

### 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21ST APRIL 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

Reader: Faye Yee

**9.00am** Sung Eucharist (<a href="https://youtube.com/live/Pwmfl2hMhnU">https://youtube.com/live/Pwmfl2hMhnU</a>)

Celebrant: The Dean

Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri

Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis

Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)

Hymns: 573ii, 574i, 141, 575

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd (Charles Villiers Stanford)
Voluntary: Offertoire pour le Jour de Pâques «O filii et filiæ»

(Jean-François Dandrieu)

Readers: Gordon Jones, Susan King

Intercessor: Kevin She

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 Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

Reader: Zenaida Carias Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

Reader: Michael Gibb

#### THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 22nd April 2024	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist Meditation Group One o'clock Prayer Education for Ministry (EfM) English group
TUE 23rd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist Bible Reading Fellowship (in person) Education for Ministry (EfM) Cantonese group
WED 24th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Lunchtime Recital—Hong Kong String Orchestra Jockey Club Power of Music Programme Share the Joy Community Concert-Chamber Music Concert Series Said Eucharist
<b>THU 25th</b> <i>Mark the Evangelist</i>	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm 8.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist Parents and Toddlers Prayers for Peace (ZOOM)
FRI 26th	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Friday Fellowship Group (in person/ZOOM) 'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
SAT 27th	8.30am 12.00noon <i>4.00pm</i> 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist ( <i>Pilipino</i> ) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist ( <i>Cantonese</i> )(Anticipated Sunday Service)
Acts 8.26-end	T <b>he Fifth S</b> u 8.00am	unday of Easter Said Eucharist
Psalm 22.25-end 1 John 4.7-end John 15.1-8	9.00am	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean
	10.30am	Preacher: The Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Preacher: Mr Isaac Sit Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Dean
	1.30pm	Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

#### 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 Will on 6254 7514 for the Zoom link.

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, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### FIRST READING Acts 4.5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high -priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.

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

#### SECOND READING 1 John 3.16-end

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that the Son of God laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

#### GOSPEL READING John 10.11-18

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **All Glory to you, O Lord.** 

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in

order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Church of the **Good Shepherd**, the Revd Jonathan Lue, the staff and the vestry members; for receiving the vision and faith from the Lord, and building up the congregation all together; for the regular attendance of Sunday Worship and fellowship lives of the faithful, and their close relationship with God; for the health of body, mind and spirit of the teachers, staff, students and parents of SKH Good Shepherd Kindergarten, SKH Good Shepherd Primary School, SKH Tsoi Kung Po Secondary School, SKH St Timothy's Primary School and Heep Yunn School; for the well-beings of the staff and members of HKSKH Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre.

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 pray for the on-going search for a new Cathedral Chaplain and for a new Priest-in-Charge of Discovery Bay Church.

We also remember in our prayers Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, for Bishop Saw Sheesho and the clergy and people. With almost no resources, the diocese is now providing food and shelter for over 3000 people driven from their homes and villages by deadly military strikes.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:
Raymond Yuen, Goh Phiak Swan, Yu
Chi Keung, Donna Willis, Hung Yeung
Pong Wah, Fr Hugh Phillipson, Arturo
Lamshing, Annabella Janssen, Muriel
Tsang, Val Rice, Chu Lai Man, Therese
Marie Gerarda Chan, Eva Sorrel, Jane
Pang Tong, Irena Wu, SoSo Mei Ping
Wong-Leung, Toung Ming, Sister Jean
Mary, Sarah Wong, Sanson Lau, Daisy
Tai, Hsu Hon Chung, Chuan Xiaokang,
Claire Gotten, Wong Dor Chun, and
Peter Carton.

Please pray for the recently departed: Mak Lam, Ben Cheng, and Jim Yeldell.

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



The Standing Commission on Theological Education

### KWONG KONG KIT LECTURE 2024

Date: Saturday 4th May 2024

Time: 3.00-4.30pm

Venue: Li Hall, St John's Cathedral

Speaker: The Revd Professor John Kater

Topic: Vocation: What is it? Who gets it? What is it for?

Respondents: The Revd Canon Kam-fai Ip & The Revd Canon Chun-wai Lam

(Meeting will be held in Cantonese; main lecture will be delivered in English)

FREE ADMISSION For registration, please feel free to scan the QR Code below.



## REFRESHMENTS in the Li Hall

Please note that no refreshments will be served in the Li Hall today as Welcomers will be busy with our annual Walkathon. You are welcome to join us for lunch at the Harold Smyth Room from 12.30pm.

# EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

- Attend worship services regularly
- Passion for and commitment to the Cathedral's ongoing and developing ministries
- Leadership in Stewardship as evidenced by both active involvement in the ministries of the parish and making a Stewardship pledge
- Ability and willingness to communicate
- · A sense of vision
- Sense of humour and patience
- Attend Council meetings as scheduled; send apologies to secretary if unable to attend
- Take responsibility for carrying out tasks and action items between council meetings
- Participate in special events and gatherings of the parish.

### Join Our Walkathon Michaelmas Fair 2024

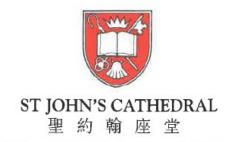
The big day is today! Registration starts at 10.00am and we start walking at 11.00am (12.00noon for Mandarin service congregation members).

Sponsorship forms are still available, and it's not too late to pick one up. Join in the fun by walking up the Peak or just to the Botanical Gardens.

All proceeds will go towards the Cathedral Ministries.

For online donations, please kindly specify 'For Michaelmas Fair 2024 Walkathon'.





#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Li Hall on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 1.00p.m. for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
  - a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
  - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
  - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

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Dean

15th March 2024

NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 175 years, St John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the

people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are

upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for

many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of

belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and

ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday

28th April 2024, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and

we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by

Monday 18th March 2024 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure

about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must

complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website

or collect from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old

and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion

therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the

Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the

Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by Sunday 7th April 2024 for inclusion in

the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2024. Any inquiries may

be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

Mr Koon G Chiu

The Honorary Secretar

15th March 2024

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRISON VISITS

Each month on two Friday mornings Fr Will and a group of volunteers from the cathedral and St Stephen's visit Stanley Prison. We take a Eucharist Service and have time to talk with the prisoners and get to know them. Many volunteers have found this a most rewarding and inspiring ministry.

We need more volunteers, men and women – but especially men, because we are required to have at least 50% men in the group. If you'd like to know more, and maybe try a visit, WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



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