



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.'*

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Daniel Kong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohS1YV8neiY>)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 359 (omit *), 580, 511, 549 (omit vv. 4, 5)
Anthem: The spacious firmament (Herbert Sumsion)
Voluntary: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' (Ralph Vaughan Williams)
Readers: Lee Clubb, Kevin She
Intercessor: Frank Lang

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Zenaida Carias
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers
Reader: Michael Gibb

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 5th February 2024	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Education for Ministry (EfM) English group
TUE 6th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
WED 7th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—Violin Recital by Anson Kwong
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 8th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	'Grace in a busy week' (in person/zoom)
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
	8.30pm	Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)
FRI 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
SAT 10th Chinese New Year (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 11th February <i>2 Kings 2.1-12</i> <i>Psalm 50.1-6</i> <i>2 Corinthians 4.3-6</i> <i>Mark 9.2-9</i>	The Sunday next before Lent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers

Remarks:

The Cathedral and Admin. Office will close at 4.00pm on Friday, Chinese New Year's Eve, 9th February 2024.

*Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service. Please set your mobile phone to silent and refrain from using it during the service.***

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Proverbs 8.1, 22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world, and delighting in the human race.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1.15-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 1.1-14

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the

world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our Archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We also pray for Christ Church, for the Revd Ross Royden; for the outreach and school ministries of Christ Church.

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 in our prayers 'Grace in a busy week', Bible

Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, and for Bishop Saw Sheesho. We pray for victims of the civil war, and for all the displaced families. We give thanks for the faith of the Church in these terrible times.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Claire Gotten, Irena Wu, Muriel Tsang, Ng Yuet Ping, Pamela Bennett, Rozana Bishop, Lau Wai Sok, Amelia Cleasby, Yvonne Fong, Andrea Keighley, Pong Pui Ling, Yu Jia, Andre Yu, Katie Mak, Eva Sorrel, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Ho Yeung Man, Tommy Hui, Rita Lee, Chu Lai Man, So Mou Wing, Jane Pang Tong, Gareth Butler, Don Huber, Lea Calmerin, Andrew K Y Chan, Annabella Janssen, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Toung Ming, Ben Cheng, Leung Ping Chee, Sarah Wong, Sister Jean Mary, Raymond Yuen, Goh Phiak Swan, Alvin Lau, Arturo Lamshing, Daisy Tai, Mary Huber, Sanson Lau, Chuan Xiaokang, Grace Yuen, Wong Dor Chun, Hsu Hon Chung, Kasper Buist, Pekkle Cheng, Wong Pui Ting, Graham Moore, Mary Davis and Nicole Wong.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Louisa So, Andrew Willis, Nam Pui Kwai and Colin Oxenforth, Priest.

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157.**

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As conflicts rage in the Holy Land, Gaza and Ukraine, our world needs peace more than ever. Join members of the congregation to pray for peace on Zoom, every Thursday evening 8.30-9.00pm. Prayers provided, just join in. Please WhatsApp Fr Mark on 5180 5106 for the Zoom link.

ASH WEDNESDAY

14th February 2024



8.00am Said Eucharist (*English*)
12noon Said Eucharist (*Cantonese*)
7.30pm Sung Eucharist (*English*)

*All services will include
the Imposition of Ashes*



LENT RETREAT

**for St John's Cathedral and
daughter churches**

Led by the Revd Will Newman
and the Revd Mark Rogers

Saturday 17th February 2024
10.00am-3.00pm
at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley

**Come with us
on a Journey of
Hope and Renewal!**

*with music, prayer, talks
and reflection*

(Lunch provided)

*Please email Elisa at
deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
for registration.*

REFRESHMENTS

in the Li Hall after 9.00am service

Please join us for light refreshments; a good opportunity to renew acquaintances, welcome visitors and new friends while enjoying fellowship with other parishioners.

SING YE TO THE LORD!

We received the recently published Revised English Hymnal warm from printer last December, and the Choir has been using it since after Christmas. While we wait for the congregational copies to be printed and sent to us, we will provide an insert or dedicated booklet containing the hymn texts at all the English services. So our hymn boards will take a short break and, with fervent hope, we will have brand new hymn books before Easter!

**POVERTY ALLEVIATION
NATIVE ENGLISH CLASS FOR
UNDERPRIVILEGED KIDS**

There is a significant demand for English tutors for underprivileged kids in primary schools in Kwai Hing district. St John's Cathedral's outreach team is looking to collaborate with HKSKH The Crown of Thorns Church and help these children improve their command of the English language, in particular:

- We plan to recruit around 10-12 tutors for the trial class to teach practical/conversational English to kids from primary year 1-4.
- Trial class period is from March 2024 - June 2024
- Trial class will be held in HKSKH The Crown of Thorns Church (67 Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan) on Saturday morning for 2 hours, from 10.00am – 12noon.

If you are interested to participate in this initiative, please contact Father Mark on 5180 5106.

NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE 2024 A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

A fabulous journey to explore the Classical Treasures and Apocalyptic Churches of Turkey's Aegean Region

23rd September (Mon) – 1st October (Tue)

Led by the Revd Will Newman & the Revd James Buxton, chaplain in Izmir
\$8800 + airfare (Single supplement \$3200)

Please email the Revd Will Newman at newman@stjohnscathedral.org.hk for further details.

CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN FOR APPLICATION

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website.

Deadline for application: **Monday, 25th March 2024**

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral Office for further details.



Faith Begins:

The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!

on Wednesday evenings starting at 7.00pm
followed by a talk and discussion.

'Faith Begins' is a course for adults who have been regularly attending services in St John's Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 6 months, and who want to belong to the Anglican Church and become part of the regular worshipping community.

'Faith Begins' includes talks and discussion about many different aspects of Christian belief and living as a Christian. It leads to baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral, when you commit yourself to following Jesus Christ.

The next 'Faith Begins' will start on 28th February 2024, continues every Wednesday up to 29th May. The Baptism and Confirmation Service will be held in the cathedral on 26th May at 5.00pm.

How do I enrol?

Just send your contact details to Fr Mark at rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline: 20th February 2024 Course Fee: HKD1000

NOTICES



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

Submission deadline: 1/3/2024

For Enquiry, please whatsapp St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre at 6083 9391

Unity through Creativity

Logo Design Competition of the 175th Anniversary Celebration

SIGN UP IN 3 EASY STEPS

1. Scan the QR Code for details & complete the google form
2. Create a logo for the Cathedral 175th anniversary celebration
3. Send your artwork to skhsjlec@gmail.com with 100 words explanations

The Winner will receive a cash token of appreciation of \$1000

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College PSALM PLAYING

Date: 20/2-12/3/2024 (Every Tuesday, 4 lessons in total)
Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm or 9.00pm (Depends of number of applicants)
Venue: St John's Cathedral
Instructor: Mr Jonathan Yip (Organist, St John's Cathedral)
Deadline: 5/2/2024
Application: <https://forms.gle/jZBcw4cgrd2JWCx38>

The course fee is \$1000, observer fee is \$400.
If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Mr King Chan through 25367517 or king@minghua.edu.hk

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry –

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education – The Revd Will Newman
(*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Filipino Ministry –

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

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

Mission and Ministry – The Revd Amos Poon

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

Youth Ministry – The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

The Revd Polly Wong Heung-fong

Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service

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/1.30pm/5.00pm 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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