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.'

ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE PROVINCE OF HKSKH

(THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

25TH OCTOBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader:	Jeanniee Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist *(https://youtube.com/live/xD1HMwMku3g)*
(Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant:	The Revd Francis Yu
Preacher and Deacon:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting:	Communion Service (Victor Chan)
Hymns:	595, 456 (omit *), 603 (omit *), HKSKH 20th Anniversary Hymn
Anthem:	O quam amabilis es Op. 71 (Pierre Villette)
Readers:	Kevin She, Martin Hills
Intercessor:	Julianne Doe
Voluntary:	Prelude, from Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541 (Johann Sebastian Bach)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist (Rite II)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader:	John Breen
Intercessor:	Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

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

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.***

MON 26th October	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	*Meditation Group*
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 27th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	*Bible Reading Fellowship*
WED 28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Simon and Jude,	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
Apostles	*1.15pm*	*Lunchtime Recital – Selah: A Lunchtime Concert of Faith and Praise*
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 29th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 30th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	*Friday Fellowship Group*
	7.30pm	*'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)*
SAT 31st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	*Andrew Fellowship*
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 1st November	**All Saints' Day**	
Rev 7.9-end	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Psalm 34.1-10		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
1 John 3.1-3	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
Matt 5.1-12		Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der
		Preacher: The Most Revd and the Rt Hon. Stephen Cottrell
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist-Provincial Rite (II)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction
		Officiant: The Revd Francis Yu
		Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP

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

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your providence has planted your Church among peoples of every language and nation; receive our thanks and praise for the Anniversary of the Foundation and the Inauguration of the Province of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; as we remember your manifold blessings over these years we ask for your guidance as we journey into the future. Empower us with your Holy Spirit that we may boldly proclaim your love to all and build up your kingdom in Hong Kong, Macau, and beyond; 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
Isa. 30. 18-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD waits to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him. Truly, O people in Zion, inhabitants of Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when he hears it, he will answer you. Though the LORD may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself any more, but your eyes shall see your Teacher. And when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'

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

SECOND READING
2 Cor. 4. 1-6

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

Since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL READING
John 17. 20-24

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Holy Father, I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and

you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your peace and an image of the heavenly Jerusalem: bless the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and grant that we, being fed with the living bread of heaven and united in the body of your Son, may go forward together in mission and ministry to proclaim that peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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 Province of HKSKH, for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, Primate and Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Most Revd Peter Kwong and the Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishops, the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok and the Rt Revd Dr Matthias Der; may Lord God grant them love, wisdom and power to lead our Province in Hong Kong and Macau, that the Church may grow as a community of peace and hope by walking with her people; For the Provincial Office, Ming Hua Theological College, Echo, HKSKH Education Services, Religious Education Resource Centre, Archives, House of Prayer, and all HKSKH schools and social service units.

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. Pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, and for Bishop Saw Sheesho. Give thanks for the successful fundraising appeal at St John's Cathedral and St Stephen's Stanley. The money you donated will help the diocese to build new classrooms and expand the primary education they can give to disadvantaged children. Many of them are refugees from the conflict in their own country. Their families have lost their homes, and depend on the Church for support. Give thanks that the Church can continue to spread faith and hope, and share God's love in the community. Thank you for caring for them.

PRAYER REQUEST
Please pray for those who are sick: Yip Ting Chor, Bogdan Moskal, Glen Villamil, Kwok Leung Yuet Wo Ida, May Kwan, Birdy Yeung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Raymond Yuen, Sabrina Ho,
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Tommy Hui, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, John Chakas, Cheung Chik Wan, Teresa Ray Li, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Louis Shih, Eva Sorrel, Fung Wan Nui, Ray Chan, Jan Williams, Joseph Chu, Brigitta Wheele, Hsu Hon Chung, Alan Irvine, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Yu Chi Ming, Crisanto Velasco, Chung Sheung Yung, Yeewan Li, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, John Lo, Daisy Tai, Tiffany Au, Li Chunjuan, James W. Sweitzer, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Felicidad Bernardo, W.K. Luk, Irena Wu, Sister Jean Mary, Ruth Phillipson, Fr John Chynchen, Bonnie Lin, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Sanson Lau, Cheung Leung Wah, Tjhang Chui Fa, Emily Tso, Jessy Milner, William L. Shia, Tristan Sherliker, Wanda Wan H, Pamela Bennett, Sarah Wong, Michael Beckett, Kitty Wong, Donna Willis, Chuan Xiaokang, and Alden van de Vorstenbosch.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Esther Bangcawayan, Ng Yook Man and Johnson Yee Wang Ho

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

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 the Revd Robert Martin CMP will be celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, and the Morrison Chapel and Macao Anglican College 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.

MICHAELMAS FAIR

The Fair held yesterday was a great success. Members of the congregation, visitors, young and old, mingled with one another to share and enjoy a fun-filled day. Praise be to God! We pray that everyone who came experienced the joy and love of Christ among us.

Thanks and congratulations to the organizing committee headed by the Chair Yvette Li, performers, donors, stallholders, congregational members and Cathedral staff who made it all possible.

The Dean

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARD & HANDICRAFT FAIR 2026

6th and 7th NOVEMBER (Fri & Sat)
10.00am to 5.00pm
LI HALL

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GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK



How to Tell the Time

ADVENT WITNESSING THROUGH THE AGES

Speaker: **The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy**

For Christians belonging to the Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican traditions, Advent is a period of preparation for the threefold coming of Christ. This includes his Incarnation in Bethlehem, his sacramental presence in the Eucharist, and his Second Coming at the final judgment. As we prepare for Advent this year, we invite you to join two pairs of talks exploring the history and meaning of Advent in the lead-up to Christmas.

Led by our Provost Theologian, the Very Revd Canon Professor Martyn Percy, we take an approach to faith that examines our roots, warmly embraces critical discernment in our history and the Scriptures, looks at paintings and poetry, and is open to emerging new insights.

26 OCT (MON)	**What Time Is It? BC, AD, Modern, Postmodern...and End-Time Movements.**
2 NOV (MON)	**Taking a Deeper Dive into Advent... Sacrifices, Prophecies, and Costly Discipleship.**
30 NOV (MON)	**Traditional Advent Themes and Customs...and Some Modern Variations.**
7 DEC (MON)	**Was Santa Claus an Anglican...and other Alternative Histories of Christmas?**

7.00-8.00pm
Harold Smyth Room, St John's Cathedral

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

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

1) The Twenty-Fourth Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong
The 24th Graduation Ceremony and Choral Evensong of HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College will be held at 4.00pm on Sunday, 8th November 2026 at St Paul's Church. The Most Revd Andrew Chan, Chair of the College Council, will preside and present certificates to the graduates. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with you.
Enquires: (852) 2521 7708 / enquiry@minghua.edu.hk

2) Other Recruitments for Autumn Semester 2026/27
We would like to inform you that the recruitment for the following programmes is open now. All programmes are conducted in Cantonese. For more details, please scan the following QR code:

Training Course for RE Teachers

Enrolment & Enquiries:
admission@minghua.edu.hk or WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

3) New Public Lecture "St Paul: The Myth, the Man, and the Message"
Speaker: The Revd Ross Royden
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November
4th,12th December (Fridays)
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Zoom
Fee: HK$300

Details & Registration:

Deadline: 1 November 2026 (Sunday)
Enquiry: academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk | WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

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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

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SJC Life Enrichment Centre
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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:

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Name of spouse (if applicable)

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Names and ages of children (if applicable)

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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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