



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.'*

MOTHERING SUNDAY (THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT) 15TH MARCH 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Letty Awingan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (https://youtube.com/live/ph_i-2UwuXA) (Eucharistic Prayer E) Lent Prose (verse 4)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Professor John Kater
Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting: The Book of Common Prayer Noted
(John Merbecke)
Hymns: 90, 106, 282, 378i
Anthem: Ave Regina Caelorum à 8 (Joan Cererols)
Readers: Thomas Swain, Mary Szeto
Intercessor: Amos Chow

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Peter Fung
Intercessor: Eunice Tuma-ac


1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 16th March	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 17th <i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 18th <i>Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher, 386</i>	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital— Spring Awakening Piano Recital by Sunny Tseng</i> Said Eucharist
THU 19th Joseph of Nazareth	8.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist <i>'Grace in a busy week' special Lent Course</i> One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 20th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
	12.15pm on Fridays in Lent	
	3.00pm 8.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 21st <i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canter- bury, Reformation Martyr, 1556</i>	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Filipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 22nd March <i>Ezek. 37.1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8.6-11 John 11.1-45</i>	The Fifth Sunday of Lent 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox

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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

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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

1 Samuel 1.20-end

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 19.25b-27

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYERS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Holy Word; for the Revd Lee Kwok-kuen, Vicar; the Revd Mark Tang, Honorary Priest, and their family members; For all members of the Vestry, volunteers and office staff; For the congregation stewardship, their contribution of talent, time, and financial resources for church growth and development; for the parish's financial need; For the youth and parent ministry of the church and schools, including S.K.H. Kei Hau Secondary School, S.K.H. Lee Shiu Keung Primary School, S.K.H. Tak Tin Lee Shiu Keung Primary School, and the Kindly Light Church Holy Carpenter Kindergarten in Lam Tin District; For the youth ministry of the students of S.K.H. Kei Hau Secondary School; the 199th Company of the Boys' Brigade Hong Kong, L.I.G.H.T. Fellowship, and the A.C.T.S. Fellowship; For the ministry of the HKSKH Home of Loving Care for the Elderly.

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 Tougoo in Myanmar, where thousands of church members are still suffering from last year's earthquake and floods, and the continuing civil war.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Roger Cole

(Roger's funeral will be held at St John's on Tuesday 24th March at 11.00am.)

In Memoriam:

Chew Ming Teck a.k.a. Chou Yi Tong and Teresa Wong Yau Sut

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

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

More and more wars and conflicts are spreading in our world, in the Middle East, Ukraine and Africa. More and more people, children of God, are losing their lives, their families, and their homes in the violence and destruction. Join us online in Prayers for Peace every Thursday 8.30-9pm, to pray for peace in our world and peace within ourselves. We all need it! Join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920.

PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST

Father of human beings,
Lord of all nations,
we pray you to guide and help us,
that all nations may prosper
in their search for the common good.

Teach us to dispel envy,
hatred, selfishness, and pride,
and to establish justice,
love, goodwill and peace,
so that your will may be done
and your kingdom may advance.
In Christ we pray. Amen.

(Prayer for International Friendship, taken from the Anglican East Asia Book of Common Prayer)

A LILY FOR EASTER

You can donate
an Easter lily
in memory of a loved one,
or simply as a gesture
of thanksgiving at Easter.



The Flower Guild needs to order the lilies very soon; consequently, envelopes for the receipt of your donations are available in the pews today. Please hand your envelope to a sidesman or drop it into the Offertory Box at the Cathedral's west door. Cheques should be written in favour of 'St John's Cathedral Flower Guild'.

CLERGY

This morning, The Revd Francis Yu is celebrating the Eucharist 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.

A special thanks to the SS Baking Team and members from other ministries for the cakes presentation on Mothering Sunday.

SPRING CLEANING

We will do Spring Cleaning at the Cathedral interior on 23rd March (Mon), starting at 9.30am until completion, it will take approximately 2.5 hours. All are welcome to join and help.

RADIO MINISTRY

The service at St Stephen's Chapel this morning will be recorded and broadcast on RTHK4 (97.6FM) just after 12noon.



LENT COURSES AT ST JOHN'S

Tuesdays BRF Group

7.00pm (English) Conference Room

Thursdays Grace in a busy week

12.30pm (English) Li Hall

Fridays Friday Fellowship Group

3.00pm (English) Harold Smyth Room

Saturdays

Saturday Filipino Congregation

2.00pm (Filipino) Conference Room

Andrew Fellowship

4.00pm (Cantonese) Harold Smyth Room

Sundays

3.30pm (English & Filipino)

Harold Smyth Room

NOTICE



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Li Hall on Sunday the 26th April 2026, at 1.00p.m. for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
 - (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
 - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
 - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.



The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Dean

13th March 2026

NOTICE

NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For 176 years, St John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday 26th April 2026, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by Monday 16th March 2026 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website or collect from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by Sunday 5th April 2026 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2026. Any inquiries may be directed to Ms Bette Lai, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.



Mr Martin Matsui
The Honorary Secretary
13th March 2026



~ ~ *Nomination Forms for Trustees and Council members 2026-2027
are available at the Cathedral office.* ~ ~

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



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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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