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The Dean's Message

Dear Friends,

Peace be with you!

The pleasant breeze finally brings a real taste of autumn when we have already gone through two late typhoons with signal number eight in October. We are thankful to God for His blessings that we did not encounter much damage, except some dripping in the choir vestry. This sense of autumn coolness is reminding us Advent and Christmastide are not too far away.

Before the busy December Cathedral life, seven members of the Cathedral clergy went to the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui House of Prayer for a three-day-two-night retreat from 19th to 21st September. We had a great time team building and getting to know one another. As a slightly new Dean, I was able to share with my dear chaplains my vision for the Cathedral, and to listen to their thoughts and ideas. We also spent time reflecting and reviewing the mission statement of St John's Cathedral. The retreat ended with a nice Mid-Autumn Festival seafood lunch held near the Cheung Chau Ferry Pier.

The past three months passed in the blink of an eye and I am grateful to God for all the services and worship we have held at St John's. The Dedication Festival, Blessing of Animals, Harvest Thanksgiving, and Healing Services were all well attended and I am ever thankful to the sisters and brothers in Christ for all their contributions to making these services and liturgies possible. Cathedral Sunday school classes have also been resumed after the suspension due to COVID-19 for more than a year. It is always joyful to see the faces of these lovely children in our 'Worship for All' at the 9 o'clock service on the second Sunday every month.

Not only were some ministries for children and families gradually resumed, but we also had our annual Michaelmas Fair return to the Cathedral community. The organising committee of the Michaelmas Fair scaled down our fundraising event and broke it into different dates for the Fair. Although we could not allow the two to three thousand people gathering in our Cathedral premises, we did include all parishioners who attend Saturday or Sunday Services to be a part of this fun-filled project. The amount of money raised is yet to be finalised but I am sure the different beneficiaries of our donations will feel the warmth and affection of all the donors from our Cathedral family.

Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' (Acts 20.35) Christmas is a season for love and sharing. Let us share and give to others as our loving God has generously and selflessly given to us.

Yours,



各位朋友：

主內平安！

經歷了兩次八號風球後，我們終於在十月中旬感受到陣陣秋意。感謝上帝的保守，除了詩班房如常出現的滴水問題外，座堂建築未有遭受太大的損壞。而秋涼的感覺正提醒我們，將臨期及聖誕期快到了。

每年十二月是座堂最繁忙的時間。在進入今年「旺季」前，七位座堂聖品於九月十九至二十一日到了香港聖公會靜修院進行三日兩夜的退修。期間，我們花上不少時間去建立團隊及加深彼此之間的認識和了解。作為新任座堂主任牧師，我不但與各位牧師同工分享個人對座堂事工的願景，也同時聆聽他們的想法和意見。此外，團隊亦就座堂的使命宣言作出反思。在長洲碼頭附近享用一頓中秋海鮮午餐後，整個退修活動便圓滿結束。

過去三個月的時間一眨眼便過了，感謝上主的恩惠，期間座堂所有的崇拜，包括座堂祝聖周年紀念、寵物祝福禮、豐收節感恩禮以及按手及塗油禮儀等，都得到大家的支持和參與。我特別感謝在這些崇拜中侍奉的一眾弟兄姊妹，多得他們的投入，讓相關禮儀得以順利舉行。因受新冠疫情影響而暫停了一年多的主日學也終於回歸座堂，恢復面對面授課模式。今後每月第二個主日上午九時的崇拜中，我們又可以滿心欣喜地看到這些孩童的可愛面容。

除了兒童及家庭事工逐步恢復外，一年一度的聖約翰座堂賣物會亦再度舉行。礙於疫情的關係，籌委會特別將今年整個項目的規模縮減，並分拆成多個活動於不同日子舉行。縱使我們未能如往年般招待二、三千人同時前來座堂，然而出席周末及主日崇拜的所有教友均獲邀參與這項饒富趣味的盛事。今年的籌款總額尚未確定，但我肯定受惠這些捐款的人士都會感受到來自座堂大家庭的關愛和暖意。

主耶穌說：「施比受更為有福。」（使徒行傳20章35節）聖誕是一個愛和分享的季節。慈愛主慷慨而無私地施恩予我們，讓我們也仿效祂為他人付出和分享。

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Fond Memories



Photo: K.Y CHENG_South China Morning Post

Friends, colleagues and members of our Cathedral family bid farewell to the late Revd Canon Stephen Sidebotham in August at a Thanksgiving Service at St John's Cathedral. People gathered to share fond memories left behind by this respected figure of the Church. Stephen was a caring person who was loved by many here at St John's as well as Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. As a final tribute to our beloved brother in Christ, we have compiled some thoughts from those whose lives had been touched by Canon Stephen.

'I think all of us share the same impression of Stephen – a man of kindness, integrity, wisdom, generosity, humour, patience, compassion, love and loyalty to his calling. We can say Stephen's ministry and his impact on people had no boundaries. They transcended time and space.'

Stephen is a man who truly walked with Jesus. Walking with Jesus, according to Stephen's words and deeds, doesn't mean following Jesus' way by our own will in flesh or indeed our own chosen pace. Rather it's in allowing Jesus to actively walk with us, that we may reflect his way in our life. Stephen's prayer life, pastoral care, teaching and his Christian listening ministry rightly reflect Jesus' way.'



The Most Revd Andrew Chan

'Stephen was the Dean who interviewed and appointed me as cathedral chaplain and priest in charge at St Stephen's in 2004. It's hard to remember Stephen without a twinkle in his eye. He liked people, and he was good at listening, qualities that made him a wise Dean. He encouraged the clergy and listened to our ideas. His instinct was to consult rather than control when making a decision. He wanted to lead a team, not dictate.'

He was also wise in understanding. I remember talking with Stephen about the Bible verse when Jesus says "No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14.6). The apparent exclusiveness was troubling me, because it seems to say that only Christians will be saved, and I find that hard to accept. Stephen pointed out that it doesn't say "Nobody comes to God except through me." His interpretation was that nobody comes to an understanding of God as Father without going through Jesus. That wisdom has stayed with me and helped in my interfaith work in Hong Kong.'



The Revd Will Newman

'Stephen was a good listener. He listened attentively to every person whom he met. Listening was a hallmark of Stephen. He used his gift of attentive listening to train many clergy and lay persons. It is beyond dispute that one of the best ways to counter the perseverance of egotism in today's world is to listen.'

I was also impressed by his kindest effort in nurturing me to be a pastor. When Stephen decided to retire in the UK, I saw him off at the airport. Even after all these years, I can still vividly remember he spent the last 30 minutes before boarding the plane showing me how to be a pastor of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, a church that he loved and knew so well.

Another hallmark of his life was that he always prayed for others. At the end of every meeting with others, he would say, "I will pray for you". Every time I visited him during his retirement in the UK, he was very excited and asked me about the latest news of the HKSKH. We then prayed for the church.'

The Revd Lysta Leung



'Whenever we mention Stephen's name, we always hear these words: 佢好好人㗎 (translation: He is very nice). We heard adjectives like kind, caring, wise, humble, generous and many more positive words to describe Stephen. To me, Stephen was my mentor and my very good friend.'

His dedication and inspiration to this Christian Listening ministry had been enormous. I thanked him for his leadership, his wise counsel and his financial support. Without Stephen, there would not be CLHK.

He set an exemplary model for us to follow, as he was a shepherd to many and a great listener for all. He listened with patience, acceptance and attention. He never interrupted, judged nor criticised those he listened to. He gave them ample time to pour their hearts out, so that they could receive spiritual healing. Thank you, Stephen for your impact on our lives, for your guidance and blessings. You have lived a fruitful and bountiful life.'

Ms Linda Lui



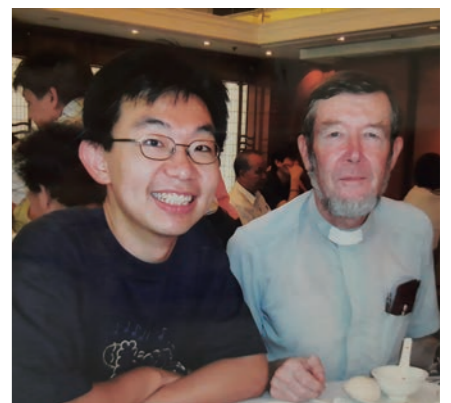
"Grandpa Stephen" was the way I addressed the late Revd Canon Stephen Sidebotham before he rested in peace. This was the humble name he taught my son, Gideon, to call him when he was only four years old and ever since then, I followed the same way of addressing this kind and caring grandpa to many. Canon Stephen was the last British Dean of St John's Cathedral before Archbishop Andrew was installed as the first ever Chinese Dean, and I was so privileged to be his last neighbour in Hong Kong when he and Peggy lived in Ming Hua Theological College before their retirement.

Grandpa Stephen was a giant in my mind, both being physically tall and spiritually strong. He was the College Chaplain in Ming Hua when I started as a freshman in my pre-ordination training in September 2004. By that time, he said the morning prayer and had breakfast with all the postulants every morning from Mondays to Fridays. He also was the one who taught me to have orange marmalade for toast during breakfasts. At an age close to his retirement, Stephen and Peggy demonstrated how important it was to maintain our physical health, and once they led the postulants and our families to walk all the way from Glenealy to the Peak! His humility and simple way of life will forever be a model for me to look up to.

I was in Cuddesdon, Oxford for study, and spent my break with Stephen and Peggy in Weedon. I will always treasure that time with him, and the wisdom he imparted to me. His words, together with his deeds, are all that I will bear in mind throughout my years of ministry.

Grandpa Stephen, thank you for all that you have taught and demonstrated to me. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.'

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan



Back to Sunday School

Text by Sunday School Team
Photos by Billy Leung

By the grace of God, St John's Cathedral is again blessed with the lovely faces and laughter of children on Sundays when the Sunday school resumed in September. Everyone involved was excited to see how God guides our church life, including the nurturing of the younger generations, under the new normal. Let's listen to the sharing of Sunday school teachers and students as they embarked on their new journey.

Sunday School Coordinators: Donald, Ida, Rita and Vania

Donald Leung:

'We were all caught off guard when the pandemic struck in February 2020. After brainstorming, through His guidance, home schooling materials were initially sent to the students for the parents to act as the temporary "teachers".'

As time progressed, ideas continued to blossom and soon the Sunday school started broadcasting YouTube videos to the younger ones, while the older ones were treated to Zoom sessions complemented with new learning platforms.

In anticipation of the Sunday school reopening, new enthusiastic members were recruited to implement special COVID-19 measures. When Sunday school re-opened in September, there were a record 160 registrations and hearing the vibrant sound of children every Sunday was a pure blessing to the ear.

I am proud to say that the Sunday school has grown, with a stronger mix of "new" and "old" team members blended with new technology. During the past tumultuous 18 months, God had again and again guided us to the silver lining in the clouds.'

Vania:

'We are all thrilled to be back in SJC Sunday school. It was lovely to see all the children and young adults in class, many for the first time! Really look forward to a wonderful year ahead.'



From left: Donald, Vania and Ida

Parents Sharing Group

Volunteers: TK, Ida and Judy

TK (Facilitator):

'In the midst of the pandemic, being able to see each other face-to-face at the Sunday school is such a gift from above, thanks be to God!'



Music Team

Pianist: Amy, Queenie

Sub Pianist: Maria, Matthias

Singing Instructor: Rochelle



From left: Maria, Amy and Matthias

HOPE Class (3 yrs old)

Teachers: Amy, Andrew and Fiona

Amy:

'I am delighted to see lovely kids coming back to Sunday school! I have a great time singing songs, sharing Bible stories and making crafts with them.'

Fiona:

'After nearly two years of no in person Sunday school, it was so wonderful to see so many children back on Sunday 19th September, to see so many happy, familiar faces and to see so many new ones. Yes, of course things are a little different but for the most things are the same... singing songs, hearing stories, learning God's word.'



LOVE Class (4 yrs old)

Teachers: Alexandra, Carol, Robert and Sherry

Carol:

'My husband and I are very happy to be back at Sunday school, and my two boys can't wait for the biscuits to be back in the Li Hall again.'

Robert:

'It's lovely being back together in person with everyone after such a long time. Both teachers and children seem more enthusiastic than ever!'

Sherry:

'After a long leave from church and Sunday school, seeing the children reminds me that even through adversity God is always with us.'



JOY Class (5-6 yrs old)

Teachers: Devin, Jessie, Larry, Laurie and Rochelle

Devin:

'It is so refreshing to be back at Sunday school and to share Bible stories with the younger kids once again.'

Larry:

'We know from the Holy Bible that there are blessings ahead of us when we stay on God's path, to be a righteous, self-reflecting person, whether we are children or teachers.'

Laurie:

'I am SO happy to be back at Sunday school! I love helping in the Joy class, and being with the children.'

Rochelle:

'This is my first year to serve with the Sunday school music team. The children have taught me more about God's love and music than I have taught them. What a wonderful and rewarding experience!'



A Look Back in Time



PEACE Class (7-8 yrs old)

Teachers: *Feeien, Queenie, Maria, Matthias and Yulee*

Feeien:

'I look forward to sharing God's love, meeting new faces, and enjoying teaching, singing and praying together with all the children in Sunday school.'

Maria:

'It is such a joy to see so many children in red t-shirts around the Cathedral again. God, you have shown us your amazing power to bring us back together.'

Matthias:

'It is great to be back in face-to-face Sunday school after the many months of virtual gatherings. The energy is beyond imagination and it is terrific to see everyone in person again.'

JUNIOR CHURCH / DISCOVERERS (9+ yrs old)

Teachers: *Irene, Jason, Julianne, Kevin, May, Patricia, Renee, Will and William*

Irene:

'The past year has been challenging and yet fruitful. Children and Sunday school teachers alike made the best of what technology allowed us to explore and learn about Christianity over Zoom. With God's blessing, our class has grown not just larger but closer. In Faith, we shall grow even stronger.'

Kevin:

'Our team is so thankful to finally see all the happy faces in person again. We all hope to build upon digital literacy skills the students developed from virtual learning to bring more joy and fun into the physical classroom throughout this coming year.'

William:

'The pandemic has truly opened the door for experiments in the Sunday school, regenerating the pre-teen and teenage members' curiosity in the relevance of Christianity to their life. Now I am looking forward to the next chapter of the Sunday school, sustaining students' interest and commitment in the post-pandemic time.'

Charis Chan (Student):

'Being back to Sunday school makes me feel really happy. I still remember how upset I was when I couldn't have Sunday school face-to-face. I hope that I can enjoy a happy year in Junior Church!'

Jaden See (Student):

'It is good having everyone back together and I am looking forward to the coming year!'



Text by Michael Gibb

Over the next few issues, we'll be dipping into our archived copies of the St John's Review for a sense of how the Cathedral community has evolved over the years.

What was the St John's community like in the past? What did the clergy and parishioners care about the most? What's familiar and what seems remote?

We commence 92 years ago for the simple reason that first issue of the *Review* was published in May 1929 under the stewardship of the Revd H. V. Koop.

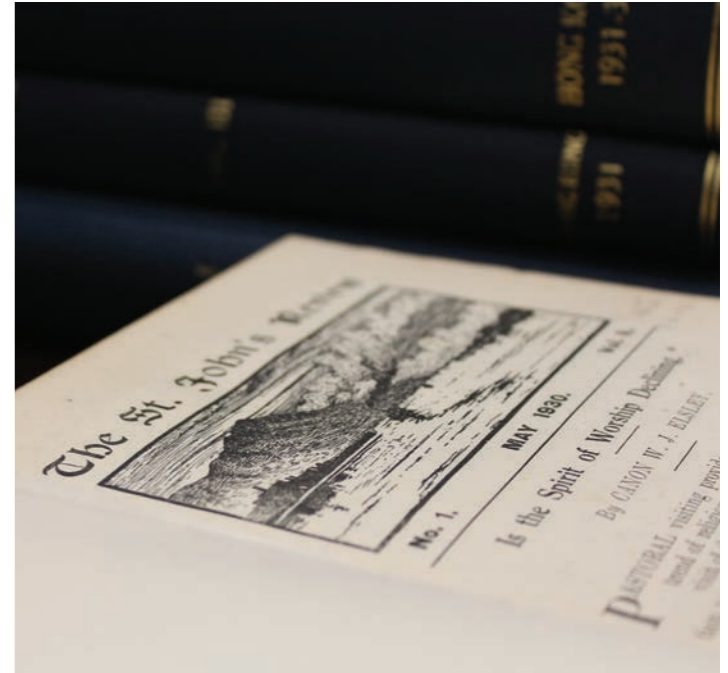
May 1929

St John's launched the *St John's Review* with a new look, aiming for a wider readership. The previous Cathedral magazine *Cathedral Notes* had lost money and subscribers were losing interest. Yes! You had to pay for your St John's magazine. 'If a publication is worth reading, it must be paid for!' proclaimed the Revd Koop.

What did you get for your money? In the May issue, the Editor's Page issued a rallying cry for parishioners in 'the Colony' to support the new publication by buying it. In later issues, names of subscribers were printed in the magazine.

The Revd Koop also shared his sympathy for the five members of staff at **St Stephen's College** injured in a 'motor smash' in Aberdeen the previous month. He was hoping that they would be discharged from hospital in time for the occupation of the new school buildings in Stanley later in May.

Meanwhile, the Revd E. L Bond penned an article, reprinted



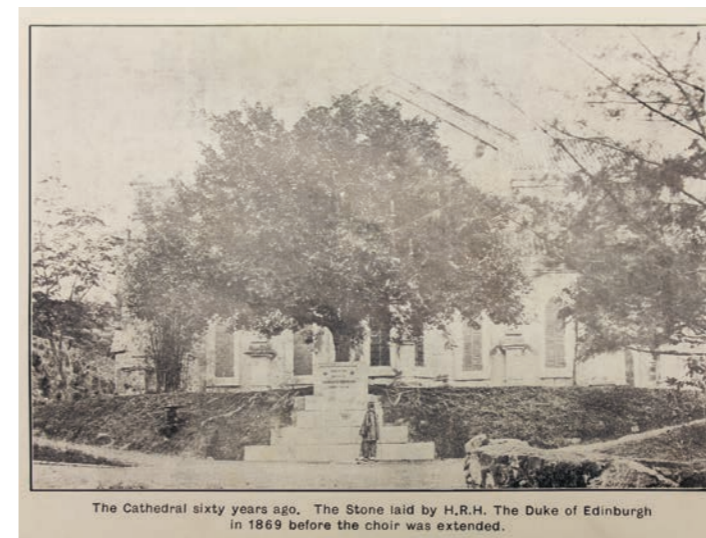
from the *Liverpool Echo*, lamenting poor speaking skills among the clergy, readers and intercessors. They mumbled and whispered and droned, he complained. 'Right breathing is deep breathing,' he opined, and every word should have 'the ring of a new coin,' in those pre-clip-on-mic days. By reproducing this article from a British newspaper, perhaps the Revd Koop was sending a message to his colleagues.

The May issue also contained three poems, two theological meditations, several book reviews, and calls for support in the form of 'any old linen' to be donated to the Leper Hospital in Pakhoi (present-day Beihai in Guangxi, about 320 miles west of Hong Kong). What's more, we learn that Mr Noise had given a talk on 'Art' a couple of months before. In fact Mr Noise goes on to contribute more thoughts on fine art over the next few issues of the magazine.

What else do we learn? **Ember Day** was a thing, celebrated twice in May, on the 22nd and 25th with Holy Communion at 7.45am; **Empire Day** was marked on the 25th, too, with a Service for Schools at 9.00am and the Revd Quick preaching. Some kids probably prayed the preacher's sermon would also be quick so they could go out and play.

Back in May 1929, the children had their own service at 10.00 am every Sunday, between the Choral Eucharist at 8.00am and Mattins at 11.00am, when on the last Sunday of the month the preacher was the gloriously named the **Revd Sir Montague Beauchamp**.

Actually his full name was Sir Montagu Harry Proctor-Beauchamp (1860-1939), a well-known Anglican missionary who is buried in St John's Cathedral in Langzhong, Sichuan Province.



Give thanks for the Michaelmas Fair 2021

Michaelmas Fair - 30th October

Porcelain Painting Workshop - 29th August



Home Produce and Handicrafts - 29th -31st October



Pre-sale - 16th -17th October



Praise to God for guiding and protecting us in staging the Michaelmas Fair during the COVID-19 pandemic. The key fundraising event of St John's Cathedral came to a fruitful close on 30th October in perfect weather. As the Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan, Dean of St John's Cathedral, said at the Opening Ceremony, 'With God's blessing, our Michaelmas Fair can be held even in the midst of the pandemic.'

For the sake of health and safety, the Fair has been scaled down this year. However, we were still blessed with the donations and participation of family and friends of the Cathedral. Mrs Natalie Law, Chairperson of the Organising Committee of Michaelmas Fair 2021, thanked all participating schools, Cathedral staff, members of the Committee as well as brothers and sisters of the Cathedral for their unflinching support.



Michaelmas Fair - 30th October



'Blessed with modern technology, we had our first ever Virtual Walkathon, which turned out to be a great success,' said Natalie. In addition, some other new activities had been held earlier this year, such as the Porcelain Painting Workshop and Silent Auction. 'All those attending the porcelain painting class had an enjoyable afternoon that was mentally soothing. Even our Dean attended and he had a lot of fun too.'

By the grace of God, we were able to enjoy the fun and fellowship at the Michaelmas Fair and at the same time support the Cathedral ministries in bringing love and hope to the community. Until we get together for the event again next year, may the Lord bless us all.



among us

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Prep. Pronoun.

1 And the Word became flesh and lived among us. ~John 1:14 2 Among Us is a 2018 online multiplayer social deduction game developed and published by American game studio Innersloth LLC. 3 God is love and so shall love remain among us always. 4 our young people are among us, they are our future and our hope to spread that love. 5 so is faith that is among us and faith we shall have in the young people among us.

Say Hello to Our Youth Ministry!



AMONG US



*By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, our youth ministry, **Among Us**, was launched in May 2021. With the gratifying accomplishments of our Sunday school, Chinese Ministry, Music Ministry, and Cursillo, as well as all other groups and fellowships, it has been long wondered, perhaps not entirely fancifully, whether we have been remiss about the more adolescent limb of our family. Today, we can proudly tell ourselves, we have not.*

Reporting directly to the Dean, **Among Us**, a name diligently chosen by our chaplain Fr Amos Poon, comes from a popular multiplayer social deduction game that most young people know very well. To win a victory over the imposters, crewmates have to be quick witted, analytical, coordinated and focused. When the time is right, a meeting can be called whereby crewmates jointly discuss their observations to vote out the imposters. All of these reflect the qualities of our young people and what they are capable of. These, we firmly believe, are the hidden treasures of God's kingdom.

And there is more to this.

Depicted at the top of the page is the logo for **Among Us**. It is designed with a perception that we are connected, and connected through God with love centred **Among Us**. In the name of God and love, we are committed to make that connection, so our young people recognise that they are **Among Us** and us among them. **Among Us** aims at carving out some space in our lives and dedicating that space especially for them. It is a space where they can feel they belong. It is a space that they know they can depend on. It is a space where they can find peace.


If you have not been told already, we meet every Friday at the Harold Smyth Room from 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Thus far, we have done, to list just a few, board games, dance therapy, liquid drawing, latte art (yes, with real coffee), trivia night, circle drawing, origami, and movie night. Sometimes we simply hang out at the office of the LEC to talk, watch movies and sing karaoke. Over the months, **Among Us** has continued to attract more members, and thus far we have gathered quite a wonderful group here!



Name: James

Title: Group Leader


About James:
Also known as 細占 as he serves under our Head Server James Choo, who is separately known as 大占. They bond well, and are known as...James Bond!



Name: Angela

Title: Vice Group Leader


About Angela:
Hard core sports and music fan of all sorts, and so if you are one of the kind, Angela will be the person to talk to!



Name: Kammuri

Title: Recreational and Caring Officer

About Kammuri:
A very caring person but certainly does not like to exercise! Keen to contribute in all other ways.



Name: Jimmy

Title: Creative and Ideas Officer

About Jimmy:
A young man fond of history and the sunset. Bring an espresso martini and lots of laughter if you speak to him!

Witnessing the connection and bonds gradually building over time, on 27th August 2021, and with the blessing of everyone from the group, we decided to form our first committee! Unique from other ministries, **Among Us** belongs to our young people. They play an integral part in sustaining the ministry. It is with great excitement that we welcome James, Angela, Kammuri and Jimmy, under meticulous guidance from

Jacquelyn and Vanice. Their dedication and discernment make our community at St John's Cathedral complete.

If there is a thought that outside our weekly gatherings, **Among Us** gets disconnected from its young members, this will be a big misconception! Albeit still at its embryonic phase, we have a virtual platform run by Padlet with which we catalog past events, distribute videos and materials from pastors, host fun polls, write blogs or browse casually. Padlet serves as a nice way to stay up to date and in touch. Our vision, if the user base expands, is to have a cathedral-in-your-pocket for those who might like to carry around and visit anytime, anywhere.

Given the limitation in space for this issue, we can give but only a brief glimpse about **Among Us**. Be sure to look out for our next article for more exciting news! Do talk with us if you would like to offer some help!

Lastly, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to everyone who has supported **Among Us** along the way, and for making this new ministry a reality. Interested in joining us? Please don't be shy!

May God be **Among Us**, as always.



Updates from St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre (LEC)

LEC held over 30 sessions of programmes during summer this year. Not only summer programmes, like art craft, running, hiking, visit, etc., but the Life Building Mentorship Project (2018-2021) and Youth Sailing Project (2021) were also completed smoothly. The new term for the Life Building Mentorship Project has just started again with St Paul's Co-educational College. May God bless the project to enrich mentors' and mentees' lives and to enjoy fruitful learning.

A new Project: TEENs Talk – Say 'NO' to Drug Use Preventive Project (Funded by the Beat Drug Fund)

It's more important now than ever for parents to address the issue of cannabis with their preteens and teens. The use of cannabis has been normalised and legalised in a number of countries and jurisdictions, leading our young ones to be exposed to a higher risk of trying and becoming addicted to cannabis.

With this in mind, the Beat Drug Fund TEENs Talk – Say 'NO' to Drug Use Preventive Project is created with the aim to raise awareness about the risks of cannabis use, especially amongst international school and ethnic minority adolescents and their parents. This project has received support by the Beat Drug Fund of Hong Kong Government's Narcotics Division for a successful roll out in 2021 to 2022.

The programme features:

- 1) Parents' talks, both online and in-person
- 2) Youth education and training
- 3) TEENs Talk Contest First Round: Video submission on 'Risks of Cannabis Use'
- 4) TEENs Talk Contest Final Round: Public speaking contest on 'Why Risk your Fullest Potential?'

Interested? Learn more or sign up to the LEC activities by email to jacquelyntryde@stjohnlec.com. You may also call the LEC at (852) 2523 0531.

Summer Programmes



Youth Sailing Project



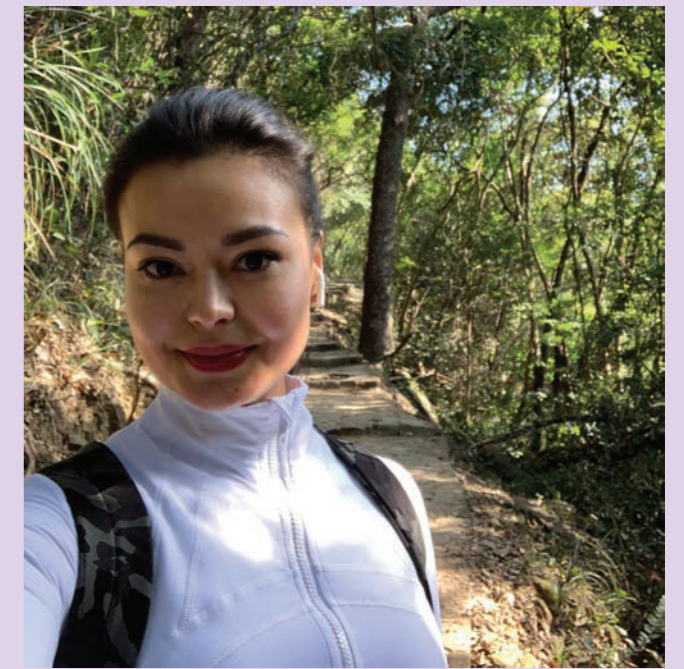
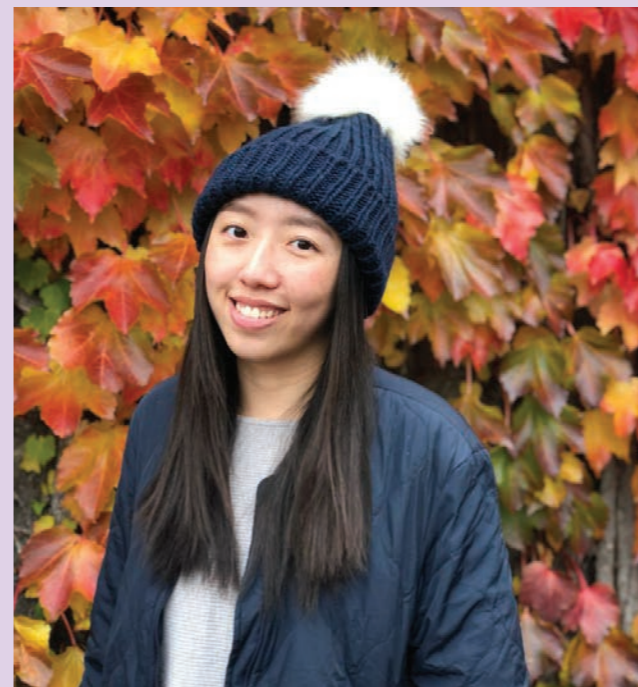
Life Building Mentorship Project



In August, the youth-focused ministry of St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre (LEC) welcomed two new faces to support its growing services: Jacquelyn Tryde, new project officer, and Kelly Hsuan, new project assistant.

'I am grateful for the opportunity to work here at St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre. Organising events for youth is meaningful and sometimes challenging. I hope we will grow stronger and wiser together.'

Kelly Hsuan



Jacquelyn Tryde

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Jacquelyn is ethnically Danish-Chinese. As a Christian, Jacquelyn is delighted to join the Cathedral family, where she feels warmly welcomed and very much at home. Jacquelyn is currently overseeing the Beat Drug Fund Initiatives, and will be launching the Teens Talk Cannabis-Use Prevention Project, which targets youth and parents from Ethnic Minority communities and International Schools. Her mission is to help youth and their parents understand the immense risks that cannabis poses on the development of the adolescent brain and body, as well as its social and legal harms.

— The Daily Word —

'Nothing can separate us from God's love! Through the Word of God, we can connect with each other in spirit.' – Archbishop Andrew Chan

At the beginning of Lent (17th February) this year, our Provincial clergy began preparing a programme called 'The Daily Word' for all brothers and sisters in the early morning every day. The programme includes spiritual readings and pastoral sharing, accompanied by meditative paintings and contemplative music. Through this platform, we can keep six or seven minutes of silence each day, from Monday to Saturday. We can encounter God, and receive nourishment through the Word of God, which will strengthen us so that we may rise up to meet the challenge of our daily lives.

'Looking forward to partaking in our spiritual sharing online.'



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A Study of the History of the Anglican Church in China

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This paper was presented at the symposium 'Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future, Anglican-Episcopal History in China and its Impact on the Church Today' in Hong Kong in 2012.

Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui (CHSKH) is of great importance in the history of the Christian Church in China, and in the history of the development of modern China as a whole. In discussing the history of the development of Anglicanism in China over the past one hundred years, rather than 'looking back at history,' we have been actually summarising it. Through this, we have been participating in and creating history, exploring the best way to help the development of Christianity adapt to Chinese society and culture. For this reason, it is particularly meaningful to reflect on the 100-year history of the CHSKH today.

The Anglican Church originated in England as a product of the English Reformation in the 16th century, and it became the national religion of England; hence the name Church of England. Later, it developed a network of self-contained worldwide Anglican organisations, including more than 40 provinces and 600 dioceses in more than 160 countries and regions. On 27th April 1912, the CHSKH was founded in Shanghai. At that time, it was formed by representatives of the 11 dioceses of the Anglican Communion in China, namely, Jiangsu (Kiangsu, 江蘇), Hong Kong and South China (Kong-Yuet, 港粵), Zhejiang (Chekiang, 浙江), North China (華北), Sichuan (also known as the diocese of West China, 四川), Hankou (Hankow, 湘鄂), Shandong (Shantung, 山東), Fujian (Fukien, 福建), Guangxi-Hunan (Kwangsi-Hunan, 桂湘), Anhui and Jiangxi (Ankwei and Jiangsi, 皖贛) and Henan (Honan, 河南). It also formed the House of Bishops, composed of the bishops of each diocese, and the house of Delegates, composed of representatives of the clergy and lay people of each diocese, with a presiding bishop, a standing committee, relevant special committees and a Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Communion. In 1918, the Third General Synod of the CHSKH elected Shen Tsai-sheng (Shen Zaichen, 沈載琛, 1861-1940) to be assistant bishop in the Diocese of Zhejiang as the first Chinese bishop. In May 1956, the last General Synod of the CHSKH in China was held at Holy Trinity Church in Shanghai. With the formation of the Unified Worship (聯合禮拜) in China in 1958, the General Synod of the CHSKH ceased its ecclesiastical activities. However, its Anglican tradition continued in Hong Kong. The main members of the CHSKH (in the Chinese mainland) played a key role in the development

of the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM) in China and became the backbone of the patriotic Christian Church in China.

The 100-year history of the development of the CHSKH coincides with the century-long history of the transformation of Chinese society from feudalism to renewal in modern times, which vividly reflects the great changes that have taken place in Chinese society and reflects its twists and turns. The significance of these 100 years to Chinese history is particularly worthy of our consideration and reflection today. Some time ago, there were many commemorative activities in the Chinese political and academic circles, including the centennial of the Xinhai Revolution (辛亥革命) and the centennial of the New Culture Movement (新文化運動). In fact, these 100 years were politically and culturally crucial for Chinese society. The emergence and development of the CHSKH coincided with these 100 years of great changes, almost simultaneously with this period of history. If we think about the social role played by the CHSKH during these 100 years of Chinese history, we can clearly see how the CHSKH participated in the social, cultural, political changes and advancement of Chinese society.

In terms of cultural development, the CHSKH's publication and translation work, especially its participation in the Chinese translation of the Bible in the vernacular (NOTE: The Union version of the Bible was not a product of the CHSKH), was a direct part of the New Cultural Movement that emerged in China in the early 20th century. This was because an important part of the New Culture Movement was the vernacular movement. The Chinese translation of the Bible involved many vernacular translation discussions at that time, which became in fact a key part of the vernacular movement. CHSKH actively participated in the Chinese translation of the Bible into the vernacular and had participated in the production of many classical translation versions, which contributed positively to the formation and development of the New Culture Movement. Although the New Culture Movement at that time had transformed into the Anti-Christian Movement, it did not reject the Chinese translation of the Bible in vernacular, in terms of textual expressions and new forms of the Chinese language. It acknowledged that this attempt to translate the Bible in vernacular was an important part of the New Culture Movement, and regarded it as an intrinsic part of the New Cultural Movement, which was organically linked to the development

of this cultural movement.

In the process of 'indigenization' of Chinese Christianity, the CHSKH had actively explored and made a unique contribution. 'Indigenization' is a truly viable and successful way for Christianity to exist and develop in China. However, there are still differences of opinions within the Church regarding the development of this 'indigenization' or 'sinicizing Christianity.' In the midst of various explorations and searches, a group of insightful people in the CHSKH advocated the path of 'indigenization', which helped Chinese Christianity develop smoothly and integrate organically with Chinese society and culture. In the process of the 'indigenized' theological exploration of Chinese Christianity, there were very important leaders, including Wu Leichuan (吳雷川, 1870-1944) and T. C. Chao (Zhao Zichen, 趙紫宸, 1888-1979), the famous 'indigenized' theologian who later joined the CHSKH. Wu was baptised in the CHSKH in 1915 and served as the Vice President of Yenching University from 1926 to 1929 and the President of Yenching University from 1929 to 1934. He was the first Chinese president of Yenching University who had given much thought to the relationship between Christianity and Chinese culture, and had elaborated a great deal on Chinese Christian thought. T. C. Chao was a man of great learning and talent who had played an important role in the development of the modern church in China, which has had a far-reaching influence. He devoted himself to the efforts of the 'indigenization' of Chinese Christianity, spending his life actively calling for and promoting it with all his might. He also practiced and took the lead in writing a large number of theological works on Chinese theology, especially in the context of Chinese traditional culture and social reality. He wrote in-depth reflections, demonstrating his shining thought of insisting on the development of the sinicization of Christianity. Chao's writings and thought laid the foundation and created the conditions for the contemporary progress of the 'indigenization' of Chinese Christianity, and enabled the CHSKH to play an important role in the progress of the 'indigenization' of the Chinese Church, with flagship significance.

In addition, the CHSKH played a leading role in the renewal and development of the contemporary Chinese Christian Church, as well as in its cultural and educational construction. In the development of the TSPM in the Church in China, many church leaders came from the CHSKH tradition, such as Bishop K. H. Ting (丁光訓, 1915-2012), Bishop Zheng Jianye (鄭建業, 1919-1991), Bishop Shen Yifan (沈以藩, 1928-1994), the Revd Cao Shengjie (曹聖潔, 1931-), and the Revd Zhao Fusan (趙復三, 1926-2015). Bishop Ting was a proponent of 'Chinese theological construction' and his 'theology of love' advocated a positive adaptation to Chinese socialist society; Bishop Zheng was one of the first experts to promote the study of religion during the early years of China's reform and opening up, who also personally guided the development of the 'theology of love.' He was also one of the earliest experts in the study of religion during the early years of China's reform and opening up, and he personally supervised my thesis for the master's degree. I was impressed by his profound knowledge. These people made outstanding contributions to the and he personally supervised my thesis for the master's degree. I was impressed by his profound knowledge. These people made outstanding contributions to the contemporary

development of the Church in China and to the building of Chinese theology. In the development of the Chinese Church in the 20th century, these church leaders also played a pioneering role in the development of the Church in China, especially in the second half of the 20th century. They actively explored the new development of Christianity in China under the new situation. T. C. Chao and others even had an important international influence, as Chao served as one of the presidents of the World Council of Churches and was the voice of the Chinese Church in the World Council of Churches. Their theological theories and ecclesial practices have basically laid the foundation for the Church of China today and helped to form the church's ideological characteristics and theoretical framework in the midst of an extremely complex socio-political situation. From Saint John's University (上海聖約翰大學) in the first half of the 20th century to Nanjing Union Theological Seminary (金陵協和神學院) which has been playing a leading role in Christian theological institutions today, we can observe traces and lines of the cultural education and theological construction from the tradition of CHSKH. Although the Chinese Church today has embarked on the development of ecumenical unity and 'post-denominational' union, this strong support from the original CHSKH theological thought and church unity tradition can still be perceived and understood.

In the new context of China's opening up to the outside world in the age of 'globalisation,' the Chinese Church has been facing various challenges and complex issues in its new development. The next generation needs to find new paths of development in retrospect and prospect. Therefore, if we look back and summarise the century-long experience of the Anglican Church in China and grasp the richness of its history and experience, we may be able to provide important inspiration and innovative wisdom for the Church in China to meet new challenges and solve new problems today.

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A Sunday in the Life of...

Patrick Fung

In conversation with Andrew Ashley

The name of this column doesn't seem quite appropriate when the subject is Patrick Fung, for Patrick is a stalwart of St John's Cantonese congregation, whose principal service is Sung Eucharist at 6 o'clock on Saturday evenings. But it is, of course, an anticipated service for the following day.

This timing can be seen as a source of strength. The eucharist is preceded by a meeting of the Andrew Fellowship at 4 o'clock and followed by a dinner attended by many of the worshippers. As Patrick says, 'We have a very close fellowship, with a lot going on. Not everyone is able to join us for dinner each week, but everyone knows they're welcome to study, worship and eat with us.'

The Andrew Fellowship is a Cantonese-speaking group established by Fr Wu Wai-Ho in 2013 to provide a forum for studying the Bible, learning and sharing. Patrick has run the Fellowship since 2015 and approaches the task with great enthusiasm. He is modest about his role. When referred to as 'the leader', he demurs. 'Leader sounds too serious,' he says.

To go back a little, Patrick is disarmingly candid about how he became immersed in St John's life and worship. 'My Christian journey was a bit clumsy,' he says. He was brought up in a Protestant tradition and studied the Bible in Chinese at primary school and in English at secondary school. 'It was all rather strict in interpretation,' Patrick recalls. 'Not exactly what I've experienced in the Sheng Kung Hui!'



Patrick has been leading the Andrew Fellowship since 2015



Patrick and his wife Doria with Bishop Matthias

As Patrick puts it, he believed in a divinity but wasn't sure he had found what he was seeking. It was only after he married Doria and they came to St John's that he became ready to commit to the church. Together they studied 'I believe', a Chinese version of the Genesis course, and prepared for baptism. 'I found I had less resistance to getting involved in church after being taught by Fr Peter Koon, says Patrick. But he is also very clear about his wife's role: 'She led me to baptism.'

Patrick reflects that he may not have been baptised if he had stayed in the tradition in which he was raised. 'I felt some confusion because I find it difficult to accept rigid interpretations of the faith. I felt comfortable at St John's, in fellowship with people who were open to different interpretations and had different ways of expressing them.'

This aspect of Anglicanism is dear to Patrick's heart. He talks of the curiosity with which the Andrew Fellowship discusses issues but notes that it's not always possible to find answers to every question. 'Freedom, openness and mutual respect are very important.' It's an approach that has worked well for the Cantonese congregation, which has seen impressive growth and now has over 150 regulars at the Saturday eucharist. Patrick is quick to credit Dean Matthias, as he then was, who worked hard to develop the congregation.

Patrick has a busy professional life as Chief Financial Officer of a telecom solutions company but he doesn't let it get in the way of his work for St John's. Four years ago he became a member of the Cathedral Council. 'I wanted to serve as a bridge between the Cantonese congregation and the rest of the cathedral community.' That bridge is clearly performing a worthwhile task.

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DEC | Christmas Day
8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist with Carols
1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
6.00pm Anticipated Sunday Service (Cantonese) (St Stephen's Day) |
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11.00pm Watchnight Eucharist |
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5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols | 25
JAN | The Conversion of Paul
7.30pm Sung Eucharist |
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4.30pm Nativity Service
11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity | | |

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11.00am Sung Eucharist with Carols | |
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DEC | The First Sunday of Christmas
10.15am Family Eucharist with Carols |

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6.00pm Christmas Lessons and Carols by Candlelight with St Stephen's Chorale | 26
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10.00am Holy Eucharist |
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11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass | | |

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