



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 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS) 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/zSag2sCf3zI>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)
Hymns: 339, 210, 209, 622
Anthem: When to the temple Mary went (Johannes Eccard)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Alexander Kwan
Intercessor: Frank Lang
Voluntary: Light, Revealing (Grace-Evangeline Mason)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Douglas Lam
Intercessor: Peter Fung

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Amos Chow

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 2nd February	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 3rd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 4th	8.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist
THU 5th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 6th <i>The Martyrs of Japan</i> 1597	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> 'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
SAT 7th	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Pilipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 8th February <i>Genesis 1.1-2.3</i> <i>Psalm 136 (or 136.1-9, 23-end)</i> <i>Romans 8.18-25</i> <i>Matthew 6.25-end</i>	The Second Sunday before Lent 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Choral Mattins Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis 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 ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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

Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.14-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.22-40

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the

child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



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

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 Morrison Chapel and the Revd Stephen Durie; For the growth in attendance of both services at Morrison Chapel Macau and Macau Anglican College Taipa, and for newcomers to come to faith in Christ and be baptized; For increased offertory of money, time and talent, and for increased commitment of the church members; For the ministry of women, children, teenagers and young adults, and for men’s ministry groups to develop; For more small groups to start and to grow healthily.

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. 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:

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

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

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.

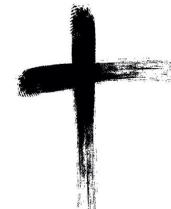
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### RADIO MINISTRY

This morning, the service at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, is being recorded for broadcast at 12.05pm on RTHK4.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

18<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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| 9.00am    | Said Eucharist<br>(Cantonese) |
| 12.00noon | Sung Eucharist<br>(English)   |

*All services will include  
the Imposition of Ashes*

Please bring back your old palm crosses  
on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February.  
Thank you.

**EVENSONG & CURRY!**  
TODAY  
**at 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.*

**Michaelmas Fair 2026  
Walkathon**

The big day is today!

Registration starts at 10.00am and we start walking at 11.00am (12.00noon for Mandarin service congregation members).

Sponsorship forms are still available, and it's not too late to pick one up. Join in the fun by walking up the Peak or just to the Botanical Gardens.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the Cathedral and its various ministries.

*For online donations, please kindly specify 'For Michaelmas Fair 2026 Walkathon'.*



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)

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**HKSCHK Ming Hua Theological
College**

**RECRUITMENT FOR
SPRING SEMESTER
2025/26**

We would like to inform you that 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 or WhatsApp to +852 9530 7241.



GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK

Special Lent Course



Speaker | The Revd Will Newman

Dates & Topics

26th Feb – Fasting

5th March – Trusting

19th March – Power

26th March – Failing

(Thursdays)

12.30-1.30pm

Upper Room,
St John's Cathedral

To register,
please email reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or WhatsApp +852 5107 7170.

The Book of
PSALMS

the judgment, nor sinners in the judgment, nor the righteous,
6 For the Lord knoweth the way of the upright,
7 but the way of the ungodly shall not stand.

PSALM 2

God's Son Shall Reign

7 WHY do the heathen rage, and the Gentiles plot
8 against the Son of man? The kings of the earth set themselves
9 in array against the Lord, and against his Anointed.

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



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.

Other questions / information: _____

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