



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 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 16TH AUGUST 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/tgv65Q2FNE4>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Francis Yu
Choir: Die Konzertisten
Communion Setting: St Martin's Mass (David Bednall)
Hymns: 555iii (omit v.3,4), 598i, 433 (omit *), 590 (omit *)
Anthem: Panis angelicus (Ernest Hui)
Readers: Mary Szeto, Dolores Dayao
Intercessor: Letty Awingan
Voluntary: Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, BWV 665
(Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Koon-G Chiu
Intercessor: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong followed by Curry Supper

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Drew Courtright
Reader: Alex Chan

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 17th August	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 18th	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 19th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Grazioso Ode Piano and Vocal Recital</i>
	2.20pm	<i>A Musical Journey through Time: Baroque to Modern with Perrie Lam (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 20th <i>Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher, 1153</i>	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 August. Further updates will follow.</i>
FRI 21st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 22nd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	<i>Andrew Fellowship—NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST</i>
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 23rd <i>Isaiah 51.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 138</i> <i>Romans 12.1-8</i> <i>Matthew 16.13-20</i>	The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP Preacher: The Dean
	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 Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Polly Wong

**** Mandarin Fellowship (First and third Sunday of each month)**
at 1.00pm in the Conference Room of the Cathedral Admin. Building. **

*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

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Isaiah 56.1, 6-8

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15.21-28

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church in Wales.

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 Mary's Church, for the ministries of the Revd Wu Wai Ho, and the Revd Kenneth Lau; For the mission of 'Empowering Disciples; Building the Church Together'; For the pastoral ministry in SKH St Mary's Church Mok Hing Yiu College, Sheng Kung Hui Kindergarten and St James' Settlement Causeway Bay Kindergarten Child Care Centre; For the Alpha course and the Catechumen, may God continue to guide the people who join and serve; and guide their ministries, that they may glorify God, spread the Gospel and share the love to people.

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, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We pray for our link diocese of Tounghoo 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:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:
Ho Kwok-Kee 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.



CLERGY

This morning, the Dean and Fr Dwight are celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam, respectively.

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.

FLOWERS

The flower pedestal in church today is donated by Bryan Fok and Naomi He to celebrate their wedding anniversary on 20th August.

EVENSONG & CURRY! TODAY

**5.00pm Choral Evensong
followed by Curry Supper.**

Celebrant & Preacher:
The Revd Drew Courtright

*Please join us after the service
for an informal time of fellowship
in the Harold Smyth Room
hosted by the Filipino Fellowship
and the IFI congregation.*

SJC SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School is taking its summer break. Details for online registration will be shared by the end of August.

Happy summer!

RESIDENT GUEST CHOIR IN AUGUST

During the month of August, while St John's Cathedral Choir are in summer recess, all morning choral services will be sung by our resident guest choir, Die Konzertisten, under the direction of our Director of Music, Felix Yeung.

Die Konzertisten (DK) is recognised as one of Hong Kong's foremost chamber choirs. DK performs repertoire ranging from Renaissance polyphony and Baroque masterpieces to Romantic delicacies and newly commissioned works. The choir regularly works with internationally distinguished artists and is featured frequently in the Hong Kong Arts Festival. Other partnerships include Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, HKU MUSE, and RTHK. DK has been singing in the Cathedral's choral services since August 2012.



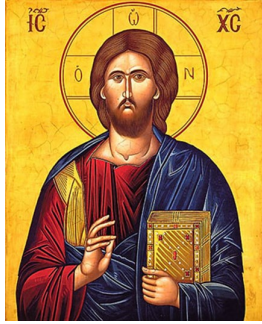
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THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.



‘Faith Begins’: The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!

‘Faith Begins’ is a course for adults who have been regularly attending services in St John’s Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 6 months, and who want to belong to the Anglican Church and become part of the regular worshipping community.

‘Faith Begins’ leads to baptism and confirmation at St John’s Cathedral, when you commit yourself to following Jesus Christ.

‘Faith Begins’ includes talks and discussion about many different aspects of Christian belief and living as a Christian.

‘Faith Begins’ on Wednesday evenings, starting 2nd September 2026, with supper at 7.00pm followed by a talk and discussion.

The talks will be given in English or Chinese, with simultaneous translation. Discussion is in either Chinese, Putonghua or English.

The course continues every Wednesday up to 18th November. The Baptism and Confirmation Service will be held in the cathedral on Saturday 21st November at 6.00pm.

Course Fee: HK\$1000

To register please email Elisa at deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

ENGLISH SPEAKING EfM IS RECRUITING

Education for Ministry, EfM (also called Enquiring Faith Matters) is a four-year mentored self learning course on the Bible, Church history and various topics on Christian beliefs, Christian living and how Christians perceive and interact with the world.

The course is divided into four units, each lasting for a year. The group of participants meet with the mentor each week at St John’s Cathedral to share what they understand from the reading assignment and to share one another’s thoughts. The abilities to read with discernment and to use a computer as a tool for learning are required.

Each enrolment is for one year and the fee is HK\$2,200. Participants are also required to buy their own books.

A course is starting in September 2026. Those interested are welcomed to contact the mentor, Tony Poon tssf at email ksapoon@gmail.com for further details.

Closing date is 24th August 2026.

NOTICES



FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Michaelmas Fair 2026
家庭同樂夜

19 九月 SEP
7.00-10.00PM (SAT)
下午7時至10時 (六)

Li Hall 李堂

Ticket: HK\$500
(Children: HK\$250)
票價：港幣 \$500
(小童：港幣 \$250)

The much-anticipated Family Fun Night is making a comeback! We've got delicious food and wine lined up for you. You definitely don't want to miss out on the fantastic performances, games, and the thrilling auction. Grab your ticket now and join us for a joyous evening with our Cathedral community!

期待已久的家庭同樂夜正式回歸！精心預備的美食佳餚，豐富表演和節目，還有刺激非常的拍賣籌款環節，等待您一同參與。快購票留坐，與我們座堂大家庭享受這個歡樂晚上！

All proceeds after covering expenses will go towards supporting various ministries of St John's Cathedral.
收益扣除成本後將全數撥捐聖約翰座堂作發展各項事工之用。

Please reserve your seats at the Cathedral Office or via WhatsApp 5107 7170. First come first serve.
請即到座堂辦事處或WhatsApp至 5107 7170報名參加，名額先到先得。

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College Public Lecture 'From An Atheist, To A Guide Of Faith For Generations: Research on C S Lewis' Life and Cross-Genre Works'

English Public Lecture

Lecturers: Prof Martyn Percy
Bishop Patrick Yu
Dates: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th Sep
(Tuesdays)
Time: 7.00—8.30pm
Venue: Zoom
Fee: HK\$250
Deadline: 25th Aug 2026 (Tuesday)



Course Introduction



Details and registration

Cantonese Public Lecture

Recording Lecturer: Bishop Patrick Yu
On-site Lecturer: Dr Jessie Liu
Dates: 14th, 21st and 28th Sep,
5th and 12th Oct (Mondays)
Time: 7.00—8.30pm
Venue: Lecture Hall, Ming Hua
Fee: HK\$250
Deadline: 7th Sep 2026 (Monday)



Course Introduction



Details and registration

Enquiry: academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk | WhatsApp: +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 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.

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