



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 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: Ben Lee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/aBuK-W8DRlw>) (*Eucharistic Prayer E*)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 238, 237, 236, 78
Anthem: Glorious and powerful God (Charles Wood)
Readers: Thomas Swain, Gordon Jones
Intercessor: Mark Tse
Voluntary: Postlude in D minor (Charles Villiers Stanford)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

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

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: Zenaida Carias

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 16th February 8.00am Said Eucharist
12.25pm *Meditation Group*
1.00pm One o'clock Prayer

* The Cathedral and Admin. Office will close at 4.00pm

TUE 17th (PH) 9.00am Said Eucharist
*Janani Luwum,
Archbishop of Uganda,
Martyr, 1977*

WED 18th (PH) 9.00am Said Eucharist (Cantonese)
ASH WEDNESDAY *with the imposition of ashes*
Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
 12.00noon Sung Eucharist (English)
with the imposition of ashes
Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
(<https://youtube.com/live/RtNgmDk78kw>)

THU 19th (PH) 9.00am Said Eucharist

FRI 20th 8.00am Said Eucharist

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
12.15pm on Fridays in Lent



SAT 21st 8.30am Said Eucharist
12.00noon Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
4.00pm *Andrew Fellowship*
6.00pm Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)

SUN 22nd February **The First Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7 8.00am Said Eucharist
Psalms 32 Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Romans 5.12-19 9.00am Sung Eucharist
Matthew 4.1-11 Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)
Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style
Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

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Donation/default.aspx?lang=1](https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1)

*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 Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 24.12-end

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1.16-end

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 17.1-9

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to

him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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 the Indian Ocean.

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 Discovery Bay Church, the Revd Andrew Courtright and the ministries of the church.

For the Church of the Incarnation, for the Revd Stephen Hung, the Mission Church Council members and the congregation; For their evangelical ministry, Sunday School and Choir; For the collaboration between church and school, especially for the SKH Wei Lun Primary School.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. St John's Cathedral donated 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, Wu Yat Cho, Bonnie Lin, Wanda Wan H, Sister Jean Mary, Sarah Wong, Andrew Ashley, Jeffrey Lee, Tehmina Malhorta, Caitlin Berry, Chuan Xiaokang, Evelyn

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

Chan, Leona Tjio, Tristan Sherliker, Ralph Szweda, Tiffany Au, Dr Kerry Houston, Manju Dhillon, Sabine Day, Roger Cole, Ruth Phillipson and Wanda Clay.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Judy Kant Young

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

CLERGY

The Dean is away on annual leave in Japan from 9th—18th February. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

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.

CECILIA KWOK CHURCH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: OPEN FOR APPLICATION

The Cecilia Kwok Church Music Scholarship Fund offers scholarships of up to HK\$100,000 to help young people pursue studies relevant to church music in establishments (in Hong Kong or overseas) approved by the trustees, to help develop their potential to become, in future years, choirmasters or organists at the Cathedral or its daughter churches.

Candidates should be:

- members of St John's Cathedral, a daughter church or another Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui parish, or their children; or choir members there with two years good attendance;
- at least 12, and under 30, on 1st September 2026;
- musically talented and have at least these ABRSM grades (or equivalent)
 - ABRSM grade 8 (or equivalent) in singing;
 - or grade 6 (or equivalent) in piano with conducting experience;
 - or grade 8 in piano or grade 6 in organ (or equivalent) with choral experience.

Application form is now available on the Cathedral website.

Deadline for application: **Monday, 30th March 2026**

Please contact our Director of Music, Mr Felix Yeung at felixyeung@stjohns.cathedral.org.hk or the Cathedral Office for further details.

*The Dean, clergy & Cathedral staff
wish you*

a Blessed & Prosperous

Year of the HORSE !



**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
PARISH LENT RETREAT**

Saturday 7th March
10.00am - 3.00pm

***With the Revd Will Newman
& the Revd Francis Yu***

You are warmly invited to join the Lent Retreat for the Cathedral, Emmanuel Church, Discovery Bay Church, and St Stephen's Chapel.

Enjoy time out in the beauty of the Southside. We'll pray, read the bible, and reflect on Lenten themes of the Desert Experience, and Redemption.

Venue: St Stephen's College,
22 Tung Tau Wan Rd, Stanley

*Register with Elisa
deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk*

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.

GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

This year, St John's Cathedral embraces its calling: to be A Loving Church, A Caring Church. It is a calling the world desperately needs. Around us, division runs deep; kindness wears thin. What can one church do? Be love. Be care.

This Lent, our clergy invite you into 47 days of prayer and Scripture—following the daily eucharistic lectionary. Let these reflections guide you to the altar and send you back into the world. We cannot fix everything, but we can become everything we pray for.

May God bless you this Lenten season. Pick up a copy from the Cathedral, or scan the QR code for an e-version.



A Loving Church, A Caring Church
GOSPEL REFLECTIONS FOR LENT
2026

by the Chapter of St John's Cathedral

BAPTISM & 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



'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together' Prayer Partner Programme

Under the Mission Plan of the 14th Diocesan Synod themed 'Empowering Disciples, Building the Church Together', you are encouraged to participate the program of 'Prayer Partner' and to form his/her prayer partner for a relationship of daily prayer and intercession for each other.

1. To invite and form prayer partner within the Lent season from 18th February to 28th March, and then begin.
2. Prayer partner of same gender and preferably similar age; or godfather-godson, godmother-goddaughter relation.
3. The programme runs for one year until the first day of Lent 2027.
4. Register on enclosed QR code to receive prayer items and materials from time to time.



CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL

24th Feb 2026 (Tues)
1.00-2.00pm
Li Hall

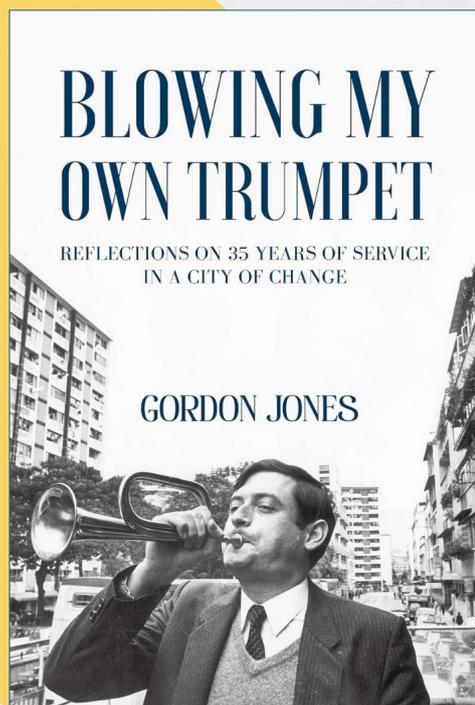
SPEAKER:

Mr Gordon Jones

Topic:

Reflections on 35 years of
public service in Hong Kong at
a time of historic change

Sandwiches and refreshment will be served from 12.45pm.
Tickets at HK\$80 each are available from the **Cathedral Bookstore**,
or by reservation through phoning the **Cathedral Office** at 2523 4157,
or email: general@stjohnscathedral.org.hk



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 congregations)

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

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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