



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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 26TH JULY 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/3FyIKdMcYM8>) (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: St Martin's Mass (David Bednall)
Hymns: 192 (omit *), 521, 440, 503
Anthem: Jesu, dulcis memoria (Tomás Luis de Victoria)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Amos Chow
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Corrente Italiana (Juan Cabanilles)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Peter Fung
Intercessor: Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

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

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 27th July	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
WED 29th Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 30th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers—NO MEETING</i>
		<i>The Parents and Toddlers is taking a summer break in July and August. Further updates will follow.</i>
FRI 31st <i>Ignatius of Loyola,</i> <i>Founder of the Society</i> <i>of Jesus, 1556</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 1st August	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship (Cantonese)—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 2nd <i>Isaiah 55.1-5</i> <i>Psalms 145, 8-9,</i> <i>15-end (or 145.15-</i> <i>end)</i> <i>Romans 9.1-5</i> <i>Matthew 14.13-21</i>	The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

* 1.00pm Mandarin Fellowship in the Conference Room (fortnightly) *

ONLINE DONATION

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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 Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**1 Kings 3.5-12**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Romans 8.26-39**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.'

And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise

be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

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 James' Church,

for the Revd Christine Ho, all staff and members of the church. May God renew us and set our heart on fire to spread your Good News and to thrive in God's Word; For the work of the parish in various units, in particular SKH Tang Shiu Kin Secondary School, SKH St James' Primary School, St Christopher's Nursery (Wanchai), St James' Settlement Kathleen McDouall Kindergarten and Child Care Centre (Kennedy Road), St James' Settlement & HKSKH Welfare Council. May God's grace be upon the parish, schools and the Welfare Council, so that they can work together to complement each other and serve one another, and in turn reveal God's glory in the Wan Chai district.

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 Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar. Even in the midst of civil conflict and natural disasters, and while providing for the basic needs of hundreds of Christian families who have lost their homes, the diocese is expanding the Agape Pre-School to open Agape Primary School, and they are requesting our assistance. This is the only Christian school in the diocese. Give thanks for their faith and hope, sharing God's love in their community.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Sabrina Ho, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Raymond Yuen, Birdy Yeung, Fung Wan Nui, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Ray Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Chung Sheung Yung, John Chakas, Hsu Hon Chung, Jane Pang Tong, Fr John Chynchen, Ruth Phillipson, John Lo, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Daisy Tai, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Jeffrey Lee, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jan Williams, Bonnie Lin, Louis Shih, Li Chunjuan, Tiffany Au, Esther Bangcawayan, Irena Wu, Chris Maden, Mark Hammitt, Sanson Lau, Brigitta Wheele, Tristan Sherliker, Sister Jean Mary, Emily Tso, Pamela Bennett, Yu Chi Ming, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Chuan Xiaokang, Yeewan Li, William L. Shia, Wanda Wan H, Cheung Leung Wah, Tjhang Chui Fa, Sarah Wong, Merander Ng, Michael Beckett, and Donna Willis.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Jeffrey Lee, Tim Hancock, Eleanor Hensel Kraft, Chung Kam Chuen, Y Y Chan, Sabine Day, Michael Manio, and Choi Yat Ho.

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

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

As wars and conflicts bring terror and suffering to so many of God's children in Iran and the Middle East, in Ukraine, and in Africa, you can join our online Peace Prayers, 8.30-8.50pm every Thursday evening. We pray for peace in the world and peace in ourselves, so that we can spread peace around us. WhatsApp Tony Poon tssf on +852 9860 2920 for the link.

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.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Thursday 6th August 2026
7.30pm Sung Eucharist



Celebrant:
The Revd Robert Martin CMP

Preacher:
The Revd Drew Courtright

St John's Cathedral Hong Kong
Summer Sunday School 2026
'Fruit of the Spirit'

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Date: Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July & 2nd, 9th August

Time: 9.00am - 9.55am

Online Registration Form:

https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=xVqJbm_uH00iQIO6rWubEnVszXEM2D9CnYqfelb0aCNURFU3NUhLREpXNkRTU09ZNkYyOFZBTTO2VS4u&route=shorturl



HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College
Autumn Semester, 2026/27, is now open for admission!
(September 2026 – January 2027)

Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MCS)

MCS102 Bible and Theology in Context

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim & Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 10th Sep – 10th Dec (Thursdays, except 1st and 22nd Oct)

MCS108 Reading the Bible in the Contemporary World

Lecturer: Dr Stephen Lim

Date: 9th Sep – 2nd Dec (Wednesdays, except 21st Oct)

MCS113 Who and What is the Church?

Lecturer: Dr Matthew Jones

Date: 8th Sep – 1st Dec (Tuesdays, except 20th Oct)

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Venue: Ming Hua Theological College/Zoom (for overseas students only)

Tuition Fee: HKD9,800 per module Audit Fee: HKD5,880 per module

Application Fee: HK\$200 Deadline: 31st August 2026

Enrolment & Enquiries: admission@minghua.edu.hk

or WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

Diploma of Theology

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.



ASSISTANT BOOKSTORE MANAGER – ST JOHN’S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

St John’s Cathedral Bookstore is seeking a dedicated and customer-focused **Assistant Bookstore Manager** to support daily operations, drive sales, and foster a welcoming environment for book and gift lovers. Reporting to the Bookstore Manager, this role contributes to serving the Cathedral community, visitors and the public.

Key Responsibilities

- **Operational management:** Assist in overseeing daily operations, including inventory control, merchandising, sourcing and staff coordination.
- **Customer service:** Provide excellent service by assisting customers with book and gift selections, inquiries and recommendations.
- **Event coordination:** Plan and organize in-store events such as author talks, book clubs and community programs.
- **Sales development:** Support initiatives to increase sales and enhance the bookstore’s role as a cultural hub.

Qualifications

- **Education:** Diploma or degree in business, retail management, humanities, or a related field. Equivalent professional experience will also be considered.
- **Retail experience:** At least 2–3 years of experience in retail, ideally with books, gifts, or cultural products.
- **Language skills:** Strong spoken and written communication skills in English and Cantonese. Proficiency in Putonghua and Tagalog is an advantage.
- **Leadership:** Ability to supervise part-time staff and volunteers, motivate teams, and manage operations effectively.
- **Cultural awareness:** Interest in literature, religious life, cultural products, and community engagement is desirable.

Please apply with full resume in English, copies of certificates and contact details to: The Executive Administrator, St John’s Cathedral, 4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong by mail or email to administrator@stjohnscathedral.org.hk no later than 30th July 2026.

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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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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