

FAQs:

Who can join Faith Begins?

Any adult who has been regularly worshipping at St John's Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 6 months, and who wants to be baptized and confirmed. Baptism and Confirmation are public statements of commitment to the Christian faith and to the Church.

I cannot attend church services regularly. Can I be baptized and confirmed?

St John's Cathedral has 3 services on Saturday, 6 services on Sunday, and at least one service every weekday. Regular worship in church is expected as part of a Christian life.

Can my child accompany me?

Please do not bring your child. The course is designed for adults not children. If you want your child baptized, please talk to us.

What if I can't join every week?

We hope and expect that you will join every session of 'Faith Begins'. If you have to miss a session for unavoidable reasons, please let us know in advance.

I don't understand what is baptism and confirmation. Can I still join the course?

If you want to become a member of the Church but you are not sure if this is the right course for you, please contact us.

How do I register?

Send your contact details to The Revd Mark Rogers rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

St John's Cathedral

Welcome to St John's, the Anglican (Episcopal) Cathedral of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island!

Joining 'Faith Begins' is not only attending a course, it's also belonging to a church and becoming part of a worshipping community. We look forward to seeing you in church.

The cathedral website has details of service times and other information including links to the daughter church websites (www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

You can contact the cathedral clergy by calling the Cathedral on 2523 4157.



Faith Begins

The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!



February – May 2024
Wednesday evenings

St John's Cathedral
4-8 Garden Road, Central

What is Faith Begins?

The 'Faith Begins' Course at St John's Cathedral is an introduction to Christianity, leading to baptism and confirmation for adults who are regularly worshipping with us, who want to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ, and become members of St John's Cathedral and the daughter churches, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (HKSKH), and the Anglican Church worldwide.

'Faith Begins' is rooted in the Anglican tradition which values the bible, tradition, and reason, and interprets them in the light of a modern understanding about life and the world we live in.

We examine the essentials of Christian teaching, and explore some of the questions of faith, which are often the big questions of life:

What gives meaning to our life?
Why does God allow evil and suffering?
How can I live my life better?
What happens when we die?

Christianity gives insights into God and life's questions. In particular, how the life of Jesus of Nazareth might help us to live our lives now. We don't give easy answers, but we do promise honest exploring.



Registration deadline:
20th February 2024

Course Fee \$1000

Talks are given in English with a Chinese summary, or in Chinese with simultaneous interpretation into English. Group discussions are in English, Cantonese or Putonghua.

Programme

Wednesday 28th February
God and You

Wednesday 6th March
The Life of Jesus

Wednesday 13th March
Jesus: Death & Resurrection

Wednesday 20th March
The Bible

Wednesday 27th March
Sacraments

Wednesday 3rd April
Suffering and a God of Love

Wednesday 10th April
The Anglican Church:
what's distinctive?

Wednesday 17th April
Prayer & Spirituality

Wednesday 24th April
Love in Action

Wednesday 1st May
Public Holiday

Wednesday 8th May
Christianity and other Faiths

Wednesday 15th May
Public Holiday

Saturday 18th May
10am – 4pm Retreat at Tao Fong Shan -
Quiet Day to prepare for Baptism and
Confirmation

Wednesday 22nd May
Q & A

Saturday 25th May
4.30pm Baptism and Confirmation Rehearsal

Sunday 26th May
5pm Baptism and Confirmation Service

Wednesday 29th May
Meeting with Bishop Matthias

A 'Faith Begins' Evening

7pm Supper
7.30 Talk, presentation & group discussion
9.10 Prayer and Close (9.15)

Each week the topic for discussion will be presented by a priest. The topic is then informally discussed in small groups, with time for your questions and insights. We close with a short time of prayer.

At the end of the session you will receive material that encourages further exploration and reflection. This includes thought-provoking questions, inspiring quotes and poems, and movie and book suggestions.