



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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 25TH MAY 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/T8IB92b2QUc>) (Eucharistic Prayer B)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Prof John Kater
Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 143 (T.24), 472, 141, 470 (T.522i)
Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem
(Herbert Howells)
Readers: Martin Hills, Kevin She
Intercessor: Susan King
Voluntary: Paean (Herbert Howells)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Theodore Lau
Intercessor: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 26th May	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 27th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Choral Concert by The Sunshine Choir</i> 陽光詩班音樂會
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 29th ASCENSION DAY	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist
FRI 30th	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 31st (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 1st June The Seventh Sunday of Easter		
<i>Acts 16.16-34</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 97</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
<i>Revelation 22.12-14,</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>16-17, 20-end</i>		Celebrant: Bishop Matthias Der
<i>John 17.20-end</i>		Preacher: Cardinal Stephen Chow, SJ
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
		Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Dean

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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

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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

Acts 16.9-15

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 21.10, 22-22.5

A reading from the book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 14.23-29

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Church of The Ascension; for the Revd Stephen Hung, the Revd Lysta Leung, and all staff members; for the growth of the congregation in terms of liturgical worship, spirituality, stewardship and fellowship; for the cooperation with HKSKH Tung Chung Integrated Services, HKSKH Tung Chung Nursery School and HKSKH Grace Garden for Rehab – Day Activity Centre and Hostel; for the outreach ministries in residential care homes for elderly and new housing estates.

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 our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. After the devastating earthquake 2 months ago work is continuing to rebuild damaged churches and church buildings. Yet at the same time the military has renewed attacks on villages, and Christians are being killed, including a young woman who was a teacher in a church-run kindergarten, killed by a rocket fired by the military. Pray for peace in Myanmar, and an end to the conflict.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:
Mandy and Mick Wheatley, Annabella Janssen, Glynn Marie Dela Torre, Ma Sau Yuen, Chris Maden, Dan Severson, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Cheung Chik Wan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Teresa Ray Li, Fung Wan Nui, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Daisy Tai, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Li Chunjuan, Sabrina

Ho, Keith So, Hsu Hon Chung, Arturo Lamshing, Eva Sorrel, Chuan Xiaokang, Caitlin Berry, Wanda Clay, Sanson Lau, Sister Jean Mary, Wanda Wan H, Sarah Wong, Raymond Yuen, Lucita Villareal, Kitty Wong, Esther Bangcawayan, and Lau Wai Sok.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Carmen Cruz Demiar, Lea Calmerin, Leung Sue Ting Stephen, Frank Roe, priest (*St John's Cathedral Chaplain 1961-1964*) and Jim Wheatley.

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

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

For over 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



The Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, 29th May 2025
7.30pm Sung Eucharist



Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

<https://youtube.com/live/NA-oEwZEUWo>

A WARM WELCOME
to **His Eminence Cardinal Stephen Sau Yan Chow SJ** who will be our guest preacher at the 9.00am Sung Eucharist next Sunday, 1st June.

Cardinal Stephen is Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong and is a member of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. He was ordained priest here in Hong Kong in 1994 and appointed Bishop of the Catholic Diocese by Pope Francis in 2021. In 2023 he was named by Pope Francis as a new Cardinal and was recently part of the conclave that elected Pope Leo XIV.

We thank God for the growing bonds of affection between the HKSKH and the Catholic Diocese and warmly welcome our dear brother in Christ to our worship. *One Church, One Faith, One Lord!*

'Let Each Gospel Speak for Itself' **STUDY SERIES**

led by **The Revd Prof John Kater**

This series will explore how each Gospel offers a unique perspective on Jesus, his life, and his message, and how they collectively shape our understanding of his teachings.

Dates: Mondays
19th and 26th May, 2nd and 9th June

Time: 7.00 – 8.00pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Seating is limited. To register, please email:

reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or call the cathedral office on 2523 4157.

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.

CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL

on 10th June at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

Topic: **Anglican Franciscans
— and Others**

Speaker: **Mr John Davison**

A lawyer, John Davison is a member of the Third Order of the (Anglican) Society of St Francis (tossf).

Many Anglicans are not aware of the revival of religious orders in the Church of England and the Anglican Communion worldwide in the 19th century and their rich history. The Society of St Francis (SSF) is the largest and most enduring of Anglican religious orders. It is now in most countries where there are Anglicans or Episcopalians. John will describe its three orders and in particular the Third Order which has members in Hong Kong.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served from 12.45pm.

Ticket: HK\$60 each, available from the Cathedral Bookstore, or by reservation: reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk / 2523 4157

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025

JOY IN FITNESS

Enjoy a rejuvenating yoga session led by a skilled instructor on the Sunday afternoon. Come together with friends and family to strengthen your body, mind, and bonds with the community!

Date: 8th June (Sunday)

Time: 3.00 – 4.30pm

Venue: Pure Yoga, Starstreet

Donation: HK\$500

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

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

Sponsor: Pure Fitness & Yoga

The Standing Commission for Mission — Thy Kingdom Come 2025 Prayer Movement

Thy Kingdom Come — a worldwide prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray together during the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost for friends, family members and neighbours who have not yet faithed in Jesus Christ to know more about His redeeming love. Since its launch in 2016, the prayer movement has united more than a million Christians in prayer. This year, we are excited to celebrate the tenth anniversary of *Thy Kingdom Come*!

As always, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui encourages parishioners to participate in this meaningful prayer movement. Please scan the QR code or visit the web page below to obtain the prayer booklet based on *The Lord's Prayer* by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, as your daily devotional material and prayer from Ascension Day (29th May) to Pentecost (8th June).

In addition, *The Daily Word* will collaborate with the prayer movement to use *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer materials as scriptural meditations, reflections, and prayers during the movement period, you are welcome to watch daily.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Nicola Wong at 2526 5355 or nicola.wong@hkskh.org.

Thy Kingdom Come 2025 prayer booklet:

Web page: <https://www.hkskh.org/content.aspx?id=98&lang=1>



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Bishop's Bible Study Series 2025 'Holistic Stewardship'

After the Bishop's Bible Study Series last year for the study of discipleship and church growth, Bishop Matthias Der would lead a new Bible Study Series in 2025 to study 'Stewardship' and invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island to join it. The Bible Study will be conducted in Cantonese. Details of the four meetings are as follows:

Date: 19th June, 17th July, 18th September and 16th October (Thursdays)

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: St Stephen's Church (In-person meeting)
71 Bonham Road, Hong Kong

Theme:

1st Session: 19th June

Who is in charge? How to live a worry-free life?

2nd Session: 17th July

The Good stewards & Bad stewards in Jesus' eyes

3rd Session: 18th September

I was born to be useful – Personal, family and church's responsibilities as stewards

4th Session: 16th October

The world is my home – Responsibilities for the society, the world and God's creation as stewards

Leader: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der

Deadline for enrolment: Three days before each meeting

Enrolment:

Please visit the Diocesan Website or scan the QR Code below for submitting the Google Form; or call up the Diocesan Office via your respective parish or mission church for enrolment.

Participants may enrol for individual sessions or all four sessions.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Chiu of the Diocesan Office at 2526 5366



Scan for enrolment

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

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Mr Thomas Li

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Mission for Migrant Workers

SJC Life Enrichment Centre

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Prison Ministry



Safeguarding Officer:

Mr Jason Wong

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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.

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