry, being part of the community and understanding the local way of life".

After ten years as Regional Director for the Anglican Board of Mission, he moved to Darwin. Whilst there, Hong Kong advertised for a new Priest-in-charge at Discovery Bay – his godfather saw it in the Church Times and the rest, as they

say is history!

Arriving back in Hong Kong, he was impressed with the dynamic and team-spirited clergy, the vision of the Province, and an impressive outreach ministry, which remains to this day.

Fr Des has been involved in many aspects of pastoral work, including development of the Children's Ministry, All Age Worship, introducing the evangelistic course, Emmaus, throughout the Province, and HIV education. Additionally, he has held many positions, such as President of the Queensway Rotary Club, Chaplain to the Australian and New Zealand Consulates, and is one of the founding members of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Anglican Alliance.

One of his greatest joys has been as Chaplain at Ming Wah Theological College, nurturing postulants and seeing them through to being ordained. Another was producing four major musicals whilst at Discovery Bay (even making guest appearances!) and more recently in July 2018, Fr Des was awarded the Frank Coldrake medal, given for "services to the Australian Church and Anglican Communion" in recognition of exceptional service to God's mission.

Fr Des believes he was destined to spend over a third of his ordained life in Hong Kong. He feels the Cathedral is finally finding its Anglican identity in this Asian city and people are more committed to their Christian life.

He is grateful that the Province and St John's Cathedral have graciously allowed him to stay on pending completion of arrangements to live in Australia. Whilst Fr Des may have mixed emotions about the next chapter, it will never be a permanent goodbye to Hong Kong, which will always be in his heart and soul.

Fr Des has chosen two choruses which sum up his ministry and life:

*"Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart."*

*"What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a  
lamb."*

*"If I were a wise man, I would do my  
part, Yet what I can I give him, give  
him my heart."*





# COLOURFUL CELEBRATION

TEXT BY/ STAFF REPORTER

PHOTOS BY/ STAFF REPORTER & ECHO



Three distinguished bishops preached at St John's Cathedral on 7th October, the Sunday after the major celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSCH, or the Anglican Province of Hong Kong).

St John's Cathedral was honoured to welcome The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Primate in Jerusalem and the Middle East, The Rt Revd Ian Palmer, Bishop of Bathurst, NSW Australia, and The Most Revd Rhee Millena Timbang, Obispo Maximo XIII, Iglesia Filipina Independiente, to be the guest preachers of the 9.00am Sung Eucharist, the 11.45am St Franciside Blessing of Animals Service, and the 2.00 pm Filipino Sung Eucharist.

Thirteen dignitaries from the Anglican Communion, together with the three bishops, attended the 9.00 am Sung Eucharist celebrated by The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong. Among them were

The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao, The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo, The Rt Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais, The Rt Revd Danald Jute, The Rt Revd Low Jee King, The Rt Revd Nestor Dagas Poltic, Sr, The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao, The Revd Canon John Peterson, The Revd Canon Bruce Woodcock, The Revd Rachel Carnegie, The Revd Dr William Lupfer, and The Revd Dr Alan McCormack.

On the day before (6th October), guests from around the world joined local Anglicans for a colourful celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the HKSCH. The Thanksgiving Eucharist was held at the AsiaWorld-Expo centre. The celebrant was Archbishop Paul Kwong and the sermon was given by the Anglican Communion Secretary General, Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon. Thousands gathered for the Thanksgiving Eucharist and continued the celebration by joining the Thanksgiving Dinner in the evening.





# NEW STUDY SHOWS 40% OF MIGRANT DOMESTIC WORKERS INVOLVED IN ELDERLY CARE

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

The Mission For Migrant Workers (MFMW) has released the results of its recent survey on elderly care. As many as 40% of migrant domestic workers are engaged in elderly care work, an indication that support for migrant domestic workers who take care of elderly persons is seriously inadequate, thus adversely affecting their well-being.

Elderly care work is widespread among migrant domestic workers, on top of their other household chores. The research "Migrants and Elderly Care: Investigating the conditions, concerns, and needs of migrant domestic workers who are involved in elderly care and assistance", supported by the St John's Cathedral Endowment Fund, was conducted through a survey of more than 1500 migrant domestic workers.

The findings revealed that as many as 40% of MDWs are engaged in elderly care work with three-quarters (74%) of them taking care of a single elderly person. Two-thirds (61%) of 616 respondents giving elderly care have wards who require additional assistance because either they "walk with assistance/ assistive device" (31%), are "wheelchair bound" (19%), or are "bedridden" (11%).

Migrant domestic workers in elderly care work provide a wide range of care and assistance to their elderly wards, which includes ensuring their food and nutrition, providing various medical-related services, assisting in their personal hygiene, and accompanying the elderly to physical and social activities. Only 10% of the 616 respondents said that they are only responsible for taking care of the elderly. An overwhelming majority (90%) of respondents in elderly care work do not exclusively perform that task.

"The workers said their workload was very heavy, especially if there were children in the household," said Johannie Tong, the lead researcher and the MFMW's Community Relations Officer.

Legislative Council member Fernando Cheung was invited to the public launch of the research on 28 September. He responded, "I feel shame that we are putting the responsibility

for a lot of care for the elderly, young, and chronically ill on foreign domestic helpers."

According to the MFMW, the current situation raises important questions on the ambiguity of domestic work, the rights of domestic workers as workers, family relations, and elderly care work as a social or public responsibility, as opposed to a household responsibility or individual responsibility. The situation needs to be remedied, because it not only affects the workers' overall well-being, but also their work in caring for the elderly.

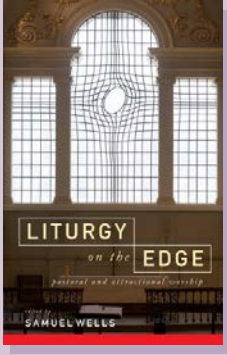


## SPEAKER SERIES FOR FILIPINO CONGREGATION

Fr Dwight dela Torre started hosting an ongoing Sunday Speaker Series in autumn 2018. The series covers topics that the Filipino congregation might be interested in, such as cancer treatments and HIV prevention. Cancer expert Dr Janice Tsang was one of the guest speakers of the series. The talks were well received by congregation members.

# WHAT ARE WE READING?

Book recommendations from St John's Cathedral Bookstore and the In Touch editorial team



## 1 Liturgy on the Edge: Pastoral and attractional worship

*In Liturgy on the Edge, the Revd Dr Samuel Wells, together with other clergy and lay members of St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, offer insights into the intersections between liturgy and outreach, and invite all readers to be more inclusive and compassionate when planning worship and other services.*

*The book outlines liturgies for regular pastoral services, acute pastoral needs, such as services for communities affected by local tragedies, outreach services in the open air or welcoming people into sacred space, and special services through the year. Each section includes reflection on theory and practice, and each item has a commentary on theological, liturgical and pastoral choices which enables practitioners to adapt and create liturgies for their own contexts.*

*Liturgy on the Edge is an inspiring and useful book. Resources in the book reflect the unique position of St Martin's, introducing the range of non-standard opportunities for worship that they provide for particular needs or special occasions, alongside the church's regular round of services.*

*The editor Samuel Wells has been Vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields since 2012. He has served as a parish priest for 20 years, 10 of those in urban priority areas. He spent seven years in North Carolina, where he was Dean of Duke University Chapel. He is also a noted Anglican writer, broadcaster and scholar.*

**Publisher:**  
Canterbury Press

**Edited by:**  
Samuel Wells

All books are available at St John's Cathedral Bookstore



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## 關於基督宗教的101個問題

為何上帝總不讓人們得到片刻安寧？上帝是否存在？基督宗教信仰能帶給人們幸福嗎？禱告如何發揮作用？

《關於基督宗教的101個問題》以101條問答貫穿而成，作者約翰·克勞森深入淺出地介紹關於基督宗教的現況、聖經、上帝、耶穌，以及聖靈和初代教會等的基本知識。

作者在清楚且簡要地回答101條問題之餘，同時為讀者開啟新的觀點，介紹有關基督宗教的基本知識，例如歷史、詩、禱告及詩歌等，傳達基督宗教內在豐富的表達形式。

**Publisher:** 南與北文化出版社

**Author:** 約翰·克勞森 (Johann Hinrich Claussen)

# REPOSITIONING OF HIV EDUCATION CENTRE

TEXT & PHOTO BY / ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTRE

2018 sees the repositioning of the HIV Education Centre to a new mandate, and the founding of the St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre. Mandated by the Cathedral Council, the Life Enrichment Centre will form an important part of the Cathedral's outreach ministry, with a focus on supporting and enriching the lives of our young people. It will take on the work carried on by the HIV Education Centre, and building on that solid foundation, introduce more services towards fulfilment of its Mission and Vision.

## Mission

To offer life education programmes for young people for their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

## Vision

In the spirit of Christ, to nurture young people and support their development as individuals who realize their own value and potential, who love and care for others, who are at peace in the love of God.

## Core Values

Following the Christian spirit



St John's Cathedral  
Life Enrichment Centre  
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

Embodying self-dignity and self-worth

Expressing love and concern

Walking humbly with others in the footsteps of God

Advocating for justice and peace

Dare to change, dare to invent

## Purpose

Through providing life education services, we aim to empower young people in Hong Kong to uncover their potential, put their aspirations into practice, enjoy harmonious interpersonal relationships and through this, to inspire them to live positive and meaningful lives.

Are you interested in training to be a mentor to young people? The Life Enrichment Centre kicks off its ministry with a mentorship training course organised jointly with Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited. Professional social workers from the Welfare Council will train up a team of mentors from St John's.

For more information, please contact Ms Elijah Fung:  
Tel: 2523 0531 / Email: [manager@sjhivctr.com](mailto:manager@sjhivctr.com)



# CATHEDRAL IN THE REVIEW: LUNCHTIME BIBLE EXPOSITION LED BY THE DEAN (1978 & NOW)



**ST. JOHN'S REVIEW**  
Hong Kong

**Do you really believe that? in 1978?**  
LENT STUDY PROGRAMME

Five studies in the basics of Christian faith.

- Is God still creating?
- Is man's problem really his relationship with God?
- Is Jesus Christ the revelation of God?
- Were his death and resurrection really for me?
- Is his Spirit really available for me now?

A book by Dr. Michael Ramsey 'Introducing the Christian Faith' will serve as the study material for those taking part in weekly discussion groups, and leaders have been trained to lead these groups. The sermons each Sunday will follow the topic for each preceding week. We hope that members will think through the issues for themselves, without taking refuge in what the clergy say inadequately in their sermons! For those who cannot take part in the groups, we will try to provide other reading material.

A large chart for the house groups is displayed in the Cathedral. If you have not already done so, please put your name down as soon as possible so that we can finalise arrangements.

S. F. SIDEBOTHAM.

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**New General Secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council**

It was recently announced that Rev. Kwok Nai-wang has been appointed the new General Secretary.

Mr. Kwok is a minister of the Church of Christ in Hong Kong. He was born in 1938 in Hong Kong. He obtained a BA degree in Philosophy from the University of Hong Kong in 1963. Subsequently he went to the Yale University Divinity School and completed a BD degree in 1966.

Since his return to Hong Kong in 1966 he has been the pastor of Shum Oi Church which is located in the densely populated resettlement area of Shek Kep Mei in Kowloon. Over the years he has devoted most of his time to church renewal, community involvement and lay training.

For many years Mr. Kwok has been the designated representative of the Church of Christ in China on the Hong Kong Christian Council's Executive Committee.

**Lunch-Time Bible Exposition**  
Thursdays 1 - 2 p.m. in the Old Hall  
Six Studies in St. John's Gospel  
led by the Dean

Feb. 16	John 4: 5-26	Barriers
23	4: 1-15	Living water
Mar. 2	4:16-26	'I can worship God anywhere'
9	4:31-38	Food that satisfies
16	4:39-54	The unanswerable argument
23	5: 1-18	Do you want to recover?

Lunch \$4. 1 - 1.20 Exposition 1.20 - 1.55  
Each Study is self-contained. All are welcome!

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Studying the Bible helps Christians to know God and learn more about scripture. Different fellowship groups have been meeting regularly for Bible study and fellowship at St John's Cathedral for years.

Bible study is rooted in a tradition begun at least 40 years ago. As recorded in St John's Review (February 1978), Dean Stephen Sidebotham led a lunchtime Bible exposition in the Old Hall (i.e. Li Hall) from 16th February to 23rd March 1978. Members of the group gathered for lunch from 1.00 to 1.20 pm, and studied the Gospel of John from 1.20 pm to 1.55 pm every Thursday.

Six topics were covered in the lunchtime Bible exposition, including "Barriers" (John 4:5-26), "Living water" (John 4:1-15), "I can worship God anywhere" (John 4:16-26), "Food that satisfies" (John 4:31-38), "The unanswerable argument" (John 4:39-54), and "Do you want to recover?" (John 5:1-18). Each study was self-contained.

Do you wish to join today's Dean's Bible exposition? Now there is a chance to be one of the group members. Dean Matthias has been hosting a monthly Bible study group in the Harold Smyth Room since October 2017. The group meets on the last Friday of each month. The Bible study is conducted in English, with a maximum of 15 people. All you need is your own lunch and your sense of curiosity.

**Sign up for the Bible study:**  
[dean@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:dean@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

**How do we live out our Christian understanding in our work place and experience Christ in our busyness?**

**"Grace in a Busy Week"**  
Bible Study Group

Welcome to join our monthly Bible study group hosted by The Very Revd Matthias Der, Dean of St John's Cathedral

Date: Last Friday of each month, starting on 27th October 2017  
Time: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm  
Venue: Harold Smyth Room, St John's Cathedral

Bring your own lunch & your sense of curiosity  
All are welcome, sign up at [dean@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:dean@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)  
Conducted in English, maximum 15 participants



## DEDICATION FESTIVAL



St John's Cathedral celebrated the Dedication Festival on 15 September, just hours before this year's worst Typhoon Mangkhut slammed Hong Kong with intense rainfall and powerful winds.

Dean Matthias preached in the anticipated Sunday service on that Saturday evening, giving thanks to God for the dedication of our Cathedral Church and his blessing on its ministry to Hong Kong and its people over the last 170 years. 'Let us give thanks and remember how awesome this place is. This is none other than the House of God. This is the Gate of Heaven.'

All services on Sunday (16 September) were cancelled when Typhoon Mangkhut hit Hong Kong, wreaked havoc, and caused widespread flooding and damage in the city.

## BLESSING OF ANIMALS, 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



## CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Five musically talented young people received scholarships from the Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund 2018. Mrs Cecilia Kwok awarded the scholarships to Tiana Chan, King Chan, Lau Yik Long, June Rippon, and Malcolm Lang at the 9.00 Sung Eucharist on 26 August.

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HKD 100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music, and help develop their potential to become choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches in future years.



Congratulations to the recipients!



# STAFF NEWS

## FR MARK'S MARRIAGE BLESSING

Congratulations to Fr Mark! The Marriage Blessing Ceremony of Fr Mark and July was held at St John's Cathedral on 20th October.

Over 150 guests attended the ceremony. The celebrant was Dean Matthias and the preacher was Fr Dwight. The couple rededicated the marital vow and placed rings on each other's fourth finger as a sign of their marriage.

May God bless both of them with a wonderful married life, filled with harmony and love.



## GOODBYE, HOLLY

Parishioners and staff members bade a fond farewell to Holly Allan after her 17-year service at St John's Cathedral and HELP for Domestic Workers (HELP, formerly known as Helpers for Domestic Helpers).

Under Holly's leadership and hard work, HELP has grown in quality and scope of service, providing paralegal services for domestic workers in dire need. Clients' cases are positively resolved, volunteers' efforts are recognised, and successes are celebrated together.

Holly left the position of Executive Director of HELP in October. We give thanks to God for her work and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

## WELCOME NEW STAFF

Karen Ng joined HELP for Domestic Workers as a Case Manager in September 2018. A native of Hong Kong, Karen returned from having lived in the US for 19 years because she wanted to get back to her roots.

Karen recently received her Juris Doctorate from UCLA School of Law and just passed the New York Bar Exam. While not yet a licensed lawyer, Karen has been working in the non-profit social justice sector since 2011 after finishing a Bachelor's degree in Architecture at U.C. Berkeley.

Having developed the skills for graphic design and photography during her years studying architecture, she occasionally puts her design skills to use, and her work as an activist photographer was part of an exhibition in 2015. She grew to love the outdoors while living in California, and likes to bike, hike, and camp. Karen also loves music – particularly the bass and the guitar. On lazy days, she will either watch television or movies, or read science fiction or mysteries.



**Karen Ng**  
Case Manager, HELP  
for Domestic Workers



# Advent and Christmas Services and Major Events at St John's & Daughter Churches



## St John's Cathedral

4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong  
Tel: 2523 4157  
[www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

### 2nd December (Sunday) The First Sunday of Advent *(Sunday Services as normal)*

6.00PM 'The King and his kingdom'

*A Service for the beginning of Advent*

### 16th December (Sunday) The Third Sunday of Advent *(Sunday Services as normal)*

6.00PM 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist

*A Service for those mourning a loss this Christmas season*

### 22nd December (Saturday)

3.00PM Crib Service (30mins)

6.00PM Chinese Carol Service with Eucharist

### 23rd December (Sunday) The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00AM Said Eucharist

9.00AM Worship for All with Sunday School Nativity

10.30AM Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45AM Responsorial Eucharist

2.00PM Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

6.00PM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

### 24th December (Monday) Christmas Eve

4.30PM Christingle Service

11.00PM Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

*A seat in the Cathedral for Midnight Mass is by reservation only. Further details will be published on the cathedral website*

### 25th December (Tuesday) Christmas Day *(No Evening Service)*

8.00AM Said Eucharist

9.00AM Sung Eucharist

10.30AM Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45AM Responsorial Eucharist with Carols

2.00PM Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

### 31st December (Monday) New Year's Eve

11.00PM Watchnight Eucharist

*A service to welcome the New Year*



### Discovery Bay Church SKH Wei Lun Primary School, Lautau

Further information  
Tel: 2987 4210  
[www.discoverybaychurch.org.hk](http://www.discoverybaychurch.org.hk)

### 9th December (Sunday) The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00AM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (at Wei Lun School Hall)

### 16th December (Sunday) The Third Sunday of Advent

4.00PM Nativity in the Plaza (in Discovery Bay Plaza)

6.00PM

### 24th December (Monday) Christmas Eve

6.00PM Christingle with Nativity Play (at Wei Lun School Hall)

*No Midnight Mass*

### 25th December (Tuesday) Christmas Day

10.00AM Family Eucharistic Celebration of the Incarnation (at Wei Lun School Hall)

**Emmanuel Church  
Béthanie Chapel  
139 Pok Fu Lam Road, Pok Fu Lam**

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



**16th December (Sunday)  
The Third Sunday of Advent**

7.00PM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**24th December (Monday)  
Christmas Eve**

11.00PM Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

**25th December (Tuesday)  
Christmas Day**

10.15AM Family Eucharist with Carols

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

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



**1st December (Saturday)**

11.00AM **St Stephen's Chapel Christmas Fete**  
*On the School Playing Field at Wong Ma Kok Road, Stanley*  
with games, stalls, bouncy castles, food and drink, marching bands, Chinese lions and acrobats, and a field for children to run around all day.

4.00PM

*Arrive by 12.00 pm to see Santa coming by helicopter*

**16th December (Sunday)  
The Third Sunday of Advent**

6.00PM Christmas Lessons & Carols by Candlelight  
with St Stephen's Chorale

**23rd December (Sunday)  
The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9.30AM Holy Eucharist

**24th December (Monday)  
Christmas Eve**

5.00PM Christmas Crib Service for young families, with Carols

11.00PM Christmas Midnight Mass

**25th December (Tuesday)  
Christmas Day**

10.00AM Christmas Eucharist with Carols

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(Chaplain and Priest-in-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel - Tel: 2813 0408)

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# A NEW ATTRACTION

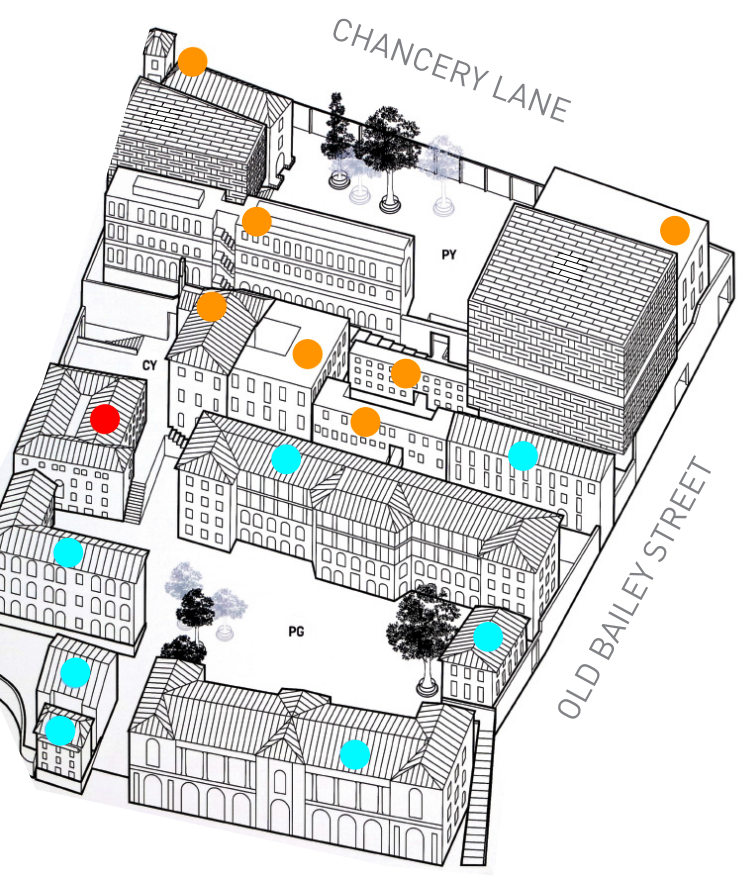


TEXT & PHOTOS BY / STAFF REPORTER

Time calls it one of the world’s greatest places in 2018, ‘Tai Kwun’ Centre for Heritage and Arts, Hong Kong’s largest-ever restoration project, has been open since summer. The freshly minted Tai Kwun offers an exceptional glimpse of Hong Kong’s heritage to the public in the heart of Central.

Tai Kwun is a complex of buildings and was once a one-stop shop for law, order, and justice. Its heritage significance was recognised in 1955 when its three key areas – the Former Central Police Station, Central Magistracy, and Victoria Prison – were gazetted as Declared Monuments.

The Revd Mark Rogers and a group of parishioners from St John’s and its daughter churches visited Tai Kwun in September. They enjoyed a wonderful time in this spot of serenity amidst the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong’s busiest streets.



## TAI KWUN

**Opening Hours:** 10am - 11pm every day

**Address:** 10 Hollywood Road, Central

**Website:** [www.taikwun.hk](http://www.taikwun.hk)

- Former Central Police Station
- Former Central Magistracy
- Former Victoria Prison

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