



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 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR) 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist

<https://youtube.com/live/ljPkHUsirog?feature=share>

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Hymns: 612, Christ, upon the mountain peak,
510 (T.224), 499
Anthem: Yaman O Chios Ama (Daniel P. Cariño)
Voluntary: Variations on Old Psalm Tunes, Book 3 No. 1
'O word Immortal' (George Dyson)
Readers: Helen Clubb, Susan King
Intercessor: Thomas Swain

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
Reader: John Breen

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
Hymns: 612, 237, We cannot measure
how you heal, 499
Reader: Saki Tsoi



THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 12th February 2024 (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
TUE 13th (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist	
WED 14th Ash Wednesday	8.00am	Said Eucharist (<i>with imposition of ashes</i>)	
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Cantonese, with imposition of ashes</i>)	
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>with imposition of ashes</i>)	
THU 15th	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 16th	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		
	12.15pm on Fridays in Lent		
SAT 17th	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 18th February <i>Genesis 9.8-17</i> <i>Psalms 25.1-9</i> <i>1 Peter 3.18-end</i> <i>Mark 1.9-15</i>	The First Sunday of Lent		
	8.00am	Said Eucharist	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman	
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman	
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)	
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon	
		Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon	
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)	
		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis	
		Preacher: The Revd Will Newman	
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)	
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis	
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong	
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin	

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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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING
2 Kings 2.1-12

A reading from the second book of Kings.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho.

The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had

crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'

He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING
2 Corinthians 4.3-6

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9.2-9

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 Kei Oi Church and her education and social service ministry; especially for all students and their family, teachers and staffs of Kei Oi Primary School, Kei Fook Primary School, Kei Oi Church Kindergarten, Kei Oi Nursery School, Kei Oi Neighbourhood Elderly Centre, St James' Settlement Neighbourhood Elderly Centre. Letting them work together as One to provide Pastoral, Education and Spiritual care to the community in spreading the Gospel by action; for the Revd Frankie Lee and all staffs of Kei Oi Church; all their projects in evangelism, pastoral ministries, renovation, and fund raising; May the Lord strengthen and enable their parishioners to witness and glorify the Lord in this unpredictable world.

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 our Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. In recent days one church has been burnt down by the military, and in another parish Christian villagers have been attacked and brutally killed. The diocese is now providing basic food and shelter to over 2000 refugees.

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, Annabella Janssen, Gareth Butler, Don Huber, Lea Calmerin, Jane Pang Tong, Grace Yuen, Andrew K Y Chan, Leung Ping Chee, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Toung Ming, Ben Cheng, Sarah Wong, Sister Jean Mary, Raymond Yuen, Goh Phiak Swan, Arturo Lamshing, Pekklee Cheng, Chuan Xiaokang, Daisy Tai, Sanson Lau, Alvin Lau, Wong Dor Chun, Hsu Hon Chung, Mary Huber, Kasper Buist, Wong Pui Ting, Graham Moore, Mary Davis and Nicole Wong.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Gregory Charles Rivers, 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**.



CLERGY

The Dean is on vacation leave from 5th to 13th February and will be back to the office on 14th. Please keep the Dean and his family in your prayers.

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.

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*

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feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/fN-SkKuJTWQ?feature=share)



**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.
(Deadline: 14th February)*

NOTICES



May the Year of the Dragon
bring love, joy and peace
to you and your family



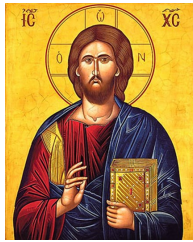
St John's Cathedral Sunday School

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. Led by the Revd Will Newman & the Revd James Buxton, chaplain in Izmir

23rd September (Mon) – 1st October (Tue)
\$8800 + airfare (Single supplement \$3200)

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

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE SPECIAL OPENING HOURS FOR FESTIVE FEBRUARY 2024

Lunar New Year's Eve	9 th February (Fri)	9.00am–4.00pm
Lunar New Year's Day	10 th February (Sat)	10.00am–2.00pm
The 2 nd -4 th Day of Lunar New Year	11 th -13 th February (Sun-Tue)	10.00am–2.00pm

NOTICES



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

Date: 22nd February, Thursday

Time: 7.30 pm

Venues: St Stephen's Church (In-person meeting; Contact Tel: 2546 1212)
St Paul's Church (Simultaneous live stream; Contact Tel: 2521 0348)
St John's Cathedral (Simultaneous live stream and Interpretation
in English; Contact Tel: 2523 4157)
St Mary's Church (Simultaneous live stream; Contact Tel: 2576 1768)

Scripture: Acts of the Apostles

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

Contents: Witness Sharing, Bible Study, Group Prayers.
Bible study materials will be provided for the weekly bulletin before
each meeting for reference.

Deadline for enrollment: 3 days before each meeting.

Participants may enroll every time or quarterly (enroll in 3 sessions each time).

Method of enrollment:

Please browse the Diocesan website or scan the QR code below and submit the completed google form.

Please scan for
enrollment



Please scan for
Bible study
materials



For enquiries, please contact Ms Yeung of the Diocesan Office at Tel: 2526 5366

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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