



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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 17TH AUGUST 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/-fLKY1pAkYs>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Drew Courtright
Communion Setting: Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns: 564, 461i, 369, 582
Anthem: Ave verum corpus (Colin Mawby)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Patricia Hon
Intercessor: Martin Hills
Voluntary: Praeludium in E minor 'Großes'
(Nicolaus Bruhns)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Daniel Kong
Intercessor: Theodore Lau

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Zenaida Carias

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 18th August	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 19th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 20th <i>Bernard, Abbot of</i> <i>Clairvaux, Teacher, 1153</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	<i>Said Eucharist</i>
THU 21st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 22nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> (No meetings in July and August)
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 23rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Cantonese</i>) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 24th August Bartholomew the Apostle		
<i>Acts 5.12-16</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 145.1-7</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>1 Corinthians 4.9-15</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Luke 22.24-30</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

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Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. **No unauthorised 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 God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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**Jeremiah 23.23-29**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Hebrews 11.29-12.2**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab

the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12.49-56

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church.

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 Titus' Church; for the spiritual growth of the Revd Billy Ip and the Revd Wong Lai Ha, their colleagues and the congregation; For the vision and the future development of various outreach and nurture ministries; For the devotion and spiritual growth of the parishioners; for the evangelistic and pastoral care ministries; may God strengthen their faith and edify fellowship among the congregation; For the development of Alpha parenting course and nurturing programmes, in particular, the ministry to children and youth; may God guide and lead all participants to pursue Christ; For the church's mission in SKH Ma On Shan Holy Spirit Primary School, the evangelistic ministry for the school students and parents; For our partner in the community, the HKSKH Ma On Shan Children & Youth Integrated Service Centre; for ever deeper cooperation between the church and the centre, that we may bear joint witness of God.

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, now suffering serious flooding and landslides at the same time when they are rebuilding after the major earthquake in March, which damaged several churches and

left many people homeless. Add this to the continuing conflict which has killed and injured thousands of people, and left some villages destroyed by military action. The Diocese of Tougoo provides food, shelter and medical supplies for over 3,000 refugees from the war. Hold Bishop Saw Sheesho and his people in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Yeung Yiu Chuen, Fr John Chynchen, Ruth Phillipson, Chris Maden, Ma Sau Yuen, Annabella Janssen, Daisy Tai, Joseph Chu, Ray Chan, Dan Severson, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Esther Tse, Eva Sorrel, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Hsu Hon Chung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Sabrina Ho, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Teresa Ray Li, Alan Irvine, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Wanda Wan H, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Keith So, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Sarah Wong, Arturo Lamshing, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Sister Jean Mary, Rhonada Marsland, Donna Kantor, Esther Bangcawayan, Chuan Xiaokang, and Sanson Lau.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Loreta Bacagan Gomez.

In Memoriam:

Quintin Wen Wai To (溫偉圖),
Tip Lam (林蝶) and Dave Fryers.

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.

CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the worship at Discovery Bay Church.

RESIDENT GUEST CHOIR IN AUGUST

During the month of August, while St John's Cathedral Choir are in summer recess, all morning choral services will be sung by our resident guest choir, Die Konzertisten, under the direction of our Director of Music, Felix Yeung.

Die Konzertisten (DK) is recognized as one of Hong Kong's foremost chamber choirs. DK performs repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony and Baroque masterpieces to Romantic delicacies and newly commissioned works. The choir regularly works with internationally distinguished artists and is featured frequently in the Hong Kong Arts Festival. Other partnerships include Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, HKU MUSE, and RTHK. DK has been singing in the Cathedral's choral services since August 2012.

REFRESHMENTS in the Harold Smyth Room 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.

FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers are donated in loving memory of Quintin Wen Wai To and Tip Lam from Douglas Lam.

12 oz JAM JARS NEEDED

for the Michaelmas Fair 2025 Home Produce Stall. Please bring your used, washed jam jars to the Cathedral office, which you contact at 2523 4157 for additional information.

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025 – JOY IN EVERY NOTE

Embark on a musical journey of the rich tradition of our Cathedral with two fundraising recitals!

Recital 1 – Solo recital

Organist: Jeremy Ng (Organ Scholar of HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace 2025-26)

Date: Wednesday, 20th August 2025

Time: 7.30pm

Recital 2 – *Quadrumanus*: organ duets

Organist: Jonathan Yip (Cathedral Organist); Felix Yeung (Director of Music)

Date: Saturday, 6th September 2025

Time: 3.00pm

Both recitals will take place at the Cathedral. There will be a retiring collection to support various ministries of St John's Cathedral.

TEMPORARY SCAFFOLDING AT THE ALTAR AND HIGH ALTAR

To ensure the long-term safety and preservation of our beloved cathedral, scaffolding has been installed around the altar area for essential inspection and preventive maintenance of the roof. The work will take a couple of months.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding while this important work takes place.

REPLACEMENT OF LI HALL FLOOR TILES

The floor tiles in Li Hall will be replaced in the coming weeks. During this time, the hall will be temporarily closed for all activities.

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Admission of Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) is open now!

For more details:



Enrolment & Enquiries:
admission@minghua.edu.hk or
WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

Recruitment for Autumn Semester 2025/26

We would like to inform you that the recruitment for our Diploma of Theology programme is open now. It is conducted in Cantonese. For more details, please scan the following QR code:



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CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE NEWS

A big congratulations to our dear Fr Amos Poon on the release of his new book, *Embracing God in Times of Uncertainty: A Millennials' Thesis of Faith*. This work explores four key challenges facing today's generation: Dreams and Reality, Authentic Faith, Rest and Burnout, and Loneliness, offering a Christian perspective on these issues. The book is written in Chinese and will be available for purchase at the Cathedral Bookstore. An English introduction of the book is featured in the Summer 2025 edition of *In Touch* magazine.

Do not miss this opportunity to grab a copy, and may this book be a blessing to both our cathedral community and the wider Hong Kong audience.



EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Are you interested in exploring Christianity or becoming a Christian?
Would you like to join our cathedral community and become a formal member of the Anglican Church (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)?

Through Baptism and Confirmation, individuals publicly declare their faith in God and trust in Jesus Christ. These sacraments mark the reception of the Holy Spirit and formal admission into the life of the Church.

Step 1 – Become an Enquirer

Enrolment remains open until mid-September 2025.

Please contact Elisa at: deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

From September 2025 to February 2026, cathedral clergy will meet with you monthly. During this period, we ask that you attend services regularly at either the cathedral or our daughter churches. These meetings allow us to get to know each other, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about:

- The Christian faith
- The Anglican Church (HKSKH)
- Our church services and practices

Step 2 – Enrol in ‘Faith Begins’ (Adult Baptism & Confirmation Course)

Course details

Dates: Every Wednesday from 25th February to 20th May 2026

Time: 7.00-9.10pm

Location: Harold Smyth Room

Weekly schedule:

7.00pm - Supper

7.30pm - Clergy-led talk

8.00pm - Small group discussions

(available in English, Cantonese, or Mandarin)

9.00pm - Group prayer

9.10pm - Close

Cost: HK\$1,200

Baptism and Confirmation Service

Sunday, 24th May 2026 will be your baptism and confirmation service, marking your formal membership in the Church.



Michaelmas Fair 2025

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

家庭同樂夜

19 九月 SEP 7.00-10.00PM
下午7時至10時

Li Hall 李堂

Ticket: HK\$500 票價：港幣 \$500
(Children: \$250) (小童：港幣 \$250)

The much-anticipated Family Fun Night is making a comeback! We've got delicious food and wine lined up for you. You definitely don't want to miss out on the fantastic performances, games, and the thrilling auction. Grab your ticket now and join us for a joyous evening with our Cathedral community!

期待已久的家庭同樂夜今年正式回歸！精心預備的美食佳餚，豐富表演和節目，還有刺激非常的拍賣籌款環節，等待您一同參與。快購票留坐，與我們座堂大家庭享受這個歡樂晚上！

All proceeds after covering expenses will go towards supporting various ministries of St John's Cathedral.

收益扣除成本後將全數撥捐聖約翰座堂作發展各項事工之用。

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

請即到座堂辦事處或WhatsApp至 5107 7170報名參加，名額先到先得。

Performers 表演者

1 Ian Yu



9 The Pelicans

