



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 CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 25TH JANUARY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/Y_4sxlr-yyE) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: The Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns: 205 (T.156), 489, 204 (T.10), 464 (T. 417)
Anthem: Magnus sanctus Paulus (Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina)
Readers: Eunice Tuma-ac, Julianne Doe
Intercessor: Theodore Lau
Voluntary: Carillon de Westminster from Pièces de Fantaisie Pour Grand Orgue, Op. 54, No. 6 (Louis Vierne)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) with Children's Baptism

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Koon-G Chiu

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 26th January <i>Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul</i>	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 27th	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 28th <i>Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital—From Reverie to Radiance</i> <i>A journey with Bach, Rachmaninoff and Brahms</i> <i>Matthew Tang (Violin), Crystal Yuen (Piano)</i> Said Eucharist
THU 29th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 30th	8.00am 1.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 31st	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Pilipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 1st February <i>Malachi 3.1-5 Psalm 24 (or 24.7-end) Hebrews 2.14-end Luke 2.22-40</i>	8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre 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

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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 9.1-22**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord,

I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING **Galatians 1.11-16a**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently

persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the traditions of my ancestors. But when God, who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the Gentiles.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 19.27-30**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Peter said to Jesus, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you filled Paul the apostle with love for all the churches: may the sacrament we have received foster in us this love for your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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 Paul's Church, the Revd Canon Dr Lam Chun Wai, the Revd Dr Ng Yu Lam, the Revd Adam Mo, and all staff members; may God grant them strength and guidance; for the ministries of evangelism and pastoral care; for the devotion and spiritual growth of the parishioners; for the ministries of faith nurture and fellowships; may all these serve as instruments of God's grace, not only in uniting the congregation, but also in spreading God's love in the community; For the ministries in St Paul's Co-educational College & Primary School, SKH Kei Yan Primary School and St Paul's Church Kindergarten.

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. Please continue to pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Bishop Saw Sheesho thanks St John's Cathedral for donating HK\$125,000 last year to help provide food, medicine, and children's education for families who have lost their homes due to the conflict, floods and earthquake. Over 9000 church

members are being supported by the diocese, and 46 churches and over 500 houses were damaged or destroyed by earthquake and floods. The Bishop writes 'Thank you, friends from St John's Cathedral. We are blessed to receive your love in action.'

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Shum Chi Wah Paul, Hou Yamei, Birdy Yeung, Tommy Hui, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Chung Sheung Yung, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Peter Yue, Fr John Chynchen, Annabella Janssen, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Joseph Chu, Hsu Hon Chung, Daisy Tai, Teresa Ray Li, Jane Pang Tong, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Li Chunjuan, Eva Sorrel, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Sanson Lau, Arturo Lamshing, Fung Wan Nui, Irena Wu, Ray Chan, Esther Bangcawayan, Raymond Yuen, Yeewan Li, Sabrina Ho, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Wanda Wan H, Sister Jean Mary, Alan Irvine, Sarah Wong, Andrew Ashley, John Chakas, Wu Yat Cho, Chuan Xiaokang, Ralph Szweda, Emily Tso, Evelyn Chan, Caitlin Berry, Leona Tjio, Jeffrey Lee, Tiffany Au, Tristan Sherliker, Bonnie Lin and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Yvonne Pang Chim and Peter Barrett

In Memoriam: Lee Clubb

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

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### 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.

### 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.

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EVENSONG & CURRY!

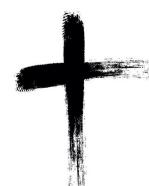
on Sunday 1st February 2026

**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 Clergy Team.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February 2026



9.00am Said Eucharist (Cantonese)
12noon Sung Eucharist (English)

*All services will include
the Imposition of Ashes*

*Please bring back your old palm crosses
on Sunday 1st February.
Thank you.*

St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre presents 'The Theme Song That Never Sleeps' Concert by ONCE VOCAL

Date / Time: Tuesday 27th January, 2026 8.00pm

Venue: Li Hall, St John's Cathedral

Price: \$300 (Seated) / \$50 (Standing)

(Full-time students are eligible for a free standing activity voucher)

Song list: 《霧之光》, 《The Bright Side》, 《Dear My Friend,》,
《Stars》, 《Joyful Joyful》 and more

ONCE VOCAL is a choral ensemble established in May 2025. It provides a musical platform for self-discovery, expression, and sharing. The name 'Once Vocal' is derived from LEC's 'Once Theatre.' Building on 'Once Theatre's three years of experience in large-scale public performances and its spirit of embracing new initiatives and breakthroughs, 'Once Vocal' expands the use of drama and creative arts to incorporate music.

We hope all members will remember their original purpose of joining, learn to accept themselves and others, and cherish every learning opportunity each performance brings. The name '如初' (Once) is taken from the lyrics of our original youth composition for the concert: *'Accept me as I was at the beginning, accept me for who I am, accept that flawless, unique me.'*

Inquiries: [IG @Once.thatre/](https://www.instagram.com/@Once.thatre/) / 6083 9391 (Whatsapp) / skhsjclec@gmail.com

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the Concert Voucher Reservation Form



DIOCESAN YOUTH COMMITTEE

「修•為 Pray and Work 」 Friday Taizé Prayer Meeting

'What are you seeking?' John 1.38

When we try to live from the trusting of faith we sometimes ask ourselves: What does God want of me? We have so many desires. Which is the path I can walk with God? - *Brother Matthew*

Dates: Fridays 27th February, 17th April, 26th June

Time: 8.00pm

Place: St Paul's Church Pastoral Centre,
1/F, Wah Cheong Bldg., No. 1 Glenealy, Central

Language: Cantonese

Taizé prayer originated in the small village of Taizé, located in the Burgundy region of France. The community was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger (Roger Schutz), a Swiss Protestant pastor who settled there to establish a life of prayer and communal living, particularly during the hardships of World War II.

For more information, please contact Ms Chow on +852 2526 5366 or visit dhk.hkskh.org

Baptism and Confirmation for Adults at St John's Cathedral

You want to be baptized as a Christian in the Church of God? Come to an Enquirers Evening in the Harold Smyth Room in the cathedral office on Thursday 5th March, 7.30-9.00pm. There you will get to meet the cathedral clergy, with a short introduction to the life and work of St John's Cathedral, and we will explain the route for you to receive baptism and confirmation later this year.

To join the Enquirers Evening register with Elisa, the Dean's Secretary at deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

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### **HKS KH MING HUA THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

#### **1) Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) Spring Semester (February – June 2026) is now open for admission!**

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS) program is designed to equip and empower Christians to engage biblically and theologically within Asian contexts. It aims to help students develop a public witness that is prophetic and contextually relevant.

The program focuses on balancing Western and Asian perspectives through a dialogical learning model and looks towards the wider Anglican communion in the Asia-Pacific region for resources and conversation.

For more details:



#### Subjects in Spring Semester, 2025/26:

##### **MCS101 Methods and Paradigms of Christian Studies**

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim & Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – 18<sup>th</sup> May (Mondays, except 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 30<sup>th</sup> Mar, 6<sup>th</sup> Apr)

##### **MCS104 Christian Ethics**

Lecturer: The Revd Professor John Kater

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – 26<sup>th</sup> May (Tuesdays, except 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Mar, 7<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College/Zoom\*

Tuition Fee: HK\$9,800 per module

Audit Fee: HK\$5,880 per module

Application Fee: HK\$200

Deadline: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Enrolment & Enquiries: [admission@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:admission@minghua.edu.hk)

or WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

\* Zoom setup is for overseas students to attend the classes only.

#### **2) Recruitment for Spring Semester 2025/26**

The recruitment for our **Diploma of Theology** programme is open now. It is conducted in Cantonese. Should you have any enquiries, please contact us at [admission@minghua.edu.hk](mailto:admission@minghua.edu.hk) or WhatsApp to +852 9530 7241.



# ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

## Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan  
(*Acting Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church*)

## Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry -  
The Revd Canon Peter Koon  
The Revd Francis Yu

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  
(*Chaplain to the English-speaking congregation*)

Youth Ministry - The Revd Francis Yu  
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:

Ms Bette Lai, 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



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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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