

## 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 3 months, and who wants to be baptised 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 baptised 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 baptised, 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.

### *What if I'm late for a meeting?*

Meetings start with supper at 7pm. Eating together encourages friendship! If you can't make it for 7pm please arrive by 7.30pm, so that you don't miss the talk.

### *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 Fr Mark [rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto: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.

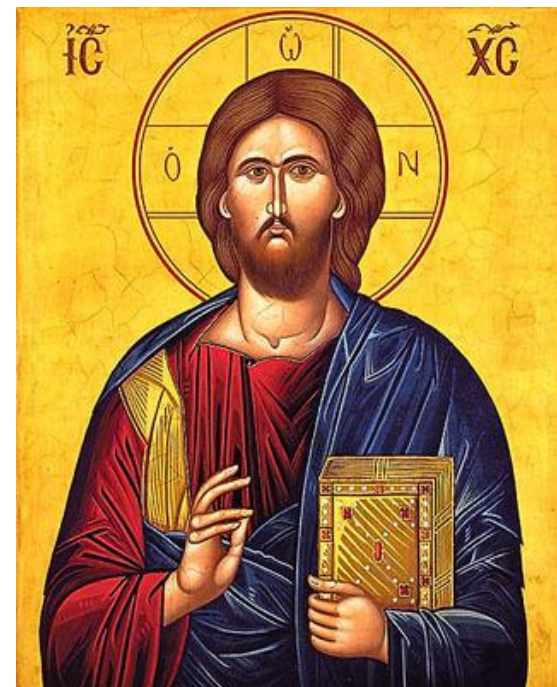
The cathedral website has details of service times and other information including links to the daughter church websites. [www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk](http://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

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



# Faith Begins

The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!



February 2019 – June 2019  
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, and the Anglican Church worldwide.

The course explores the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere with a meal, a talk, and informal discussion.

'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: Wednesday  
31 January 2019

**\$800 including course work book  
and meals.**

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

### Programme

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
God and You

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
The Life of Jesus

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February  
The Bible

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Ash Wednesday service in the cathedral

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
The Anglican Church

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Lecture in the cathedral by Bishop Tom Wright

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Sacraments: making God present

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
A Spiritual Life

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Being a disciple, growing in faith

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Suffering and a God of Love

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Jesus: Death and Resurrection

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Public Holiday – no meeting

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Christian Stewardship

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Christianity and Other Faiths: only one way?

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Christianity and Community

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Questions and Some Answers

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10am – 5pm  
Quiet Day to prepare for Baptism and Confirmation

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
Baptism and Confirmation explained

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June  
Baptism and Confirmation Service 6pm

### A 'Faith Begins' Evening

7pm Supper  
7.30 Talk, presentation & group discussion  
9.15 Prayer and Close (9.30)

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.