



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.'*

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE 24TH AUGUST 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Frank Lang

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/eg6Hg2Cognk>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns: 241, 452, 287ii, 595
Anthem: The Twelve (William Walton)
Readers: Susan King, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor: Daniel Kong
Voluntary: Trumpet Tune on 'Lasst uns erfreuen'
(Rebecca Groom te Velde)

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
Reader: Eunice Tuma-ac
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Michael Gibb

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 25th August	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 26th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 27th <i>Monica, Mother of</i> <i>Augustine of Hippo, 387</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Emotions in Music 曲中情</i> <i>—A Vocal Recital</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 28th <i>Augustine, Bishop of</i> <i>Hippo, Teacher, 430</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 29th <i>The Beheading of John</i> <i>The Baptist</i>	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 30th	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 31st August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity		
<i>Ecclus. 10.12-18</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 112</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
<i>Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Luke 14.1, 7-14</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Celtic Eucharist followed by Walking the Labyrinth
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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 and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 5.12-16

A reading from the Acts of Apostles.

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, and we grow weary from the work of our

own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 22.24-30

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia.

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 Augustine's Chapel; and for the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok, the Very Revd Franklin Lee, the Revd Michael Chan; For all the lecturers and intercessors, servers, greeters, choir members and organists of the Chapel; For all the children and youth of the Chapel; for the Sunday School teachers who nurture the children to understand and love God; For the Christian nurture, evangelism and support to all staff and students of Diocesan Boys' School; For all the teachers, staff, students, parents and old boys of Diocesan Boys' School.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

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 Toungoo 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, Chuan Xiaokang, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Sarah Wong, Arturo Lamshing, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Sister Jean Mary, Rhonada Marsland, Donna Kantor, Esther Bangcawayan, and Sanson Lau.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Caroline Hurst

In Memoriam:
Samson YC Sun

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.



FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers are donated in loving memory of Samson YC Sun.

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.

EVENSONG & CURRY!

Sunday 7th September 2025

**5.00pm Choral Evensong
followed by Curry Supper.**

*Please join us after the service
for an informal time of fellowship
in the Harold Smyth Room
hosted by the Filipino Fellowship
and the Evensong Choir.*

MICHAELMAS FAIR 2025 – JOY IN EVERY NOTE

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

Recital 2 **Quadrumanus: organ duets**

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

Date: Saturday, 6th September 2025

Time: 3.00pm

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

RADIO MINISTRY

The service at St Stephen's Chapel this morning will be recorded and broadcast on RTHK4 (97.6FM) at 12.00noon.

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.

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.

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.

HKSKH MINGHUA 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: 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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“Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music” 2025-26 series is launched!

The “Introductions to the Afternoon of Sacred Music” series is designed for all music lovers. Through joining the courses, attendees will deepen their knowledge of sacred music while enjoying its beauty. No prior musical experience is required for enrolment. Retirees are especially welcome to join us and spend together a leisurely afternoon immersed in sacred music.

Hymns Singing and Appreciation

Instructor: Lau Yik Long (Provincial Music Officer)

Date: 11th, 18th and 25th September (Thu, 3 lessons in total)

Time: 2.00pm – 3.15pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College

Fee: \$180

The course is taught in Cantonese. Scan this QR code or visit <https://www.minghua.edu.hk/en/news-sacredmuspm-en/> for details and applications:



Deadline of applications: 7th September 2025 (Sun)

For enquiries, please dial 2536 7537 (Mr Lau),

or email to music@minghua.edu.hk

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！精心預備的美酒佳餚，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



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 Officer:

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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