



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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 30TH NOVEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/Ull3Ux5t4eE>) (*Eucharistic Prayer F*)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: Ven. Simon Gates
Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Hymns: 14, 19, 22, 11
Anthem: Blessed are those servants (Ernest Moeran)
Readers: Dolores Dayao, Martin Hills
Intercessor: Douglas Lam
Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 661
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Liza Caisip
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm 'Looking for the Light' - A service for the beginning of Advent (<https://youtube.com/live/3EB9fTG5hbA>)

Officiant: The Dean
Readers: Adrian King, Eunice Tuma-ac, Alex Chan,
Eric Ip, Wallace Lai, Marques Ng, The Revd
Drew Courtright

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 1st December Andrew the Apostle	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 2nd	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>Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital— Edmund Cham & Friends</i>
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 <i>Clement of Alexandria, Teacher, c.215</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 6th <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 7th December <i>Isaiah 11.1-10 Psalm 72.1-7, 18-19 Romans 15.4-13 Matthew 3.1-12</i>	The Second Sunday of Advent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon 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 God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 13.11-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is

nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 24.36-44

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples: 'About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Andrew's Church, give thanks for what they have learnt from God's word, growth in goodness, and their support for one another in faith; Pray that they would be a community that seeks to love Jesus, share the gospel, support one another, read the bible and serve our city.

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, 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:

Shirley Fu, James Choo, Tommy Hui, Peter Yue, Andrew Ashley, Maddy Foo, Annabella Janssen, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Chung Sheung Yung, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Fr John Chynchen, Arturo Lamshing, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Daisy Tai, Joseph Chu, Cheung Chik Wan, Eva Sorrel, Irena Wu, Ray Chan, Hsu Hon Chung, Fung Wan Nui, Yeewan Li, Li Chunjuan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Teresa Ray Li, Sabrina Ho, Raymond Yuen, Sandra Davison, Alan Irvine, Chuan Xiaokang, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, John Chakas, Sister Jean Mary, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Jane Pang Tong, Sarah Wong, Wanda Wan H, Esther Bangcawayan, Sanson Lau, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Caitlin Berry, Evelyn Chan, and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Kwok Lee Shuk Po and All who lost their lives in the Wang Fuk Court fire in Tai Po

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, Tel: +852 2523 4157.



PRAYER FOR THE FIRE AT WANG FUK COURT IN TAI PO



Merciful Lord, you are the source of salvation and the refuge for the afflicted.

We implore your compassion for those in danger due to the fire at Wang Fuk Court.

We ask for healing for the injured, for the souls of the deceased to be received with grace, and for comfort, peace, and hope to be granted to all. We ask this through your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

NOTICES

S.K.H. ACT OF LOVE 1126 FIRE DISASTER SUPPORT FUND

A fire at Wang Fuk Court in Tai Po has resulted in significant damage, with multiple casualties and thousands of residents displaced from their homes.

The Welfare Council has activated the S.K.H. Act of Love 1126 Fire Disaster Support Fund fundraising platform to provide timely assistance. All donations received (with no administrative fees deducted) will be used to offer cash grants or essential supplies to affected individuals and families, helping them cover urgent needs such as daily necessities, medical costs, and temporary accommodation.

Scan the QR code to donate
Enquiries: 8209 8122



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 countries. What can we do? We can pray, individually or together. For over three 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 ourselves. Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920.



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL 2025 MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETING

Each year, we welcome over 1,300 people to our Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. To ensure that tickets are evenly distributed among parishioners and the wider community, tickets will be available for advance application through an online form.

The online application will start at 10.00am on Monday, 1st December and will close when all available tickets are exhausted. Please refer to the application form (QR Code can be found at the bottom of this notice) for further details.

The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between 2nd and 16th December during office hours. Any uncollected tickets after Tuesday, 16th December, will be reallocated to other applicants.

100 tickets will be reserved for distribution at the West Door at 9.00pm on 24th December.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications.
All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral.
Please scan the QR code to apply for the tickets.



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL PARISH HIKE on Sunday 11th January 2026

Join a hike that links all four churches of St John's Cathedral parish /
Meet new friends from sister churches / Enjoy food, friendship,
and a great day hiking!

For detail information and registration, please scan the QR Code.
Thank you.





**St John's Cathedral
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025**

Sunday 7th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

Sunday 14th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A Service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season

Saturday 20th December

6.00pm
Chinese Carol Service
with Eucharist

Sunday 21st December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

9.00am
Sung Eucharist with Nativity Play

5.00pm
Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Wednesday 24th December
Christmas Eve

3.00pm
Crib Service (30 minutes)

4.30pm
Christingle Service

*(The Cathedral will be closed
from 6.00pm for preparation.)*

11.00pm
**Midnight Mass of the Nativity
and Blessing of the Crib**

Thursday 25th December
Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

**11.45am Responsorial Eucharist
with Carols**

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

NO 5.00pm Service

Thy Word is a Lamp

Simon Gates & Samson Fan



Book Signing
with Simon Gates
TODAY at 10.30am
in the Li Hall

**Handicraft & Greeting Cards
SALE**

Saturday 6th December 2025

12.00noon—6.00pm
in the Cathedral ground



Sunday 7th December 2025

10.30am—12.00noon
in the Li Hall



*All proceeds to
S.K.H. Act of Love 1126 Fire Disaster
Support Fund*

*Please do drop by
to provide them support!*

NOTICES

REFRESHMENTS and LOVE CHOCOLATE SALE in support of S.K.H. St Christopher's Home 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.



Join us for A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION at St John's with seniors from the Western District

The Poverty Alleviation Programme invites you to celebrate Christmas with the seniors of the Western District. Enjoy a day filled with festive songs, fun games, and exciting quizzes, culminating in a delightful lunch with our elder friends!

Date: 27th December 2025 (Sat)

Time: 10.30am - 2.00pm

Venue: St John's Cathedral

If you're excited to join us, please enrol using the QR code. Spaces are limited, so be sure to reserve your spot today! Let's make this Christmas unforgettable together!



Share a Greeting, Share a Blessing: Our 2025 Christmas Card

This Christmas, send your greetings with a card that carries the unique spirit of our cathedral.

Let your Christmas greetings be a powerful message of hope and love for both your recipients and our community.

We are pleased to present our exclusive, brand-new Christmas card for 2025. This beautiful design was created to celebrate the joy, peace, and hope of the season. More than just a card, it's a meaningful way to extend the love of our spiritual home to our wider community.

In light of the recent tragedy in Tai Po, we are giving this year's card a special purpose. All proceeds from the sale of this card will be directed to the S.K.H. Act of Love 1126 Fire Disaster Support Fund. This ensures that 100% of your contribution—with no administrative fees deducted—will provide direct cash grants and essential supplies to the individuals and families affected by the fire. By purchasing these cards, you are offering a tangible expression of care and support to those in need.

Find your cards at the Cathedral Bookstore or Cathedral Office.
Price: HK\$22 per card / HK\$100 for a pack of 5

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: +852 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.

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