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THE RT REVD PROFESSOR N T WRIGHT AT ST JOHN'S



In celebration of the 170th anniversary, St John's Cathedral invited the Rt Revd Professor N T Wright, a world-renowned New Testament scholar and former Bishop of Durham, to deliver three public lectures in Hong Kong. During his visit to St John's Cathedral, the Rt Revd Professor Wright also preached at the 9.00am Sung Eucharist and the 11.45am Responsorial Eucharist on 17th March. (Photos by Conrad Yu)

In Touch

This year, we reflect on forgiveness in our journey through Lent. Love, particularly being expressed in forgiveness, is a powerful testimony of Jesus Christ's presence and the reign of His kingdom. 'Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing.' (1 Peter 3:9)

In the Dean's Message, Dean Matthias reminds us of one of the spiritual giants, the Revd Florence Li Tim Oi, the first woman priest in the Anglican Communion. She went through all the hardship of the church and the political turmoil of the time. However, there was no trace of hatred in her. She was generous in forgiving all her persecutors and witnessed boldly for Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ asks us to bring others to Him through the witness of our faith. As we celebrate the 170th anniversary of St John's Cathedral, we invite parishioners of St John's and the wider community to join us for the celebrations. The thought-provoking St John's Public Lecture Series with the Rt Revd Professor N T Wright was successful at living out the theme of 'Faith in the City'. Those attending the lectures, Christians and non-Christians, were genuinely excited about them. They heard biblical teachings which would help them go deeper in their faith.

In our celebrations, we aim to share our Christian faith with the general public in Hong Kong, at the same time striving to build a harmonious and prosperous city with our faith in Christ. Members of the congregation and the public attended St John's Carnival at Chater Road, Central. Together we offered special prayers for the city of Hong Kong and all those who live in it.

In this issue, let us also give a warm welcome to the Revd Franklin Lee and the Revd Sharon Langbis, who joined St John's Cathedral as full-time Chaplains in December 2018 and March 2019 respectively. St John's held a welcome lunch for both of them in March. We invited the Revd Franklin Lee to give us his views and past working experience on page 10 and page 11. Since we have to meet the production deadline, we shall talk to the Revd Sharon Langbis in the next edition.

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

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THE DEAN'S MESSAGE

During the last few weeks, we have been studying the theme of forgiveness in our Lenten series. It has been a liberating journey for many. Forgiveness has to be one of the hardest challenges in life. The pain and sorrow due to the hurts and betrayal in life can be very real and personal. When we cannot forgive, we allow our hearts to be broken, and we suffer even more. Only in forgiveness, empowered through the love of God, can our lives be truly liberated and transformed.

As we celebrate 170 years of Christian witness at the Cathedral, we remember many spiritual giants in our community. It was 75 years ago that the Revd Florence Li Tim Oi was ordained in China, the first woman priest in the Anglican Communion. Her calling came when a foreign lady was being ordained deaconess at St John's in 1931. The preacher said, 'Here is a British lady offering herself for God's work in China. Is there a Chinese lady willing to offer herself for God's people?' Florence, at the age of 24, responded in her heart, 'Here I am, send me!' (Isaiah 6:8) She was later ordained deacon at this Cathedral in 1941, and served in Hong Kong and Macau during the troubled wartime. The bishop at the time, Bishop R O Hall recognised the gift of priesthood in her as she faithfully served the destitute and dying. While priests could not travel into the Japanese occupied territories, Florence carried on the work of the church with boldness and dedication. Finally, Bishop Hall risked his own life, entering into the war-torn region and ordained her priest, so that she could celebrate the Eucharist and provide the sacraments for the people. Her ordination was overwhelmingly well received by the church here. However, when the war ended, her ordination sparked great controversy in the West. The bishops in the Church of England demanded that either Bishop Hall resign or Florence relinquish her holy orders. To defuse the controversy, Florence resigned her priestly licence but never her order, and continued to serve in the church for decades. During the dark era of the Cultural Revolution, she was put into labour camps and suffered much hardship along with other priests and Christians. She was allowed to leave China for a family reunion in 1981, and lived in Canada until her death in 1992.

I had the immense privilege of getting to know her in Canada. One thing that impressed me the most was that even though she went through such hardship under the church and the political turmoil of the time, there was no trace of hatred in her. Instead of holding grudges, cynicism and sorrow, she allowed the grace of God to transform her through those painful events and forgave those who brought her pain. Even in her old age, she seized every opportunity to preach the Gospel and share her faith.

'Faith in the City' is our theme for the 170th anniversary year. How do we share our faith with the people around us? How do we witness Christ in a world full of hatred, alienation and brokenness? Love, particularly being expressed in forgiveness, is a powerful testimony of Christ's presence and the reign of his kingdom. As we journey through Lent towards Easter, I pray that God will give each of us his love, so that we can truly forgive others and be liberated in our lives.

Have a blessed Lent, Holy Week and a joyful Easter!

Dean Matthias +



各位：

過去數星期，我們在大齋期課程中學習了「饒恕」的課題，對許多人來說，這是一趟帶來釋放的旅程。饒恕是人生中最困難的挑戰之一，由傷害和背叛帶來的痛楚和悲傷，是相當真實及內在的。當我們無法饒恕別人，就是容讓我們的心繼續破碎、苦上加苦。唯有饒恕別人，讓我們被上帝的愛充滿，我們的生命才可以得着真正的釋放和轉化。

當我們慶祝座堂見證基督170年的同時，讓我們也銘記在我們當中的眾多屬靈偉人。75年前，李添嫺牧師在中國被按立，成為普世聖公宗第一位女性牧師。她在1931年受到上帝的呼召，當時，她正在聖約翰座堂參加一位外籍女士的會吏按立典禮，在崇拜中，講員提問：「今天，一位英國女士奉獻自己，在中國做上帝的工作；這裏有沒有華人女性願意奉獻自己，服事上帝的子民呢？」當年二十四歲的李添嫺在心中回應：「我在這裏，請差遣我！」（賽6:8）1941年，她在聖約翰座堂被按立為會吏，並於戰時服務港、澳兩地。

李添嫺忠心地服事窮人和垂死者，時任主教何明華發現她具備牧師聖職的恩賜。由於當時牧師無法在日佔的區域自由行走，李添嫺就勇敢無畏地負起了牧養教會的職責。最終，何明華主教冒險走進戰區，按立她為牧師，如此她就可以為教友們舉行聖餐並施行聖事。

李添嫺牧師的按立受到本地教會熱烈歡迎，但是，當大戰結束，此事在西方卻引發了軒然大波。英格蘭聖公會的主教們要求李添嫺放棄聖職，否則何明華會督必須辭職。為顧全大局，李添嫺主動交還牧師執照，卻仍保留聖職並繼續在教會中服事。在文化大革命的黑暗歲月裏，她和許多其他牧師與平信徒一起，被關進勞改營中受盡折磨。1981年她獲准離開中國與家人團聚，長居加拿大，直到1992年離世。

我十分榮幸能在加拿大認識李添嫺牧師，最令我印象深刻的是，縱然她在教會和政治風波中經歷許多困難，她心中卻沒有一絲仇恨。她沒有心懷怨恨、憤世嫉俗，也沒有憂鬱度日，相反，她容讓上帝透過以往痛苦的經歷轉化她，並饒恕那些曾傷害她的人。即使在晚年，她依然抓緊每個傳揚福音的機會，與他人分享信仰。

「信在城中」是聖約翰座堂慶祝170周年的主題。我們怎樣與身邊的人分享信仰？我們如何在疏離、破碎及充滿仇恨的世界裏見證基督呢？愛是基督臨在及掌權的大能見證，尤其是藉着饒恕所顯現的愛。當我們展開大齋期之旅，等待復活節到來，我祈願上帝把愛賜予我們各人，讓我們真誠地彼此饒恕，得着生命的釋放。

願主賜福我們的大齋期和聖周，並賜下喜樂的復活節！

願上帝祝福你！

座堂主任牧師
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Lead Story

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Faith in the City
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Public Lectures with The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright

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The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright, a world-renowned New Testament scholar and former Bishop of Durham, delivered three thought-provoking public lectures in March 2019. The St John's Public Lecture Series was part of the 170th anniversary celebration of St John's Cathedral. Anglicans, Christians from different denominations, (as well as non-Christians), attended the lectures, and they were genuinely excited about them.

During his visit to St John's Cathedral, Professor Wright preached at the 9.00am Sung Eucharist and the 11.45am Responsorial Eucharist on 17th March. He spoke at the two public lectures titled 'The Bible's Challenge to Today's World: How does the Bible Speak Truth to Power and Money Today?' and 'Living in God's Moment: Becoming Truly Human in a Demanding World' at St John's on 18th March and 20th March. He also gave an evening lecture titled 'Rethinking Heaven, Hell and the New Creation' at the University of Hong Kong on 21st March.

To many, attending Professor Wright's lectures was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. He raised challenging questions and provoked the attendees to think through biblical teachings. *In Touch* invited Andrew Ashley, the Revd Franklin Lee, and Kevin She to share their reflections on the three lectures. The Cathedral will upload videos of the public lectures online and make them accessible to parishioners and members of the public.

Besides the public lectures, Professor Wright also talked about 'Bringing the Bible to Life in Liturgy and Preaching' with the Provincial clergy of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. The talk was well received by the clergy.

As a prolific author, The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright has written over 80 books. Many of them are on understanding New Testament scripture and the Christian faith. A selection of his books is available at St John's Cathedral Bookstore; read page 18 for some of the recommendations.

Lecture 1: 'The Bible's Challenge to Today's World: How does the Bible Speak Truth to Power and Money Today?'

TEXT BY / ANDREW ASHLEY

It is an impressive tribute, both to the Rt Revd Professor N T Wright's stature as a biblical scholar and to his appealingly accessible way of imparting his thoughts, that the St John's Lectures were so well attended. Filling the Cathedral and the HKU Grand Hall for a series of theological lectures in our ever more secular age could have seemed a daunting prospect, but the decision to hold the lectures was triumphantly vindicated by the audiences and their reaction to Professor Wright.

The concept of the Bible's challenge to today's world – or, as Professor Wright explained, God's challenge to the world through the Bible – underpinned every idea in the first lecture: not simply a challenge to powerful

political and economic structures, vital though that is, but a challenge to all of us to become more fully human and grasp the great story of creation.

There is no avoiding the fundamental challenge to the powers of the world – as Psalm 2 puts it, 'Now therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you judges of the earth'. Just as important, however, is the challenge in Proverbs, repeated in the New Testament in Colossians and the Letter of James, to all human beings to be wise.

Wisdom, Professor Wright pointed out, is biblical shorthand for reverencing God the Creator and reflecting his love for his creation

and his purpose for the world. In practical terms, this means recognising that the call to follow Jesus does not place us in a different universe from the 'real world'. Instead, the resurrection created a new world in which healing and hope, forgiveness and new starts became a present reality rather than a distant dream.

Professor Wright repeatedly made the point that responding to this biblical challenge is never easy, and admitted that the church has often got things wrong in many areas of life. But, as we pray every day in the Lord's Prayer, our task is to help fulfil Jesus's intention that God's kingdom will come about on earth.

Lecture 2: 'Living in God's Moment: Becoming Truly Human in a Demanding World'

TEXT BY / THE REVD FRANKLIN LEE

The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright gave an excellent and thought-provoking lecture on how we understand ourselves as being human in our confusing and demanding world. With reference to the second of Paul's letters to the Corinthians, Professor Wright argues for the importance to discern our Christian vocation in God's 'time' and 'space'.

The Rt Revd Professor N T Wright addresses some of the most challenging issues of our world, in which there are contradictory claims to truth, authority and space. There are political ideologies and economic principles which seem to divide rather than to unite people in our world. He then goes further to discuss the rise of modernism and postmodernism in the past two centuries. One of the key points he shares with us is the need for Christians to take the initiative and the

first step in transforming the world.

In a demanding and challenging world, instead of separating ourselves 'from the world', Christians are to engage in matters that are important to the lives of all people. Professor Wright points out powerfully that God is the Lord of time and space. Instead of following the 'time' of the world, following the values that divide and damage, we live in God's time, the time of the kingdom, in God's moment. This ultimately means living the values of the Kingdom of God in our world.

In a world where people hunger for satisfaction and are seeking the meaning and purpose of life, the Church has been given the gift to share. Human beings, regardless of what they do and who they are, need to be recognised, valued and loved. Being a

follower of Christ should never be seen as one of isolation from the world but one which is dedicated to God for the whole people of God. It is both for our own health and for the common good that we need to rejuvenate that sense of the presence of God and to engage with God's in God's time. Professor Wright's point is that Christians ought never to be merely reactive to the events and ideas of our world. Following the footsteps of Jesus, Christians have to discern and read the signs of the times, and decide prayerfully and lovingly what needs to be done and said to show forth God's love and mercy in our world. This is a challenge to each one of us. As we celebrate the 170th anniversary of St John's Cathedral, Professor Wright's words remind us of the privilege, responsibility, and joy we have been given to live out our 'Faith in the City'.



170th Anniversary Celebration Diary

30th June (Sun), 5.00pm
'Blessing Hong Kong' Service

24th November (Sun)
Christ the King

5.00 pm
Thanksgiving Service

7.00 pm
Gala Dinner
Venue: Metropal Restaurant
(名都酒樓), Admiralty



Lecture 3: 'Rethinking Heaven, Hell and the New Creation'

TEXT BY / KEVIN SHE

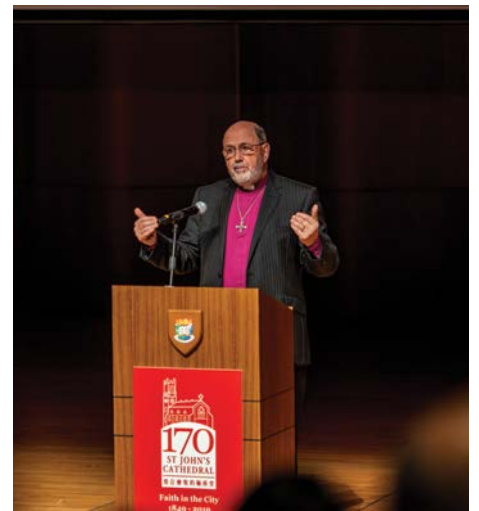
In this lecture, the Rt Revd Professor NT Wright sought to debunk the views held by many Christians that after we die, our souls will leave our bodies and go straight to heaven. He led us through all the relevant passages in the New Testament, and reminded us that resurrection of the 'body' (rather than 'soul') is what is stressed in the Bible. The focus should not be the soul leaving the body after death, but God bringing in his whole new creation, the new heaven and new earth in the future. Our bodies will then be given new life in that new world.

I confess I always find the idea that my grandparents (who have all passed away) are now up in heaven 'observing' what I am now doing a bit scary, given my fear that they might not like some of the things I do! So what he said was a sigh of relief for me!

After hearing his views, I will certainly be more careful in the language used when composing intercessions for church services. On a

practical note, telling the family members of the deceased that 'she is now in heaven' is a very natural, and indeed pastorally appropriate, thing to do to comfort them. So if I had the chance to ask a question, I would ask: what should we say from now on? But thinking through the whole speech afterwards, I think the answer is clear. We should stress the deceased is now in peace, and in the future, God will usher in the 'new creation', and we will see each other again in our resurrected bodies.

Even though he stressed the importance of new creation, he is no 'escapist'. Since 'heaven and earth overlap and interlock' and 'the promised "age to come" has already broken into the present age', we have the duty to care for creation and name and shame injustices around us. In the past, when I saw injustices around, or awful people running our government, I tended to 'leave it to God,' assuming that at the end, God would judge those bad people. His argument was that



we should not wait that long. I will certainly learn to acknowledge God's building of his kingdom in his way and time, but at the same time do my very best to bring justice, hope and healing in the here and now.



Organising Committee and Volunteers

Marriage Thanksgiving Service



A total of 37 couples attended the Marriage Thanksgiving Service on 16th February and renewed their marriage vows in the service. The Marriage Thanksgiving Service was also part of the 170th anniversary celebration of St John's Cathedral.

The Revd Will Newman was the preacher. He mentioned in his sermon how he and his wife Dot met each other because of their love of music. Although they have been married for over 20 years, they still love each other dearly with God's presence in their marriage.

All the couples walked down the aisle at the beginning of the service. They were warmly welcomed by the Very Revd Matthias Der in front of the altar. Some couples have been married for half a century, while some have been married for several months.

After the sermon, the couples reaffirmed their marriage vows, following the lead of Dean Matthias. Together the couples said, 'to have and to hold from that day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy law, and this was our solemn vow.' The service ended with a blessing from the Dean.

The first reading was read by a couple, Dr T K Cheung and Dr Janice Tsang, and the second reading was read by the Revd Wu Wai Ho.



St John's Carnival



To celebrate the 170th anniversary of St John's Cathedral, St John's Cathedral held the 'St John's Carnival' at Chater Road on 24th February, with exciting performances and game booths. The Carnival was attended by members of the congregation, tourists, and members of the public.

On the theme of 'Faith in the City', St John's Cathedral aimed to share the Christian faith and love with the residents of Hong Kong. This was also the reason why the Cathedral held the Carnival in the centre of the financial district.

Performing teams of the Carnival included the Hong Kong Police Band, City of Hong Kong Pipe Band, St. John Ambulance Brigade Youth Command, Hong Kong Morris Dancers, St John's Cathedral Filipino Fellowship, and others.

After the performances, St John's Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Children's Choir sang the 170th anniversary hymn (composed by Cathedral Organist Peter Yue, words by Cathedral Sub-Organist Jonathan Yip). Led by Dean Matthias, all participants offered their special prayers for the city of Hong Kong and all those who live in it.

History of St John's Cathedral

PART THREE

TEXT BY/ STUART WOLFENDALE

1941

Invasion

Mattins on Christmas morning 1941 was attended by 100 people. Shells fell into the North Transept and the Tower. Hong Kong surrendered in the afternoon. Most of the expatriate congregation and clergy, including two thirds of the Council, were interned in Stanley but worship in the Cathedral continued for Chinese brave enough to gather together. Services were taken by Chinese clergy from local parishes and Norwegian Lutherans from Tao Fong Shan monastery. Eventually, the Cathedral was commandeered as a Japanese social club and the congregation was given three days to rip out Christian imagery, including the windows and memorial tablets. Services – and the bishop's chair – were transferred to the chapel at Bishop's House, which the Japanese did not disturb. Roman Catholic Bishop Voltara stored the rest of the furniture in their Causeway Bay convent.

1956

New Stained Glass

After ten years with plain glass, a new East window was completed in September 1956, dedicated to those who had suffered and died during the Japanese Occupation. Showing Christ on the Cross attended by Mary and disciple John, it was designed by Joseph Nutgens and donated by stockbroker Noel Croucher. The South transept window, featuring scenes from the life of Christ, was donated by a group of former worshippers at Holy Trinity Shanghai and dedicated in October 1958. To complete the cruciform, the North transept window, on a traditional and contemporary seafaring theme, was dedicated on Whitsunday 1959. It was donated anonymously, but Noel Croucher is widely thought to have been the donor.

1946

Restoration

From 1946 to 1951, there was a programme of fundraising, repair and restoration at St John's. Chastened by prison camp life and facing a changed world, the returning congregation, keen for a fresh start, found St John's a shell with plain glass windows and concreted floors. Extensive repairs to the roof and tower were made. The original floors were restored, Donations were made of altar table and rails, choir stalls, nave seating and a bishop's throne. The old pipe organ was ruined and replaced by an imported electronic Compton organ. The memorial tablets were too damaged to be restored. The fragments of the stained glass windows had been kept but were deemed unusable and thrown away in 1947.

1958

New Hall and Lodge

Today, the structure on the north-west side of the Cathedral is generally referred to as 'the Office' or one of its component parts; 'the Harold Smyth Room', 'the Fanny Li Hall' or 'the Library'. When it was conceived in 1955, it was called the New Hall because the old hall was oversubscribed or unsuitable, and the Lodge because St John's did not have a deanery and the Dean did not have a proper office. Over \$400,000 was raised and the Hall was open for use by October 1958. There had been a major redesign and several changes of use since but the most urgent need for the building then was the Sunday School, claiming 300 children taught by 60 teachers, teaching on alternate Sundays. Much of this was the work of the Dean's wife, Mrs Temple, who also laid the foundation stone.



1962

Liturgical Reform

In the early 1960s, St John's moved into the forefront of change in Anglican worship with the introduction of many of the recommendations of the Church of England Liturgical Commission. The early instrument of this was Dean Barry Till (1960-63), who came to the post from being Dean of Chapel at Jesus College, Cambridge. He introduced a different form of mattins. He expanded the Easter liturgy by introducing the Vigil Mass, the stripping of the altar, and the Easter Eve Eucharist, with the lighting of the fire and the restatement of baptismal vows. Most strikingly, in 1962, he moved the altar down to the steps for the 8.00am and 9.00am Eucharists, celebrated facing the people. By 1967 the main altar was permanently where it is today. The chancel was redesigned, in some ways awkwardly, and chapels were moved around to facilitate West facing worship.

1975

Amalgamation of Chinese and English Churches

In 1975, the English-speaking churches of the diocese were admitted by the Synod of the Chinese Churches. It had long been a separation of colonial origin and missionary purpose. By 1951, these parallel universes of the Chinese and English Churches were left with, on the one hand, a Synod of Chinese Churches made up of parishes in Hong Kong and Macau and, on the other, the Diocesan Conference of English-speaking Churches, namely the Cathedral, St Andrew's on Nathan Road, and Christ Church in Kowloon Tong. There was goodwill and cooperation between the two. The Cathedral itself had regular arrangements for financial assistance to the Chinese Synod for needier parishes, yet the only shared point of governance was the bishop. The Chinese side was wary of obstacles posed by admitting linguistic and cultural differences into their counsels. On the English side, there was puzzlement or indifference. At a special meeting in March 1975, the Chinese decided to admit the English speakers into their fold and hold a combined synod on 2 November.



1968

St Michael's Chapel

St Michael's Chapel was located in the South transept as a popular place of worship and devotion in 1968. It was first suggested as a war memorial chapel in 1950 by the commanding officer of 1st Battalion Middlesex Regiment, which was wiped out in battle in 1941. It was established in the North transept in 1955 as a display of memorabilia, and dedicated as the Chapel of St Michael and All Angels in 1956. With a deep poignancy, it also marked the death of Dean Freddy Temple's 6-year-old son who had just died in a tonsillitis operation. The move to the South transept came out of chancel rearrangements. The reredos fashioned from box lids and a crucifix found in the rubbish at Shamshuipo prison camp was presented to the Chapel by a former chaplain at the camp. Flowers under it are always placed in an old jam jar as they had been at the camp.



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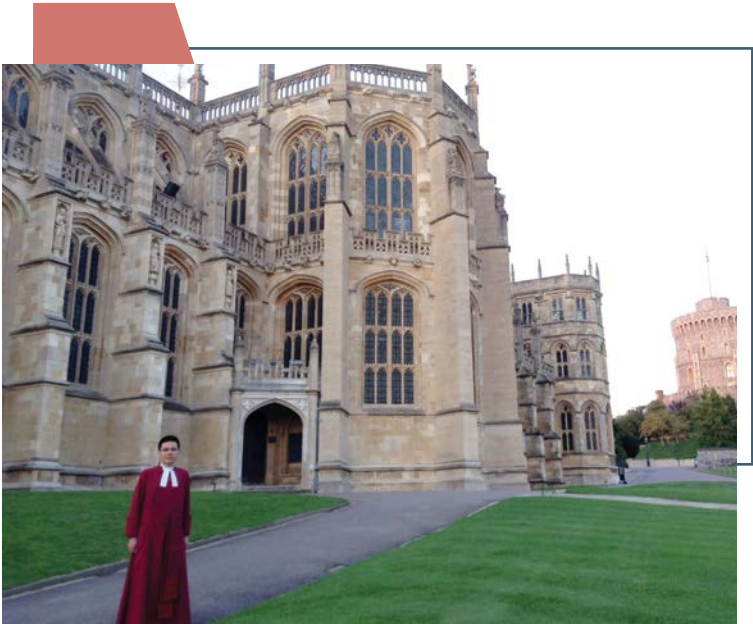
WELCOMING THE REVD FRANKLIN LEE

EDITED BY / MAGGIE CHAN

The Revd Franklin Lee has recently joined St John's Cathedral as a full-time chaplain and takes up the ministries that The Revd Desmond Cox, who retired at the end of 2018, used to oversee. This includes children and youth mission and being the baptism coordinator. Fr Franklin was given a warm welcome by the St John's family.

Before joining the Cathedral, Fr Franklin served at Windsor Castle as Minor Canon of St George's Chapel and Chaplain to St George's School. He was born in Hong Kong, but he spent much of his childhood in Singapore. He studied Early Modern History at the University of York in the UK, and later read Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Leeds.

In Touch invited Fr Franklin to write about his views and his past work experience.



‘And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is **love**.’ —— 1 Corinthians 13.13

This is the motto of my secondary school, Concordia Lutheran School, where I came to faith. I have tried to live up to this standard ever since I started attending church. As a teenager, I was very touched by my teachers and those who led fellowships at school. This was why, when I left Hong Kong for the UK to study, I was adamant to find a church to worship.

Warden of Boston College

After graduation from the University of York where I studied History, I went to work at Boston College, Lincolnshire, as the college warden. My work at the college was both disciplinary and pastoral. Whilst working at the college, I also had the privilege to work as the chair of Centrepoint, a local Christian charity, which looked after homeless people in town. There was a growing desire in me to get more involved in the life of the church and her mission. My involvement with young teenagers at the college also brought me back to my own experience at school. I started to explore my vocation with my local parish priest. I was recommended for training and was sponsored by the Diocese of Lincoln to study at Westcott House, Cambridge.

Curate of Spalding

After training at Westcott House, I went back to Lincolnshire and was ordained at Lincoln Cathedral. I served three years in the Parish of Spalding, St Mary and St Nicolas. Spalding is a small market town. It was relative easy for me to visit everyone on the parish electoral roll. I spent most of time visiting parishioners and hearing their

stories. I deeply believe that the Christian faith is one about telling stories. After all, Sunday by Sunday, we tell the story of Jesus and our salvation story. Jesus himself often uses stories to teach.

My experience as a parish priest has strengthened my belief in the importance of building a professional relationship with colleagues, lay and ordained, in both school and church. I attended most of the parish events, including concerts, parish lunches, day trips and town festivals. As well as taking the reserved Sacrament to parishioners who were house-bound, I also had the privilege of visiting the sick in hospitals and the elderly in nursing homes. I also worked closely with the Head Teacher and the Deputy Head of our parish church school, ensuring that the Christian ethos was fully integrated into the life of the school. Not only did I take the weekly school assembly, I also ran a handbell ringing club at school. We went out to care homes, hospitals and the market to play music especially during Christmas time. Besides the parish church school, I also visited other local schools. It was a most humbling experience to share my faith with children. I believe that children possess strong spirituality often beyond our understanding. While I am a believer of discipline, I enjoy having fun, working with and learning from children and young people.

Minor Canon of Windsor & School Chaplain

I was installed as Minor Canon and School Chaplain at St George’s Chapel, Windsor

Castle, in 2015. As Minor Canon, I assisted the Dean and Canons in their work within the castle community. I led Mattins (Morning Prayer) and Evensong six days a week. As School Chaplain, I provided pastoral and spiritual care to pupils, staff and the wider community of St George’s School. I also taught both History and Religious Studies at school. Every day I walked the famous ‘Hundred Steps’ to school. I normally walked the steps several times a day to fulfill duties both at school and in the chapel. During my time in Windsor, I also served as an advisor at both Lambeth Palace and with the Church of England’s Ministry Division, on issues concerning people from ethnic minority backgrounds.

I am interested in church history and liturgy. I believe that we are all made to worship God. In worship we offer all that we are to God. We all make mistakes and we forget things. It is, however, vital that we have the heart and desire to offer our best to God. I am passionate about Christian involvement in society especially in the education sector. The motto of ‘faith, hope and love’ remains the guiding principle of my Christian discipleship and priesthood.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading fairy tales and detective stories. I like visiting museums, watching plays and musicals, and travelling to historic sites. I also enjoy country walks, spending time on the beach simply hearing the sound of the waves.

‘And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.’
1 Corinthians 13.13



CATHEDRAL IN THE REVIEW: ST STEPHEN'S FETE (1988 VS 2018)



1988



2018

St Stephens Stanley

From one point of view, arriving in Hong Kong in early November is a good time to arrive as far as the weather goes but on the other hand it is a time full of activity for the Church community—it certainly has been so for Stanley. There has been so much to do, so many people to get to know, that we have scarcely had time to stop and look around us.

Santa's Christmas Fete

Almost as soon as we arrived, Santa's Christmas Fete was upon us—in fact the first meeting I attended on our arrival was a Fete meeting. The Fete was held as usual in the beautiful grounds of St Stephen's College, on the first Saturday in December. The weather was glorious and as the result of an all-out effort by the members of the congregation and their friends, we raised a record net total of \$150,000 of which \$40,000 will go to charity. But as well as being financially rewarding it was a great time for fellowship—people getting to know each other better and working together. It also brought to the eyes of the public the fact that there is a thriving Church at Stanley, tucked away as it is in the College grounds. Even some of the local people did not know that it was there.

The Fete had all the usual attractions: Santa was there of course—he arrived with his elves in an armoured car! We were entertained by the Tai Tam Girl Pipers and Marching team and by the Band of the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment. The Christmas Eve edition of the children's TV programme "Noodles" was filmed at the fete and many of the children will have had the excitement of seeing themselves on television.

Noodles Christmas edition

Prior to the Fete, "Noodles" wanted the film a crib in the Chapel to set the scene for their Christmas edition. When they came along after a Sunday service, we not only had the crib and a

carpet of straw, but a six week old Chinese baby, much to the delight of the camera crew!

A long way from Tardelbigge

We have come from a very rural parish, Tardelbigge, in Worcestershire, in the centre of England, a very different parish to Stanley. In Tardelbigge there is no real "village", all the houses are scattered and most of the land is farmed. It has been said that there are more sheep in Tardelbigge than people. How different in Stanley and Hong Kong!—since we have been here we have not seen either sheep or cattle. One thing, however, has surprised us and that is the amount of birds we have seen, we even have a squirrel living in one of the trees at the back of our apartment. That makes us feel very much at home. We have come from a congregation of predominantly middle aged to elderly people although there are a few young families. Here at Stanley the congregation is much younger, there are more children and more babies—far more babies, subsequently there are more baptisms. With the younger age bracket there comes more activity and we have been most impressed by the enthusiasm and industry of the congregation. One big difference here is that most of the congregation are expats and so it changes rapidly, there are always people coming and going.

It is always sad when friends move away even though there are new people to fill their places. Another difference is the variety of nationalities—what a mixture of accents!

I am sure there is much to learn in the Church in Hong Kong and both my wife and I are looking forward to the next four years with you. I look forward to the work at Stanley and the associations with our mother church, St John's.

Pear Frowley





40 YEARS OF ST STEPHEN'S CHAPEL CHRISTMAS FETE

TEXT BY / THE REVD WILL NEWMAN
PHOTOS BY / STEPHEN LEE

The Revd Peter Frowley's report on 'Santa's Christmas Fete' in 1989 presents an amusing contrast with last December's Fete, almost 30 years later. According to the oldest inhabitants, the Fete started in the late 1970s as a garden party, which makes it 40 years old; and by 1989 it was already an established tradition on the playing field of St Stephen's College Stanley.

Some things have changed. Santa no longer arrives by armoured car! - but in a spectacular way by helicopter. Santa's current helicopter pilot is the Cathedral Trustee John Li. We still have a marching band, but it's now the Hong Kong Police Silver Band, not the British Army. Peter Frowley doesn't mention bouncy castles (did they exist then?),

or Chinese Lion Dancers and Acrobats. We still sometimes get the Tai Tam Girl Pipers. Peter didn't say that they were from the Tai Tam Correctional Institution - popularly known as the Naughty Girls! And these days we also have Andy Comic, the children's favourite, the Hong Kong Highlanders, Hong Kong Morris, and even a display of Belly Dancing. Perhaps that would have been frowned on in 1989. I wonder whether the vicar took the Ice Bucket Challenge in those days, as I did last year!

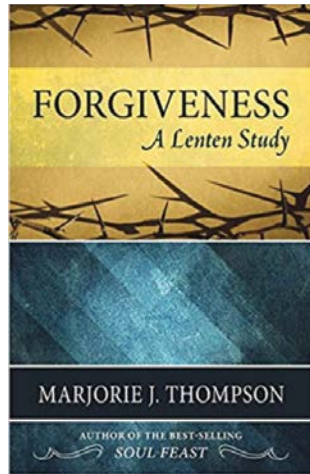
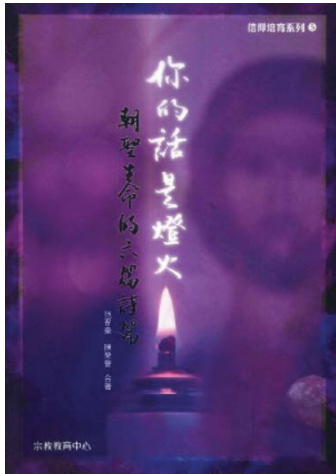
But some things don't change. We have a fabulous Home Produce Stall, one of my own favourites, with cakes and cookies, jams and chutneys made by our own congregation members, and I'm quite sure that has always been

part of the Fete; the weather is (almost always) wonderful on the first Saturday of December; and the Fete still brings the congregation together in work and enjoyment for the benefit of the Chapel and the charities we support. It has become a firm fixture in the calendar for families and children of all ages on the Southside of Hong Kong Island.

Last December's Fete was the last for a couple of years. Work will soon start on a new school auditorium, and the slope beside the field will become a building site. The work is scheduled to finish within two years, and so the next St Stephen's Chapel Christmas Fete will be held, God willing, on Saturday 4th December 2021!



LENT COURSES 2019



This year, the English language groups study together in Lent with the book 'Forgiveness' written by Marjorie J Thompson, while the Chinese language groups use 'Your Word is the Lamp to My Feet', a study course on the Lenten Psalms, produced by the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

Come and join one of the courses at St John's or Discovery Bay Church. Let us journey spiritually together this Lent. (Course material is available at the Cathedral Bookstore.)

SCHEDULES OF THE COURSES AT ST JOHN'S

SESSION	TIME	VENUE	LANGUAGE
Tuesdays	7.00PM	Conference Room	English
Wednesdays	8.30AM	Harold Smyth Room	English
Wednesdays	2.30PM	Conference Room	Cantonese
Fridays	3.00PM	Conference Room	English
Saturdays	2.00PM	Conference Room	Filipino
Saturdays	4.00PM	Harold Smyth Room	Cantonese

COURSES AT DAUGHTER CHURCHES

SESSION	TIME	VENUE	LANGUAGE
Tuesdays	7.00PM	Discovery Bay Church	English
Wednesdays	7.00PM	Emmanuel Church	English



NEW BISHOP OF TOUNGOO

TEXT & PHOTOS BY / STAFF REPORTER



In January 2019, the Anglican Diocese of Toungoo celebrated the 25th anniversary of the diocese and the consecration of the Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho as the new diocesan bishop. To give support to our link diocese, a delegation of 16 people, including Dean Matthias, the Revd Will Newman, Director of Music Felix Yeung, members of the Cathedral Choir and parishioners, visited Toungoo from 2nd to 7th January. The delegation further cemented the close partnership that has developed between St John's Cathedral and the Diocese of Toungoo. Members of the Cathedral Choir sang in four services, and the Dean preached at the Thanksgiving Evensong.





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



OUR BRAND NEW OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY

TEXT BY / JULIANNE DOE, CHAIRMAN, LEC* & CATHEDRAL COUNCIL MEMBER

PHOTOS BY / LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTRE & STAFF REPORTER

The concept of having a new youth outreach ministry was born about a year ago. Not only would we have young people as a focal point, but the ministry would involve as many as possible of our brothers and sisters in our church in building a ministry team.

The St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre (LEC) found its home in the HIV Education Centre, which had been delivering HIV-related work for 20 years, and proved to be a solid foundation on which a life education ministry could be built. With God's grace, we formed a passionate team comprising Cathedral Council members, clergy advisers, and our HIV Education Centre Manager to deal with the preparation work of the new centre.

The Life Enrichment Centre was launched in November 2018. Our launch was an uplifting moment, but also tinged with sadness, as twenty years

of our HIV Education Centre technically came to a close. I give heartfelt thanks to Fr Desmond Cox, our recently retired Cathedral clergy, for the HIV Ministry, which the LEC will continue for as long as there is a need in our community.

Our Mission is to create life values in young people, provide life mentorship opportunities, uplift them with Christian love and care, and inspire aspirations and confidence. We already have several projects in place.

First, we are delivering regular life education talks on a spectrum of topics to schools in Hong Kong. In 2018 we delivered a total of 30 such talks to over eight schools and over 1,520 secondary school students and 710 primary school students. Life education topics addressed include prevention of sexual harassment, inter-personal relationships, psychological and physiological changes, and stress management.

We are also running a mentorship training programme to train up Christian brothers and sisters to be life mentors. Our professional partner in the delivery of this course is a select social worker team of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council. The Welfare Council also has an overall supervisory role of the work of our Centre, and I am grateful for its expertise. To date, we have already commenced our mentorship training course, and over 40 members of the Cathedral community have signed up to join this course. Upon satisfactory completion of the course, we hope to have a team of mentors who will have developed the capability to act as a life mentor for young people in Hong Kong. We will source both school-based and family-based programmes, where there will be opportunities to put our Christian values and mentor skills to work. We will encourage young people to develop healthy and positive life values to face challenges and adversities, in God's love and with the care and concern of a mentor and friend.

We have completed a short film contest entitled 'Stand Up For HIV Zero Discrimination', a collaboration with The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts,



**LEC Board members (from left to right):*

James Choo, John Li (Cathedral Trustee), Fr Franklin Lee, Elijah Fung, Dean Matthias, Julianne Doe, Margaret Sang, Fr Mark Rogers, Edward Ng, and Dr T K Cheung

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

The Gabinete Coordinator dos Services Sociais, Sheng Kung Hui Macau, the Rotary Club of Queensway and other partners. Twenty-two short films entered by over 150 young people from Hong Kong and Macau participated in the contest. We will continue similar projects, which allow creativity to flow from our young people, allowing them to express themselves in a personal way, addressing issues relevant to them.

Nothing else but God's provision could have prepared me for stewardship of this ministry. God has blessed it with the wisdom of many. Our clergy advisers, Dean Matthias Der and Fr Mark Rogers, have shared many ideas and perspectives which proved to be invaluable in steering our ministry's direction. Fr Franklin Lee, our new ministry Chaplain, has lost no time in immersing himself in our plans, for which I am most grateful. Elijah Fung, our Centre Manager, has staunchly carried on with the legacy work of the HIV Centre, as well as additional tasks, as a great teammate. Cathedral Council members have graciously stepped up to form the LEC Board, leading the ministry with patience and wisdom.

I hope to share with you further news on a regular basis. Please do join us in our work and keep the team in your prayers. The Life Enrichment Centre belongs to every one of us in the Cathedral. In its infancy, this ministry needs to grow and strengthen, and, I hope, be one of Jesus' mustard seeds in God's wonderful creation.



Mentorship Training Programme



Life Education Talks to Schools

WHAT ARE WE READING? — THE RT REVD PROFESSOR N T WRIGHT

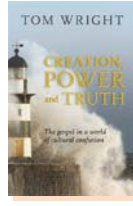
Book recommendations from St John's Cathedral Bookstore and the In Touch editorial team



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Simply Christian

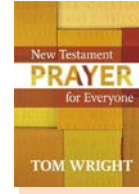
Simply Christian is essential reading for anyone who wants to consider the real fundamentals of Christianity or is intrigued by its claims about the place of justice, beauty and love in our daily lives. Written in a lively and accessible style, though rooted in solid scholarship, this book describes the exciting relevance of the Bible and the Christian story for the contemporary world.



2

Creation, Power, and Truth

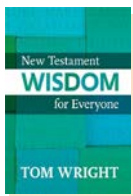
In Creation, Power and Truth, Professor Wright invites readers to consider the crucial ways in which the Christian gospel challenges and subverts the intellectual, moral, and political values that pervade contemporary culture. He asks searching questions about three defining characteristics of our time: neo-gnosticism, neo-imperialism, and postmodernity.



3

New Testament Prayer for Everyone

In this volume, Professor Wright offers a sampling of his meditations on prayer, drawn from his popular For Everyone series. He includes compelling translations of all the major prayers recorded in the New Testament, and offers profound insights into the teaching of Jesus and the apostles on the meaning and practice of prayer, with stimulating questions for personal reflection or group discussion.



4

New Testament Wisdom for Everyone

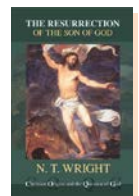
This volume contains a distillation of Professor Wright's meditations on the wisdom of Jesus and the apostles, drawn from his popular For Everyone series. He offers compelling translations of key passages and profound insights into New Testament teaching on discipleship and the meaning of Christian love. He also includes stimulating questions for personal reflection or group discussion, making the book a helpful devotional resource, both for fans of the For Everyone commentaries and for anyone who has not yet read them.



5

Surprised by Hope

Professor Wright takes on the controversial topic of life after death and reveals how most Christians get it wrong – and why it matters. In this book, Christian hope is defended, explicated, and proclaimed with a wit, wisdom, intellect, and grace. It uniquely meets the challenge facing the Church by recovering the original, radical understanding of resurrection, salvation, and the Good News of life now in the Kingdom of God.



6

The Resurrection of the Son of God

In this volume, Professor Wright takes us on a fascinating journey through ancient beliefs about life after death, from the shadowy figures who inhabit Homer's Hades, through Plato's hope for a blessed immortality, to the first century, where the Greek and Roman world (apart from the Jews) consistently denied any possibility of resurrection. The book then examines ancient Jewish beliefs on the same subject, from the Bible to the Dead Sea Scrolls and beyond.

THE EMMANUEL PARISH DINNER 2019

TEXT BY / ANDREA KAN
PHOTO BY / STEPHEN LEE

On 22nd February, fifty brothers and sisters of Emmanuel Church and their children gathered for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun at the Hong Kong Golf Club in Deep Water Bay. This year, we warmly welcomed The Rt Revd Andrew Chan and Sarah as guests of honour to share in the joy and be witnesses to this vibrant community. Parishioners, both old and new, joined together as a family under one roof, and added much warmth to the overall ambience and happiness of the evening.

It is the children who make up the parish; this is something that holds true and certainly forms the heart-beat of this community. There was a table dedicated for the next generation at this dinner; throughout the evening, much fun and laughter were shared amongst the members of the table. After the meal, all the children gathered around a big screen where they were entertained with endless an supply



of videos that kept the momentum going till the very end.

The highlight of the evening was Bishop Andrew's sharing of his first visit to Emmanuel Church. It was then when he had already felt the warmth, love and strong bond of the community which he felt has carried onto this day in their present spiritual home at the Béthanie Chapel. Rather than a beautiful colonial building or environment, he felt it is the people who make up the church; this is the testimony Emmanuel has delivered.

Bishop Andrew has also attended the signature brunches on the terrace after the Sunday service – a long standing tradition experienced by generations of parishioners. Emmanuel's doors are always opened for you, Bishop Andrew. Please come visit us again soon!

The fun filled and non-stop servings of roasted suckling pig evening ended with all leaving in high spirits and children too excited to go home.

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

A SENIORS' PROGRAMME WITH ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL AND HSKKH ST LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD ELDERLY CENTRE

TEXT & PHOTOS BY / THE REVD MARK ROGERS



Nine volunteers from St John's Cathedral helped some seniors make their dreams come true under 'A Dream Come True' programme last year.

Ms Yip had dreamt of visiting Tai Kwun, the newly refurbished Central Police Compound. Ms Yip used to work in Central, but now at age 80, and with osteoporosis, she finds walking a challenge. Lisa and Carmen from St John's Cathedral took her on a day trip to Tai Kwun. They carefully supported and accompanied her as they explored the old Central Police Station, the Central Magistracy and Victoria Prison, which had once imprisoned Ho Chi Minh. Ms Yip had many stories to share from her memories of Central. It was a great day out for all!

Ms Chow's dream was to visit Cyberport. In her working years, she had witnessed the area being built, but had not had an opportunity to see it completed. Rita, Ms Siu Ming from the HSKKH Welfare Council, and myself, accompanied Ms Chow on her day trip. After a drive around we stopped for a delicious dim sum lunch, before proceeding to a bay-side park for a gentle stroll, and to admire the wonderful views of Lamma, Lantau and Cheung Chau islands.

For the other three groups of seniors, their dream was to go for 'yum cha'.

Ms Ho wanted to go to a restaurant with air-conditioning. She doesn't have air-conditioning in her flat. Rachel and Sharon were very happy to accompany her for lunch and get to know her life story. They were joined by two other groups: the Mr Au brothers, with Diana and Doris from St John's, and Ms Fung, with the volunteers Diana and Doris. The lunch was delicious and the conversation lively, since they all had much to talk about.

The following week, all the volunteers and seniors got together for reflection and sharing at St Luke's Neighbourhood Centre, followed by lunch.

This project was organised by the social workers from the Welfare Council in partnership with St John's Cathedral poverty alleviation programme. I'm very grateful to the Welfare Council staff and the St John's Volunteers.

Many seniors live isolated lives. This project helped the seniors to get out, engage in a stimulating environment, and make new friends. The volunteers learned about the challenges the seniors face and gained understanding from



their life-long experiences. The project was about making real the dreams of a few seniors, but actually it was much more: it was a glimpse of God's dream, a vision of community life in which all are affirmed, valued and recognised.

If you are interested in becoming a church volunteer for the poverty alleviation programme, please contact me at:

rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

CATHEDRAL NEWS

OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR



TEXT BY / STAFF REPORTER
PHOTO BY / ECHO

The Service on 14th January 2019 marked the opening of the Legal Year. The Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong's Apostolic Administrator-Bishop Emeritus, Cardinal John Tong, Archbishop Paul Kwong, Dean Matthias Der, and Fr John Chynchen were present. Fr Franklin Lee preached a sermon on the rule of law, beliefs of Christian faith and love. The Judiciary, as well as the Honourable Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, attended the service at St John's Cathedral to give thank for the rule of law and for those who exercise its responsibilities.

ST JOHN'S MASTERCHEF



The very first St John's Cathedral's 'MasterChefs' served at a lunch held after the Michaelmas Fair Walkathon 2019! Everyone had a great time and the fundraising event was a success. (Photos by Olddog Wai)

WELCOME BACK, BISHOP JOHN

TEXT & PHOTO BY / STAFF REPORTER



On 27th January 2019, the Rt Revd John Roundhill visited St John's Cathedral and celebrated the 9.00 am Sung Eucharist. To many of the parishioners, Bishop John is an old friend. Bishop John was ordained in England but has also served in Scotland and Hong Kong. He was in Hong Kong between 2002 and 2006 as chaplain and then sub-dean of St John's Cathedral. John then went on to work in Australia as parish priest, Archdeacon, then as a Cathedral Dean. In April 2018, he was consecrated as Bishop for the Southern Region in the Diocese of Brisbane. During his short stay in Hong Kong, he spoke at the lunchtime talk, 'Christians in Central'. Bishop John talked about the challenges that the Australian Anglican Church faces under the topic of 'The Problem of Polarisation and Purity'.

STAFF NEWS

WELCOME NEW STAFF



DR CHAN MEI LO, ELDA

B.A., M.A., Grad Dip Family Therapy, MAC, Ph.D.

Dr Chan has over 20 years of experience in treatment and counselling of a variety of areas, including addiction (both substance use disorders and behavioural addiction), relationship and marital issues, youth development, emotional and mental health problems, etc. in Australia and in Hong Kong. Dr Chan has over 15 years of experience in supervision and clinical consultation. She also serves as the International Commissioner for the *National Commission for Addiction Professional*, and NAADAC, *The Association for Addiction Professionals*,

and as the Co-Chairman for *The Asia Pacific Commission for Addiction Professional*. She has presented papers and provided workshops at different international conferences and training courses, including the International Conferences on Addiction. Dr Chan is also involved in the working group of Gaming Disorders organised by the World Health Organisation. She was appointed as the Director of St John's Cathedral Counselling Service in January 2019. We are pleased to have her on board leading the counselling service to its newest chapter.



MARINA@HELP

Marina Lui joined HELP for Domestic Workers in November 2018 as a full-time Clerical Assistant. She has been working in the administration field for over 10 years. In her leisure time, she likes practising Yoga. She is married to Mr Lui and they keep two cats as their pets.

Message From HELP

In the Winter 2018 Edition, *In Touch* mentioned Holly Allan as the Executive Director of HELP for Domestic Workers on page 21. HELP wishes to clarify that Holly's job title was Director of HELP.

STAFF ANNUAL DINNER



All staff members gathered together and enjoyed fellowship with each other on 29th January 2019. Dean Matthias thanked the staff for all the good work that had been done, and wished them a happy Chinese New Year.

Forthcoming Services at St John's & Daughter Churches Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2019



St John's Cathedral

4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
Tel: 2523 4157
www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk

6th March (Wednesday) Ash Wednesday

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist (*English*)
12.00PM Said Eucharist (*Cantonese*)
7.30PM Sung Eucharist (*English*)

25th March (Monday) The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 7.30PM Sung Eucharist

31st March (Sunday) Mothering Sunday

- 11.45AM Sung Eucharist with
Eton College Chapel Choir

14th April (Sunday) Palm Sunday

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist
9.30AM Palm Procession & Solemn
Eucharist (*Combined
Bilingual Service*)
11:45AM Responsorial Eucharist
2.00PM Sung Eucharist (*Filipino*)
6.00PM Tenebrae Service

15th April (Monday) Monday of Holy Week

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist
6.00PM Stations of the Cross &
Eucharist

16th April (Tuesday) Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist
6.00PM Stations of the Cross &
Eucharist

17th April (Wednesday) Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist
6.00PM Stations of the Cross &
Eucharist
7.30PM Musical Devotion –
John Stainer's
The Crucifixion

18th April (Thursday) Maundy Thursday

- 9.00AM Chrism Eucharist,
Blessing of Oils & Renewal
of Ordinations Vows
8.00PM Sung Eucharist
with the Washing of Feet &
Watch until Midnight

19th April (Friday) Good Friday

- 8.30AM The Service of Tenebrae
10.30AM Liturgy of the Day
(*Mandarin*)
12.00PM 'The Way of the Cross'
Worship for All
1.30PM Liturgy of Good Friday

20th April (Saturday) Holy Saturday

- 9.00AM The Service of Tenebrae
8.00PM Easter Vigil & First Eucharist
of the Resurrection

21st April (Sunday) Easter Day

- 8.00AM Said Eucharist
9.00AM Sung Eucharist & Renewal
of Baptismal Promises
10.30AM Sung Eucharist (*Mandarin*)
11.45AM Responsorial Eucharist
2.00PM Sung Eucharist (*Filipino*)
6.00PM Festal Evensong

30th May (Thursday) Ascension Day

- 7.30PM Sung Eucharist



Discovery Bay Church SKH Wei Lun Primary School, Lautau

Further information
Tel: 2987 4210
www.discoverybay
church.org.hk

14th April (Sunday) Palm Sunday

- 10.00AM Eucharist with Blessing of
Palms

19th April (Friday) Good Friday

- 11.00AM Walk to Stations of the
Cross at Trappist Monastery

21st April (Sunday) Easter Day

- 10.00AM Eucharist of the
Resurrection in Wei Lun
School

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



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

14th April (Sunday): Palm Sunday

10.15AM Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist

19th April (Friday): Good Friday

10.15AM The Liturgy of Good Friday

21st April (Sunday): Easter Day

10.15AM Sung Eucharist of the Resurrection & Renewal of Baptismal Promises

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



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

14th April (Sunday): Palm Sunday

9.30AM The Stanley Passion Play, including Holy Eucharist.
The story of Holy Week dramatically acted out from Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion

18th April (Thursday): Maundy Thursday

7.00PM Commemoration of the Last Supper, with Eucharist and Footwashing

19th April (Friday): Good Friday

10.00AM Children create an Easter Garden, and hear the Easter Story

11.00AM Stations of the Cross

21st April (Sunday): Easter Day

9.30AM Family Eucharist to celebrate Easter, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for children

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A PILGRIMAGE THROUGH ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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Highlights of Prayer Tours

Anglican Pilgrims from throughout the Diocese of Hong Kong Island learned about their mother church by a Lenten Walk of Prayer at St John's Cathedral on 30th March 2019. Starting at the West Door and ending beneath the East Window, the pilgrims followed the prayer tour leaders through the Cathedral, listening to brief messages, reflecting and praying. Here are some of the highlights of the prayer tours.



1 THE WEST DOOR

The West Door is a porch entrance where people gather before entering. It is where they are greeted by the clergy as they come in or go out. It is a very good shelter.

Prayer:

How wonderful is this place. This is none other than the house of God: this is the gate of heaven. Psalm 84:1-3



2 THE FONT

The font is where the Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated. It holds Holy Water as a reminder of baptism and entry into the Church.

Prayer:

I saw water flowing from the threshold of the temple. Wherever the river flows everything will spring to life. Romans 6:3-5



3 THE CROSSING

Typically, an Anglican church is in the form of a cross. The head is the East and the chancel for clergy and choir. To the West is the nave for the congregation. The arms of the cross are the transepts, North and South.

Prayer:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed the world Mark 15:33-39



6 THE CATHEDRA

'Cathedra' is the Latin word for Bishop's Chair. A Bishop is the chief priest and pastor of a diocese. He selects a church to be his 'seat.' He sits on this chair when he attends his cathedral for a service.

Prayer:

Come, and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 16:15-19



5 THE NAVE ALTAR

This is the main altar of the Cathedral Church – and is the centre of our liturgical life. Here Sunday by Sunday we celebrate the Holy Eucharist, 'This is my Body', 'This is my Blood'. The priest faces the people and presides over this sacred meal for the People of God.

Prayer:

Christ is the Bread of Life. Lord, our hearts hunger for you: Give us this bread always. 1 Corinthians 11:23-26



4 THE LECTERN

This is for reading from the Bible. Made of brass, the eagle carries God's Word on its back to the World, the orb at its feet. It was sent to the Cathedral by friends of the Cathedral in England in 1872.

Prayer:

Your word is a lantern to our feet. And a light upon our path. Isaiah 55:10-11

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