



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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

28TH JANUARY 2024

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/gv9-Ap2FChM>)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Very Revd Bob Key
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns: 339, 210, 209, 622
Anthem: Hodie beata virgo (William Byrd)
Voluntary: Diptyque from L'Orgue Mystique: No. 11
Purificatio B Mariae virginis (Charles Tournemire)
Readers: Denise Giles, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Mark Tse

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Karmen Kar
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Meditation: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Michael Gibb

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 29th 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 30th	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 31st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 1st February	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 2nd	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 3rd	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 4th February <i>Proverbs 8.1, 22-31</i> <i>Psalms 104.26-end</i> <i>Colossians 1.15-20</i> <i>John 1.1-14</i>	The Second Sunday Before Lent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	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
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers

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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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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
Malachi 3.1-5

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.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

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

SECOND READING
Hebrews 2.14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GOSPEL READING
Luke 2.22-40

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple;

and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of South India (United).

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 St Timothy’s Church, for the Revd Lorraine Choi, the staff, congregation and their mission partners (including SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, SKH Chi Fu Chi Nam Primary School, SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School, St Paul’s College Primary School, YWCA Cheng Pon Hing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly, Hong Kong Christian Service Wah Hong Home for the Elderly and Lei Tung Estate Healthy Life Elderly Home); May God enliven the spiritual life of parishioners so that they can invite relatives and friends to come to know the love of God. May God also motivate the congregation to serve the community, thus building the 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 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, 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.

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Nam Pui Kwai, Lai Sheung Kwong and Colin Oxenforth, Priest.

In Memoriam: Leticia Agustin Seda

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

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!

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.

WELCOME

We warmly welcome The Very Revd Bob Key, Anglican Communion Lead for 'Thy Kingdom Come', to preach at our 9.00am Sung Eucharist this morning.

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.

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

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.

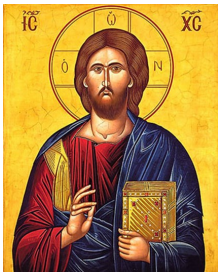
Candidates should be:

- members of St John's Cathedral, a daughter church or another Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui parish, or their children; or choir members there with two years good attendance;
- at least 12, and under 30, on 1st September 2024;
- musically talented and have at least these ABRSM grades (or equivalent)
 - ABRSM grade 8 (or equivalent) in singing;
 - or grade 6 (or equivalent) in piano with conducting experience;
 - or grade 8 in piano or grade 6 in organ (or equivalent) with choral experience.

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

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

**DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY RECRUITMENT IN SEMESTER 1
2024/25 (February – June 2024)**

New Student Application Fee: HK\$200

Subject Fee: HK\$2,000

Subject Fee for 'Writing Skills': HK\$800

Audit Fee: HK\$1,200, No audit for 'Writing Skills'

No. of Students: 30 per subject

Subject: Christian Ministry

Lecturers: The Revd Billy Ip, The Revd Jason Leung

Day & Time: 9/4/2024 – 18/6/2024 (Tuesdays, 7.00pm; Except 14/5)

Venue: Holy Trinity Cathedral / Zoom*

Subject: Biblical Studies

Lecturers: The Revd Dr Eric Lau, The Revd Vincent Chan, The Revd Amos Poon

Day & Time: 10/4/2024 – 26/6/2024 (Wednesdays, 7.00pm; Except 1/5, 15/5)

Venue: 3/F, Calvary Church / Zoom*

Subject: Anglicanism

Lecturers: The Most Revd Andrew Chan, The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong,
The Revd Canon Dr Chun-wai Lam, The Revd Wai-ho Wu

Day & Time: 11/4/2024 – 13/6/2024 (Thursdays, 7.00pm)

Venue: All Saints' Cathedral / Ming Hua Theological College / Zoom*

Subject: Writing Skills

Lecturer: The Revd Odette Pun

Day & Time: 3/5/2024 (Friday, 7.00pm)

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College / Zoom*

** Zoom setup is for overseas students to attend the classes only.*

Application Deadline: 22 March 2024

Enquiry & Application: admission@minghua.edu.hk / WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241



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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