



St John's Cathedral 聖公會聖約翰座堂

Anglican Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

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

9TH DECEMBER 2018 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd John Chynchen
Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
Deacon: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Canticle: Benedictus (Barnby) (Page 3)
Hymns: **10, 12, 169, Hark, what a sound (Page 4)**
Anthem: Arise, shine (John Rutter)
Readers/Intercessor: Susan King, Alexander Kwan/Tom Bispham

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: Adam Mok

11.45am Choral Mattins (See insert)

Officiant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Reader: Gordon Jones

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm Choral Evensong (See insert)

Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Mark Tse

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Gluten-free communion wafers are available on request at all Eucharists in this Cathedral. Please enquire of the Sidesmen or Servers for directions to the distribution. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service.**



Faith in the City
1849 - 2019

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 9th December	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
MON 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
WED 12th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	9.30am	<i>CLARES</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital - Christmas Carols with the Hong Kong Singers</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 13th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers meeting</i>
FRI 14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
SAT 15th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 16th December <i>Zephaniah 3.14-end</i> <i>Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6</i> <i>or Psalm 146.4-end</i> <i>Philippian 4.4-7</i> <i>Luke 3.7-18</i>	Third Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—CW Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (in Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	'Blue Christmas' Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING
Malachi 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God:
See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE: Benedictus (Barnby)

1. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David;
3. As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets: which have been since the world began;
4. That we should be saved from our enemies: and from the hands of all that hate us;

5. To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers: and to remember his holy Covenant.
6. To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham: that he would give us;
7. That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies: might serve him without fear;
8. In holiness and righteousness before him: all the days of our life.
9. And thou child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;
10. To give knowledge of salvation unto his people: for the remission of their sins;
11. Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death: and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen.

SECOND READING
Philippians 1.3-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and

PRAYER AND HYMN

more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3.1-6

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as

it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (9.00am)

1. Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?
2. Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn, I come.
3. So even I, and with a pang more thrilling,
so even I, with a hope more sweet,
yearn for the sign, O Christ, of thy fulfilling,
faint for the flaming of thine advent feet.
4. This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.
5. Yes, thro' life, death, thro' sorrow and thro' sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed:
Christ is the end, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the end is Christ.

FREDERIC WILLIAM HENRY MYERS (1843-1901)

PRAYERS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for the Parish of Falkland Islands and The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton.

We pray for the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for Paul, our archbishop and primate; and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for The Church of Our Saviour and their Priest-in-Charge, the Revd Tony Au-yeung; For their ministries and the plan to be developed as a parish church; For more Sunday school teachers and youth fellowship leaders.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for Bishop John Wilme, his priests and people. We pray for the Bishop-Elect, the Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho as he begins preparing for his new ministry .

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Andres V Barfolome, Aurelio Castillejo Sr, Remedios Trumpo, Belen Romauac, Regina M Castillejo, Monalisa Latorre, Celine Lelay Calasin, Kulas Romauac, Floring Remauac, Ising Bucag, Antonia Ramiro, Anitha Baufigista, Levie Ramiro, Belen Romauac, Ernesto Bautista, Poon Lam, Phyllis Schmitz, Donna Gail Willis, Meena Tsui, Caroline Yu, Leslie Henderson, Fung Shing, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Monica Cornelius, Mike Chan, Adelaide Chan, Marianne Felch, Bp Kenneth Mason, Henry Wu Mou

Wai, Simon Li, Nie Shi Fa, Victor Chan, Phillip Nicholl, Nancy Wong, Timothy Moreno, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Chen Kuk Tye, Jessica Assem, Selina Ho, Susan Westlake, Kong Siu-Ming, Feng Xiao, Richard Jones, Elaine Cogan, Simon Liew, Margaret Pini, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Raymond Yuen, Robert & Doris Sandie, Chris & David Hayter, Anthony Chan, Chong Yuk Lau, Albert Quimpo, Christian Limon Gamen, Tony & Edita Bishop, Mark & Helen Bishop, Philip Chan, Caius Schwartz, Geoff & Karrie Walsh, Kathryn McCallen, Carrie McKinnon and Patrick Mok.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Anthony Yates (Priest)
Florence Hui Hiu Fai

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**



'YOUTH MENTORSHIP' Mentor Training Course— Can you? Will you?

St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre cooperates with HKSKH Welfare Council to implement the 'Mentorship for Youth' Programme for interested schools and organizations in 2019-2021. We are now recruiting church members who are aged above 18, mature, positive, and interested in communication with others. They need to be recommended by the clergy of St John's Cathedral or daughter churches to participate in this course. The course includes: Introspection and skills training, experiential activities and internships. For those who has attended 75% of the training course and successfully completed two internships will be awarded the certificate and officially become mentors. If you are interested, please contact St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre Manager Ms Elijah Fung by emailing manager@sjhivctr.com or calling 2523 0531.

RADIO MINISTRY
on RTHK4 FM97.6

The Revd Desmond Cox will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at **9.50am** every Tuesday morning during Advent.

SHARING LOVE
IN THE SEASON OF LOVE

Games · Worship · Dinner

A group of St John's Cathedral parishioners have been giving tutorials to S.K.H. St Matthew's Primary School students on Saturday mornings as a ministry of love and sharing to the community.

This year, these students and their family members will be joining the Christmas celebration at St John's with our Cantonese Parents Group.

You are invited to come and share your love with them!

Donations for this joyful event are also welcome.

Date: 15th December
(Saturday)

Time: 5.00 – 9.00pm

Venue: Li Hall

Contact Wendy on 2523 4157
for further details



Faith Enquiry Course

What is the Christian faith all about?

Are you new to the Christian faith?

What's unique about St John's Cathedral and the Anglican Church?

Why may this be the right place for you?

Faith Enquiry Course is a 4-week introduction to the Christian faith at St John's Cathedral. If you, or a friend, are new to Christianity, this is the course for you! Conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese.

Dates/Time:

Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm, starting 9th January.

Venue:

Harold Smyth Room, on the G/F of the Cathedral Offices.

Faith Enquiry Course

9th January Is there a God?

16th January Who was Jesus?

23rd January What is the Bible?

30th January How can I join the Church?

*Free admission, all welcome,
no registration required.*

LOVE CHOCOLATE SALE
TODAY

in the Li Hall
after the 9.00am Sung Eucharist

A sale of charity chocolate
in support of
St Christopher's Home

Great news for chocolate lovers!

St John's Cathedral

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

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

6.00pm

'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season

Saturday 22nd December

3.00pm

Crib Service (30 minutes)

6.00pm

**Cantonese Carol Service
with Eucharist**

Sunday 23rd December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Eucharist

**9.00am Worship for All
with Sunday School Nativity**

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

2.00pm Sunday Eucharist (Filipino)

**6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons
and Carols**

Monday 24th December
Christmas Eve

4.30pm

Christingle Service

11.00pm

**Midnight Mass of the Nativity
and Blessing of the Crib**

Tuesday 25th December
Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

**11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols**

2.00pm Sunday Eucharist (Filipino)

(No evening service)

MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETS

Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1300 people to our Midnight Mass of the Nativity and the numbers are growing. This year, we are issuing tickets again to ensure the health and safety of all the attendees, and that there is a fair distribution to members of the Cathedral congregations and the wider community.

Please note that all tickets for the Midnight Mass have now been issued.

The remaining 100 tickets will be distributed at the main door at 9.00pm on the 24th December.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE

- 1) On the night, 24th December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm, using the South and North Transept doors of the church.
- 2) All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
- 3) At 10.45pm any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen.
- 4) Overflow provision will be prepared for worshippers in both the Li Hall and the North lawn.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Fellowship & Community Building—
The Revd Desmond Cox (*Associate Chaplain*)

Nurturing & Spirituality— The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Outreach Ministry —The Revd Mark Rogers
(*Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church*)

Pastoral Care—The Revd Catherine Graham

Liturgy and Worship—The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Filipino Ministry—The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

Chinese Ministry—
The Revd Canon Peter Koon & The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd John Chynchen
The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

Executive Administrator: Viola Ip

Outreach Ministries:

SJC Counselling Service
HELP for Domestic Workers
Mission for Migrant Workers
SJC Life Enrichment Centre
Cathedral Bookstore
CLARES/Castaways
Prison Ministry



Information about St John's Cathedral and its ministries can be found on the notice boards and on the website: www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk.

Clergy are here to listen and help. Please feel free to speak to one of them after the services, or make contact during the week: St John's Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

Welcome to St John's Cathedral!

Please complete this form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the Welcome Table.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Name of spouse (if applicable) _____

Names and ages of children (if applicable) _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Please circle as appropriate:

I attend the 8.00am/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/2.00pm/6.00pm service.

I am interested in finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / CLARES / Baptism & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / Fellowship Group / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.

Other questions / information:

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