



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.'*

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY) 12TH OCTOBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/DALXoB3XxTM>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 360i (omit *), 365, Ali kayo (Sofia O. Bacwaden),
363
Anthem: All things bright and beautiful (John Rutter)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Eunice Tuma-ac
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Dance scherzo on 'Wir pflügen' (Malcolm Archer)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Hymns: 420, 371, 385, 528
Reader: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 13th October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 14th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 15th <i>Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Joyful Singing in Autumn</i> <i>秋之頌歌午間音樂會</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 16th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 17th <i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107</i>	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 18th Luke the Evangelist	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 19th October <i>Genesis 32, 22-31</i> <i>Psalms 121</i> <i>2 Timothy 3.14-4.5</i> <i>Luke 18.1-8</i>	The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Most Revd Andrew Chan Preacher: His Holiness Mar Awa III
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (<i>Pilipino</i>) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright

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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

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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**Deuteronomy 26.1-11**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD,

have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Philippians 4.4-9**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING**John 6.25-35**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food

that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 the Epiphany. May God bless the church; For their focus on the Evangelism, Care, and Pastoral Ministry with Spiritual Growth in unity and harmony to serve God and the Church.

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 Cathedral Staff, Council members, 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, rebuilding churches after the earthquake and floods earlier this year, and still caring for some 4000 villagers made homeless by the continuing cruel war, earthquake and flooding, providing food, shelter, medicine, and schooling for children.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Chung Sheung Yung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Joseph Chu, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Arturo Lamshing, Annabella Janssen, Chris Maden, Daisy Tai, Ray Chan, Irena Wu, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Hsu Hon Chung, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Eva Sorrel, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Alan Irvine, Esther Tse, Li Chunjuan, Teresa Ray Li, Donna Willis, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Wanda Wan H, Sabrina Ho, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Jane Pang Tong, Sister Jean Mary, Sanson Lau, Sarah Wong, Wanda Clay, Raymond Yuen, Margaret Murrell, Chuan Xiaokang, Yeewan Li, Donna Kantor, Caitlin Berry, Evelyn Chan, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Sylvia Kwok Lee Shuk Po, Beverly Rea, John Chakas, and Esther Bangcawayan.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Yeung Yiu Chuen, Nancy Swartz and
Lucita Villareal

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

It's easy to feel helpless to do anything
about the wars and conflicts taking the
lives of so many people in many coun-
tries. What can we do? We can pray,
individually or together. For over 3
years a small group of parishioners has
been meeting on Zoom to pray for
peace. We use prayers adapted from the
Iona Community in Scotland to pray for
peace in the world and peace in our-
selves. Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday.
WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.



**9.00am
Responsorial
Eucharist
with Offering of
Harvest Gifts**

*Please bring
non-perishable food items
which will be delivered to
the Bethune House.*

CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the
worship and preaching at Emmanuel
Church, Pokfulam.

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.



**HKSKH
Ming Hua Theological College**

**Recruitments
for Autumn Semester
2025/26**

The recruitment for the following
programmes is open now. All
programmes are conducted in
Cantonese. For more details,
please scan the following QR code:

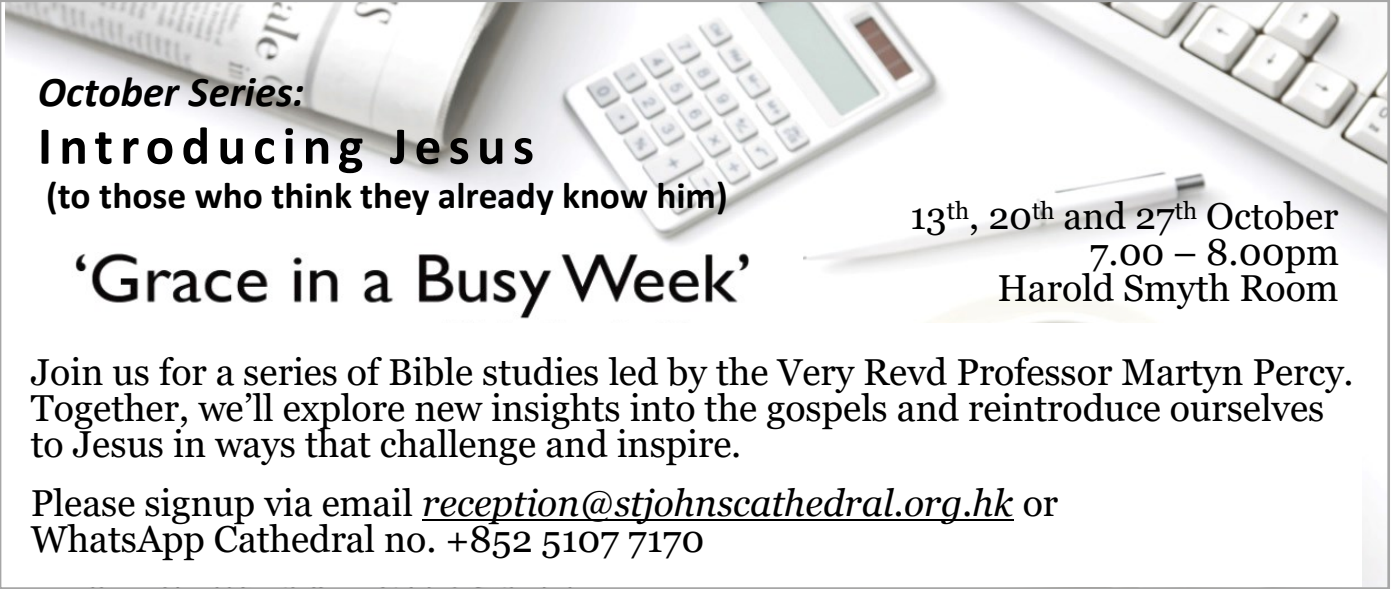


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October Series:

Introducing Jesus

(to those who think they already know him)

‘Grace in a Busy Week’

13th, 20th and 27th October
7.00 – 8.00pm
Harold Smyth Room

Join us for a series of Bible studies led by the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy. Together, we'll explore new insights into the gospels and reintroduce ourselves to Jesus in ways that challenge and inspire.

Please signup via email reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or
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DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR
Saturday 25th 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 Bookstall. 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*

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

聖約翰座堂
賣物會

Michaelmas Fair

JOY IN UNITY

喜樂同行

25th OCT 10.00AM-4.00PM
上午10時至下午4時

FOOD & DRINKS

HANDICRAFTS

GAME STALLS

2ND-HAND BOOKS

RAFFLES

BOUNCY CASTLE

WINE

STAMPS STALL

LIVE PERFORMANCES

WHITE ELEPHANT

HOME PRODUCE

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: 16th October (Thu)/7.30pm

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

Theme: 4th Session:

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



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Information of Ming Hua Pastoral Care Department:

Welcome to join our worshipping life – 'Come and Worship'; Sister Amy Joy invites you to join 'Tea with Sr Amy Joy' to chat and fellowship together in Christ.

Let us worship

Dates: 17th, 24th October 2025 (Fridays)

Time: Noon Prayer: 12.00noon – 12.30pm; Evening Prayer: 5.00 – 5.30pm

Venue: Chapel, Ming Hua Theological College

Tea with Sr Amy Joy

Dates: 17th, 24th October 2025 (Fridays)

Time: 3.30 – 4.30pm

Venue: Pastoral Care Department, 2/F, Ming Hua Theological College

Content: Friday Happy Hour, relax and have a tea with Sr Amy Joy to chat and fellowship together in Christ.

Language: Cantonese

For Spiritual Direction and appointment with Sr Amy Joy, please contact the Pastoral Care Department on 2536 7538 or 2536 7566.

Fee for Spiritual Direction: HK\$400 (45 minutes per session)

You are welcome to support our Spiritual Care ministry by donation.

By Cheque: payable to 'HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College', please state 'Pastoral Care Department' at the back of the cheque and send it by hand or by post to Glenealy, Central, Hong Kong.

By Deposit: please deposit the donation to our Bank of East Asia account (A/C# 015-514-25-13826-2), provide the transaction record by emailing to promotion@minghua.edu.hk and state "Pastoral Care Department".