



# 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

### **8.00am Said Eucharist**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Reader: Ben Lee

### **9.00am Sung Eucharist with Commissioning of Servers and Music Ministry** (<https://youtube.com/live/30UvbCs1frM>) (Eucharistic Prayer G)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne)  
Hymns: 593, 102, 455, 544  
Anthem: O Master, let me walk with thee (Philip Ledger)  
Readers: Gordon Jones, Theodore Lau  
Intercessor: Frank Lang  
Voluntary: Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

### **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  
Reader: Karmen Kar  
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

### **1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

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

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman  
Reader: Zenaida Carias

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## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 8th September</b> <i>The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 9th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
<b>WED 10th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—Autumn Serenade 秋月吟 Tracy Cheung (Soprano) & Kilby Li (Harp)
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 11th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
<b>FRI 12th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
	8.00pm	'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
<b>SAT 13th</b> <i>John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	Andrew Fellowship
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 14th September</b> <i>Numbers 21.4-9 Psalm 22.23-28 Philippians 2.6-11 John 3.13-17</i>	<b>Holy Cross Day</b>	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	9.00am	Responsorial Eucharist with Commissioning of Sunday school Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Philip Wickeri
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Healing Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

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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,  
you are always more ready to hear  
than we to pray and to give more than  
either we desire or deserve: pour down  
upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid and giving us  
those good things which we are not  
worthy to ask but through the merits  
and mediation of 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****Deuteronomy 30.15-end**

A reading from the book of  
Deuteronomy.

See, I have set before you today life and  
prosperity, death and adversity. If you  
obey the commandments of the LORD  
your God that I am commanding you  
today, by loving the LORD your God,  
walking in his ways, and observing his  
commandments, decrees, and ordi-  
nances, then you shall live and become  
numerous, and the LORD your God will  
bless you in the land that you are enter-  
ing to possess. But if your heart turns  
away and you do not hear, but are led  
astray to bow down to other gods and  
serve them, I declare to you today that  
you shall perish; you shall not live long  
in the land that you are crossing the  
Jordan to enter and possess. I call heav-  
en and earth to witness against you to-  
day that I have set before you life and  
death, blessings and curses. Choose life  
so that you and your descendants may  
live, loving the LORD your God, obeying  
him, and holding fast to him; for that  
means life to you and length of days, so  
that you may live in the land that the  
LORD swore to give to your ancestors,  
to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING****Philemon 1-21**

A reading from the letter of Paul to  
Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and  
Timothy our brother, To Philemon our  
dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia  
our sister, to Archippus our fellow-  
soldier, and to the church in your  
house: Grace to you and peace from  
God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers,  
I always thank my God because I hear  
of your love for all the saints and your  
faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray  
that the sharing of your faith may  
become effective when you perceive all  
the good that we may do for Christ. I  
have indeed received much joy and  
encouragement from your love, because  
the hearts of the saints have been  
refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold  
enough in Christ to command you to  
do your duty, yet I would rather appeal  
to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul,  
do this as an old man, and now also as a  
prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing  
to you for my child, Onesimus, whose  
father I have become during my  
imprisonment. Formerly he was useless  
to you, but now he is indeed useful both  
to you and to me. I am sending him,  
that is, my own heart, back to you. I  
wanted to keep him with me, so that he  
might be of service to me in your place  
during my imprisonment for the  
gospel; but I preferred to do nothing  
without your consent, in order that  
your good deed might be voluntary and  
not something forced. Perhaps this is  
the reason he was separated from you  
for a while, so that you might have him  
back for ever, no longer as a slave but  
as more than a slave, a beloved brother  
—especially to me but how much more  
to you, both in the flesh and in the  
Lord.

So if you consider me your partner,  
welcome him as you would welcome  
me. If he has wronged you in any way,  
or owes you anything, charge that to my  
account. I, Paul, am writing this with  
my own hand: I will repay it. I say

nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 14.25-33**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing; grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**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 Mary's Church**, for the ministries of the Revd Tsui Yuk Fan, the Revd Kenneth Lau and the Revd Kenneth Lo; For the mission of 'Becoming Christ's Disciples; Renewing the Church'; For the pastoral ministry in SKH St Mary's Church Mok Hing Yiu College, Sheng Kung Hui Kindergarten and St James' Settlement Causeway Bay Kindergarten Child Care Centre; For the Alpha course and the Catechumen, may God continue to guide the people who join and serve; that their ministries may glorify God, spread the Gospel and share the love to people.

**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 Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

**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:*

Chung Sheung Yung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Yeung Yiu Chuen, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Annabella Janssen, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Chris Maden, Joseph Chu, Daisy Tai, Ray Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Arturo Lamshing, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Alan Irvine, Esther Tse, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Rhonada Marsland, Eva Sorrel, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Hsu Hon Chung, 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, Li Chunjuan, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Donna Kantor, Sister Jean Mary, Sanson Lau, Caitlin Berry, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Margaret Murrell, Beverly Rea, and Esther Bangcawayan.

*Please pray for the recently departed:*  
Tracy Dieter and Ma Sau Yuen

*In Memoriam:*  
Charles Bremridge

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.*

### 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.

### CELEBRATING 176 YEARS: AN INVITATION TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

This month, we joyfully mark the 176th anniversary of our beloved Cathedral. For generations, this sacred space has witnessed countless prayers, celebrations, and moments of profound grace, standing as both a spiritual home and a historic monument.

That legacy of stewardship continues today through essential renewal work that is already underway. You may have already noticed the scaffolding erected within the Cathedral for crucial interior repairs, alongside the replacement of the floor tiles in Li Hall. These vital works will ensure our spiritual home remains beautiful and functional for the future.

To complete these important projects, we need your support. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to participate through a financial gift. Please use the special '176th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offertory' envelope for your donation and place it in the collection bag or the donations box.

Every contribution, large or small, will make a tangible difference. Thank you for your generous heart and for helping us care for the beautiful house of prayer entrusted to us.



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.

## 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.

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**EVENSONG & CURRY!**  
TODAY

**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.*

**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.



### **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'.

**12oz JAM JARS** — for the Home Produce Stall

*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





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**25<sup>th</sup>**  
Thursday  
**SEP**  
**2025**  
7:00 - 9:30pm

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