



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.'*

EPIPHANY SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/CcVG_-DaJhg)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon
Communion Setting: Broken For You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 69ii, 68, 67, 76 (omit *)
Anthem: What child is this? (Becky McGlade)
Voluntary: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgestern BuxWV 223
(Dieterich Buxtehude)
Readers: Susan King, Aron Yuen
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 with Children's Baptism

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Letty Awingan

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Diocese of Hong Kong Island

2024 New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service
with Tea Reception in the Li Hall at 4.00pm

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 8th January 2024	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) English group</i>
TUE 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM) Cantonese group</i>
WED 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Viola da Gamba Duet with Jamie Jim and Friends</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 11th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	8.30pm	<i>Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)</i>
FRI 12th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 13th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Filipino</i>)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>)(Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 14th January <i>1 Sam 3.1-10 (11.20)</i> <i>Psalms 139.1-5, 12-18</i> <i>Revelation 5.1-10</i> <i>John 1.43-end</i>	The Second Sunday of Epiphany	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Philip Wickeri
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Diocese of Hong Kong Island Collation and Installation of Honorary Canons Officiant: The Revd Francis Yu Preacher: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

*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

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING
Isaiah 60.1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING
Ephesians 3.1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by

revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 2.1-12

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea;

for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel." ' Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

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 the Missionary Area of Macau, Bishop of the Missionary Area, the Most Revd Andrew Chan and all clergy; for the ordained ministry and the training of lay leaders; for the mission, nurture and the developments of Youth Ministry and Women Ministry; for the work of the Preparatory Committee of the Inauguration of Missionary Diocese of Macau.

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 being supported by the diocese and parishes, with essential food and medical supplies purchased with donations from St John's Cathedral. Give thanks for the faith of the Church in these terrible times.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Muriel Tsang, Pamela Bennett, Rozana Bishop, Amelia Cleasby, Lau Wai Sok, Andrea Keighley, Stella Carter, Ng Yuet Ping, Pong Pui Ling, Yvonne Fong, Yu Jia, Andre Yu, Katie Mak, Eva Sorrel, Rita Lee, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Chu Lai Man, Ho Yeung Man, Gareth Butler, Don Huber, Lea Calmerin, Jane Pang Tong, Andrew K Y Chan, Tommy Hui, Ben Cheng, Toung Ming, Leung Ping Chee, Annabella Janssen, Arturo Lamshing, Sarah Wong, Sister Jean Mary, Raymond Yuen, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Chuan Xiaokang, Daisy Tai, So Mou Wing, Donna Willis, Alvin Lau, Sanson Lau, Grace Yuen, Wong Dor Chun, Mary Huber, Andrew Willis,

NOTICES

Goh Phiak Swan, Pekkle Cheng, Kasper Buist, Wong Pui Ting and Mary Davis.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Christine Young, Clifford Mak, Betty Rudd and Mary Newman.

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.



FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers in the cathedral today are donated by Mrs Mona Leong and family members.

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.

Becoming Christ's Disciples Renewing the Church

Holy and loving Father in heaven, we praise and glorify you. We thank you for your watchful and caring guidance every day, by which we are granted the joy and peace from heaven above as we walk your path.

Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, in this our ever-changing world, strengthen our faith in following you, steel our hope in yearning for you, so that we may not falter or stumble into despair, but live our lives with truthfulness, holiness and grace.

Holy Spirit, the counsellor of truth, teach us to empty ourselves, and to rely on you alone. Under the aim of 'Becoming Christ's Disciples, Renewing the Church', lead us in loving our Lord God and our neighbours with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind. Stir in us our gifts, that we may fully utilise them with our brothers and sisters, and become instruments

of God by the guidance of the Spirit, lending strength to the qualitative and quantitative growth of our church, and transform lives and our communities for the better.

*In the name of one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.
Bishop Matthias Der*

Dedication Prayer

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LENT RETREAT

for St John's Cathedral and daughter churches

Saturday 17th February 2024 9.30am-3.30pm
at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley

Theme:

'A Time of Hope and Renewal'

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR. DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



Diocese of Hong Kong Island
2024 New Year's Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

In the beginning of 2024, we gather and offer our thanksgiving and dedication to our Lord. The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, cordially invites all faithful to join the New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service (Evensong) at St John's Cathedral this afternoon. Bishop Matthias Der shall preach, and the choirs of St John's Cathedral and Holy Nativity Church will lead the Evensong.

4.00pm *Tea Reception* 5.00pm *Thanksgiving and Dedication Service*



Collation and Installation of Honorary Canons
Diocese of Hong Kong Island

The Service of the Collation and Installation of Honorary Canons of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island will be held on Sunday, 14th January 2024 (The Second Sunday of Epiphany) at 5.00pm at St John's Cathedral.

The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, Bishop of Diocese of Hong Kong Island will collate and install The Revd Ip Kam Fai, The Revd Dr Lam Chun Wai and Dr Cheng Mo Chi Moses as Honorary Canons. All brothers & sisters in Christ are welcome to join the service.



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

NOTICE



Diocese of Hong Kong Island, HKSCH BISHOP'S BIBLE STUDY SERIES 2024

"Would you like to study the Bible with Bishop?"

Now that you have the opportunity, Bishop Matthias Der invites you to participate in a 12-month monthly Bible study meeting led by him and clergy. Through studying the Acts of the Apostles, we hope to:

- Equip the faithful with the awareness of evangelism and being disciples of the Lord, so that the church can flourish;
- Emphasize that studying the Bible and praying are basic spiritual exercises for the faithful;
- Provide an opportunity for church members to share their witness.

【Welcome to join the Bible study with Bishop for the growth of the church】

Date: The third Thursday of each month 2024 (except February and March)
(18/1、22/2、14/3、18/4、16/5、20/6、18/7、15/8、
19/9、17/10、21/11、19/12)

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Stephen's Church (In-person meeting; Contact Tel: 2546 1212)
St Paul's Church (On-line broadcasting; Contact Tel: 2521 0348)
St John's Cathedral (On-line broadcasting with simultaneous English interpretation; Contact Tel: 2523-4157)
St Mary's Church (On-line broadcasting; Contact Tel: 2576 1768)

Scripture: Acts of the Apostles

Leaders: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, The Revd Tsui Yuk Fan,
The Revd Lam Chun Wai, The Revd Ip Kam Fai

Contents: Witness Sharing, Bible Study, Group Praying.
Bible study materials will be provided in advance for reference.

Deadline for enrollment:
3 days before the event taken place. Participant may enroll every time or quarterly (enroll 3 sessions at one time).

Method of enrollment:
Please scan the QR code for filling in the google form.



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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