



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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 31ST AUGUST 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/ZogTgS-Ti2I>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Guest Choir: Die Konzertisten

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Catholic Renewal Eucharist (Leonard West)
Hymns: 549 (omit vv. 4,5), 383ii, 529, 283
Anthem: The Deer's Cry (Arvo Pärt)
Readers: Theodore Lau, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Eunice Tuma-ac
Voluntary: Postlude on 'Woodlands' (Alan Bullard)

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
Reader: Douglas Lam
Intercessor: James Choo

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

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
Reader: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 1st September	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 2nd <i>The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 3rd <i>Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 4th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 5th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 6th	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 7th September The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity		
<i>Deuteronomy 30.15-end</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
<i>Psalm 1</i>		
<i>Philemon 1-21</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
<i>Luke 14.25-33</i>		Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
		Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant 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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Ecclesiasticus 10.12-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you

yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.1, 7-14

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place"; and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those

who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.'

But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Church of South India (United).

**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 Church of St John the Baptist**, may God bless the cheerful giver for the nurturing and gospel ministry; For the financial challenges faced by the church; for the parish's schools; may the Gospel be received by the students; especially for SKH Tseung Kwan O Kei Tak Primary School and HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School; For the parish's social services, for the neighborhood;

may God's love reach everybody's heart, especially for H.K.S.K.H. Tseung Kwan O Aged Care Complex.

**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**, 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:*  
Tommy Hui, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Yeung Yiu Chuen, Fr John Chynchen, Annabella Janssen, Ruth Phillipson, Chris Maden, Daisy Tai, Joseph Chu, Ray Chan, Dan Severson, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Alan Irvine, 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, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Wanda Wan H, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Keith So, Sarah Wong, Chuan Xiaokang, Li Chunjuan, Rhonada Marsland, Raymond Yuen, Sister Jean Mary, Arturo Lamshing, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Donna

## NOTICES

Kantor, Esther Bangcawayan and Sanson Lau.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Ma Sau Yuen, Caroline Hurst

*In Memoriam:* Joshua Swain

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

### FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers are donated in loving memory of Joshua Swain on the anniversary of his birth on 30<sup>th</sup> August.

### 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.



### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.*

### NEW HYMNBOOKS

Since the Revised English Hymnal has published, the Choir has been using this new hymnbook. The congregational melody edition has finally arrived. The new books will be blessed at the 9.00am Service this Sunday. We give thanks to the generosity of the donor. Let us offer our sacrifice of praise to God unceasingly!

### 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, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

## NOTICES

**THE POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME** invites you to enjoy a day out with our elderly friends from the SKH Western District Elderly Community Centre to the Hong Kong Museum of War of Resistance and Coastal Defence (香港抗戰及海防博物館).

Volunteers will have time to engage with our elderly friends, enjoy the unique sights and sounds of this fascinating museum, culminating in a delightful lunch with our elder friends!

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Saturday)

**Time:** 9.15am - 14.30pm

**Venue:** Travel by coach to and from the 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!

### 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](mailto: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 (HKSCH)
- Our church services and practices

#### ***Step 2 – Enrol in 'Faith Begins' (Adult Baptism & Confirmation Course)***

**Dates:** Every Wednesday from 25<sup>th</sup> February to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Time:** 7.00-9.10pm

**Venue:** 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

Registration Fee: HK\$1,200

#### **Baptism and Confirmation Service**

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



### **DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR** *Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025*

**BOOKSTALL** — Please take a good look at your bookshelves, pull out those volumes you will not look at again and donate them to our Second Hand Book-stall. The Stall is a significant source of income to the Fair and its charities and its success depends on the books you donate. We also invite you to give us CDs and DVDs which you don't want any more. *We regret that we cannot take VCDs or magazines. They don't sell!*

**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL** — Still wondering what to do with the vase you bought at a weak moment? Let us find it a new owner who will love and cherish it. All kinds of items will be gladly received; electronics, paintings, household items, jewelry, home accessories, bric a brac, as long as they are resalable.

**STAMP STALL** — New or used stamps, First Day covers, other philatelic material, used old bank notes and old coins are also welcome. (Please mark your contributions 'FOR ALEXANDER KWAN')

**WINE & BEER GARDEN** — Our popular Wine Garden is appealing for wine for serving on the day of the Fair. Please go through your private cellars and donate bottles of red and white! All bottles to be delivered to the Cathedral Office marked clearly 'For Michaelmas Fair Wine Garden'.

*Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office (2523 4157)  
clearly marked for the Michaelmas Fair  
(Mon-Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm; (Sat) 9.00am – 12.00noon*

### **HKSKH Diocese of Hong Kong Island Bishop's Bible Study Series 2025 - 'Holistic Stewardship'**

Bishop Matthias Der is leading a Bible Study Series to study 'Stewardship' and invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island to join. The Bible Study is conducted in Cantonese.

**Date/Time:** 18<sup>th</sup> September and 16<sup>th</sup> October (Thu)/7.30pm

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

**Theme:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Session (completed)  
Who is in charge? How to live a worry-free life?  
The Good stewards & Bad stewards in Jesus' eyes

3<sup>rd</sup> Session: 18<sup>th</sup> September

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

4<sup>th</sup> Session: 16<sup>th</sup> October

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

**Enrolment:** Please visit the Diocesan Website or scan the QR Code. For enquiries, please contact Ms Chiu of the Diocesan Office at 2526 5366 **Deadline:** 3 days before each meeting





# 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

