



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.'*

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist *(See separate order of service)*

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Denise Giles

9.30am Liturgy of Palm Sunday & Sung Eucharist **(Combined bilingual service)** *(See separate order of service)* *(<https://youtube.com/live/SXaGMpVIIIno>)*

Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses.

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 647 (omit *), 126, 121 (omit vv4, 6), 108 (T.169ii)
Anthem: Jesus, my Leman (Bob Chilcott)
Readers: Doris Lye, Marques Ng
Passion Reading: Martin Hills, Dolores Dayao, Douglas Lam,
Frank Lang
Intercessors: Alice Chan, Kevin She

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—CW *(See separate order of service)*

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Gareth Williams
Intercessor: Daniel Kong

1.30pm Liturgy of Palm Sunday & Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

Please gather around the Celtic Cross with palm branches/crosses.

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Service of Tenebrae *(See separate order of service)*

Officiant: The Revd Drew Courtright
Readers: Theodore Lau, Eunice Tuma-ac, Jeremy Hsu,
William Cheng, Douglas Lam, Kevin She,
Dolores Dayao, Saki Tsoi

*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.***

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 14th April Monday in HW	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist
TUE 15th Tuesday in HW	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Stations of the Cross and Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 16th Wednesday in HW	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.30pm	Musical Devotion—St John Passion (Bob Chilcott)
		<i>(https://youtube.com/live/9Ets1ovAgYo)</i>
THU 17th Maundy Thursday	9.30am	Chrism Eucharist
	8.00pm	Sung Eucharist with the Washing of Feet and Watch until Midnight (<i>https://youtube.com/live/tHrmeWUaLwo</i>)
FRI 18th Good Friday (PH)	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Liturgy of the Day (Mandarin)
	12.00noon	The Way of the Cross—A family service for Good Friday
	1.30pm	Liturgy of Good Friday
		<i>(https://youtube.com/live/pJfV-FhTJOQ)</i>
		The Cathedral will close at 4.00pm
SAT 19th Holy Saturday (PH)	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of the Resurrection <i>(https://youtube.com/live/PFXQkGw4jr4)</i>
SUN 20th April <i>Acts 10.34-43</i> <i>Psalms 118.1-2, 14-24</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15.19-26</i> <i>John 20.1-18</i>	Easter Day	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist & Renewal of Baptismal Promises
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
		Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—CW
		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
		Preacher: The Very Revd Prof Martyn Percy
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Festal Evensong
		Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin
		Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES 2025
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
& OUR DAUGHTER CHURCHES

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Isaiah 50.4-9a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation: give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**



A LILY FOR EASTER

You can donate an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, or simply as a gesture of thanksgiving at Easter.



The Flower Guild needs to order the lilies very soon; consequently, envelopes for the receipt of your donations are available in the pews today. Please hand your envelope to a sidesman, the vergers or drop it into the Offertory Box at the Cathedral's west door. Cheques should be written in favour of "St John's Cathedral Flower Guild".

St John's Cathedral Annual Church Meeting

on Sunday 27th April 2025
at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

Please mark your calendar.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Diocese of Hong Kong Island, the Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der, the Bishops Emeritus, the Most Revd Dr Peter Kwong and the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, and for all clerics and the faithful; For the strategic planning and execution of the growth of all parishes and mission churches on their qualities and quantities; for the Diocesan mission initiative “Becoming Christ’s Disciples, Renewing the Church” to be fully implemented in all churches with fruitful results; For the Gospel Rally to be held on 17th May, we pray for the passion of all faithful to spread the gospel and bring their family members and friends to the rally for believing in Christ; For the Diocesan Stewardship Programme; strengthen the Church with a sustainable and healthy financial basis so that it may continue to develop and expand the ministries; For the 14th Diocesan Synod to be held in November.

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 ‘Grace in a busy week’, Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, and for all those suffering after the earthquake. 46 churches in the diocese have suffered partial or severe damage, and in one parish 106 houses belonging to parishioners have been damaged or destroyed. You can help by making a donation. All funds will go directly to the diocese for relief work.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Lai Sau Yuk, Ma Sau Yuen, Nicole Tanjoco, Irena Wu, Teresa Ray Li, Kitty Wong, Cheung Chik Wan, Jane Pang Tong, Fung Wan Nui, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Sabrina Ho, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Pope Francis, Joseph Chu, Eva Sorrel, Caitlin Berry, Rozana Leung -Bishop, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Sister Jean Mary, Lee Kit Ching Joseph, Wanda Wan H, Alan Irvine, Sanson Lau, Annabella Janssen, Lucita Villareal, Sarah Wong, Arturo Lamshing, Daisy Tai, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Li Chunjuan and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Toung Ming and Teresa Wong Yau Sut

In Memoriam:

Lo Wing Lung (9th Anniversary of death)

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

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

NOTICES

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

No on-line prayer meeting this week on 17th April, Maundy Thursday.



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.

NO PARKING

in the Cathedral grounds TODAY
from 8.00am to 11.00am

ONLINE DONATION



[https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/
Donation/default.aspx?lang=1](https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1)

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025

JOY IN EVERY BITE

Experience a heartwarming family and friends gathering with a special dumpling-making class led by Natalie Law. Let's make dumplings from scratch and create joyful memories together!

Date: 26th April (Saturday)

Time: 3.00-5.00pm

Venue: Li Hall

Donation:

\$300 for individual /

\$1,000 for group of 4

with a dumpling-making gift set

*All proceeds will go towards
supporting various ministries of
St John's Cathedral*

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp +852 5107 7170. First come first serve.

Poverty Alleviation EASTER PARTY WITH THE ELDERLY

Join Us for a Joyful Easter Celebration ***with seniors from the Western District.***

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to celebrate Easter with our senior friends from the Western District. Enjoy a day with them through making Easter Chocolate Eggs and Origami Bunnies, singing festive songs, culminating in a delightful afternoon tea with our senior friends!

Date: 26th April 2025 (Sat) Time: 12.30pm - 4.00pm

Venue: SKH Western District Elderly Community Centre

If you're excited to join us, please enrol using the QR code. Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today! If you have any questions, please contact Caius Ng at caiusng@hotmail.com.



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College
Summer 2025 Sacred Music Courses

Hymn Playing and Organ Registration

Instructor: Mr Wong Ching Yin

Dates: 30th April, 7th, 21st and 28th May (Wed, 4 lessons in total)

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Venue: St John's Cathedral

Fee: \$1000 (active students); \$400 (observers)

Advanced Choral Conducting

Instructor: Mr Felix Yeung (Provincial Music Director)

Dates: 10th, 17th and 24th May, 7th June (Sat, 4 lessons in total)

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm (10th, 17th and 24th May); 10.30am – 1.00pm (7th June)

Venue: St John's Cathedral

Fee: \$1000 (active students); \$400 (observers)

All courses are taught in Cantonese. Scan the QR code
or visit <https://www.minghua.edu.hk/smrc-en>
for details and applications:



Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
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Gospel Rally 2025

Date: 17th May 2025 (Saturday)

Time: 3.00 – 5.00pm (Admission begins 30 mins before the event)

Venue: S.K.H. Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School
9 Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Theme: Go Where?

**‘I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.’
(John 10.10b)**

Content: Hymn sharing, sand-painting testimonies, preaching

Speaker: The Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing
(The 4th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)

Language: Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English
and Putonghua respectively)

Tickets: Free of charge. Tickets are available at the Cathedral office.
Please register in person or by phone 2523 4157. Thank you.

**You are encouraged to invite
non-Christian relatives and friends to join.**

Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for HKSKH Diocese of Hong Kong Island Gospel Rally 2025

- Sunday:* Pray for the Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing, the speaker of the Gospel Rally.
- Monday:* Pray for relatives and friends struggling in life, suffering from physical, mental and spiritual distress.
- Tuesday:* Pray for the willingness of parishioners in the diocese to share their testimonies with non-Christian relatives and friends.
- Wednesday:* Pray for the zeal of parishioners in leading people to the Gospel Rally.
- Thursday:* Pray for the current or planned missionary work of each church in the diocese, and for the cooperation between each church and school(s) or social service unit(s).
- Friday:* Pray for the clergy and those who will lead the Gospel Rally; pray for the brothers and sisters in Christ who will participate in various creative works.
- Saturday:* Pray for the organizing committee members, working group members and volunteers in the Gospel Rally.



Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Diocese of Hong Kong Island

Seminar :

In One We Testify & Build the Church: Church Renewal

Speaker:

The Most Revd Datuk NG Moon Hing

(The 4th Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia)

- Date:** 20th May 2025 (Tuesday)
- Time:** 7.30 – 9.15pm
- Venue:** HKSKH St Stephen's Church (71 Bonham Road)
- Target:** Vestry members, Mission church council members and church leaders in HKSKH
- Language:** Cantonese (*Simultaneous interpretation available in English)
- Fee:** Free of charge.
- Enrollment:** Please scan the QR code for registration.
Deadline for Enrollment is 12th May 2025
- Enquiries:** Ms Chiu, Diocesan Office (tel. 2526 5366)



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 CMP
(Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)

Mission and Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

Youth Ministry - The Revd Amos Poon

The Revd Drew Courtright

(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd Professor 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



Safeguarding Co-ordinator:

Mr Jason Wong

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, 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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