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 THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
(REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)
8TH NOVEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Reader:	Ben Lee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist-Common Worship

(Eucharistic Prayer E) *(https://youtube.com/live/qKHmqPKhopo)*

Celebrant:	The Dean
Preacher and Deacon:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Communion Setting:	Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH 682)
Hymns:	503i, 609, 369, 533
Anthem:	Agnus Dei from Messe Breve (Léo Delibes)
Readers:	Dolores Dayao, Eunice Tuma-ac
Voluntary:	Final from St Matthew Passion (Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Charles-Marie Widor)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher:	The Revd Polly Wong

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant:	The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher:	The Dean
Reader:	Peter Fung

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm 'For the healing of the nations'-Eucharist of Peace & Reconciliation

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader:	Susan King
Intercessor:	Amos Chow

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 9th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	*Meditation Group*
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Leo the Great, Bishop	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
of Rome, Teacher, 461	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	*Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)*
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Martin, Bishop of	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
Tours, c.397	*1.15pm*	*Lunchtime Recital – Choral Concert by the Sunshine Chorus*
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	*Friday Fellowship Group*
	7.30pm	*'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)*
SAT 14th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	*Andrew Fellowship*
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 15th November	**The Second Sunday before Advent**	
Zeph. 1. 7, 12-end	8.00am	Said Eucharist
Ps. 90.1-8 [9-11]12		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
(or 90.1-8)	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
1 Thess. 5.1-11		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Matt 25. 14-30		Preacher and Deacon: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Revd Francis Yu
		Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist-Provincial (Rite II)
		Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
		Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING
Wisdom of Solomon 6.12-16

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

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

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 25.1-13

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

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen**.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

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 Stephen's Church, and for the Revd Canon Ip Kam Fai, the Revd Augusta Leung, and the Revd Kenneth Lo; For the spiritual renewal and ministry of all members of the parish; For the evangelical and pastoral ministries of the parish, schools and social service units; For the Deanery of Southern and Western Districts, for its mission and service.

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 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

We pray for our link diocese of Toungoo in Myanmar, giving thanks for the faithful witness of Bishop Saw Sheesho and the clergy and people, as the Church grows even in a time of conflict and hardship. May the Holy Spirit continue to give them courage to spread the gospel of God's love to those who are in great need of good news.

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for those who are sick:
Peter Kgaer, Celia Jack, Sue Ko, Yip Ting Chor, Bogdan Moskal, Kwok Leung Yuet Wo Ida, May Kwan, Birdy Yeung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Raymond Yuen, Sabrina Ho, 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, Chung Sheung Yung, Yeewan Li, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Daisy Tai, Tiffany Au, Li Chunjuan, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, 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, Donna Willis, Chuan Xiaokang, and Alden van de Vorstenbosch.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Ian Candy

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Jolita, 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
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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.

Invitation: Kwong Kit Lecture 2026
The Standing Commission on Theological Education cordially invites you to the "Kwong Kit Lecture 2026", aimed at promoting theological education and spiritual formation for all believers. Details are as follows:

Theme: The Past, Present, and Future of Anglicanism
Date: Saturday, 28th November 2026
Time: 2.30pm–5.30pm
Venue: St Paul's Church (Followed by a fellowship tea reception at the JCC Centre)

Language: Conducted in English, with Chinese translation materials provided and respond.

Keynote Speaker: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy (Provost-Theologian, Ming Hua Theological College)

Respondents:
Professor Kwok Wai Luen
(Hong Kong Baptist University)
Archbishop Emeritus Paul Kwong
(Principal of Ming Hua Theological College & Former Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council)

All are welcome! Please scan the QR Code provided to register.

CLERGY
This morning, the Revd Robert Martin CMP will be conducting Remembrance Ceremonies at the Cenotaph, and the Revd Francis Yu will be celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church.

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.

Radio Broadcast
The 10.00am Eucharist from St Stephen's Chapel Stanley is being recorded this morning and will be broadcast at 12 noon today on RTHK4 (97.6FM). Tune in at lunchtime, or listen later on the RTHK4 Archive.

Bishop Keith Lee
The Rt Revd Keith Lee was consecrated yesterday in St John's Cathedral Taipei as the new Bishop of Taiwan, a diocese under the Episcopal Church of the USA. Bishop Keith regularly assisted at the Mandarin Service here in St John's Cathedral in 2008, when he was studying for a time at Ming Hua Theological College. We send our prayers and warmest wishes to Bishop Keith as he begins his episcopal ministry.

ANGLICANISM , PRAYER & INTERFAITH
Come and join an Interfaith Meeting of the Hong Kong Network on Religion & Peace (HKNRP) at St John's Cathedral next Sunday 15th November, starting with a guided tour of the cathedral at 3.00pm, then moving to the Li Hall for an introduction to the Anglican Way, and small group discussion on Prayer in different religious traditions. Led by the Revd Will Newman. The meeting ends at 5.00pm, when you are warmly invited to join in worship at Choral Evensong, followed by Curry Supper.

My Life as a Wildlife Photographer

St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

Guest speakers:

Sue Flood OBE
Wildlife Photographer, Conservationist, Explorer & Writer



Ian Dawson
Photographer
The Explorers Club | The Alpine Club

"Although our photographic styles are different, we come to our work from a similar place; a love of the habitats we seek to document, a passion for what photography can achieve, and a child-like excitement for the challenge it presents."

– Sue Flood OBE & Ian Dawson

Date: Monday, 9th November 2026
Time: 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM
Venue: Li Hall, St John's Cathedral (4-8 Garden Road, Central)
Fee: HK$50 (Pre-registration required, light sandwich included)
Language: English

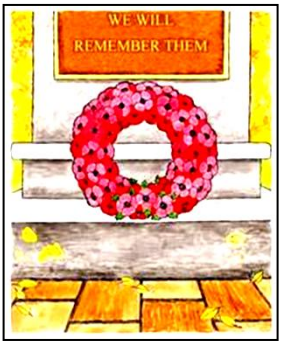
Payment Details:

Bank: HSBC Hong Kong
Account Number: 002-245348-013
Account Name: St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre
(Note: Paid fees are non-refundable. Please upload your deposit pay-in slip/ deposit receipt once completed)

RSVP!

ENQUIRIES: 3153 4301 (WhatsApp)

Remembrance Eucharist of Peace & Reconciliation



Remembrance Sunday
5.00pm 8th November 2026

Officiant and Preacher:
The Revd Robert Martin CMP

REMEMBRANCE POPPY APPEAL

Today, 8th November, is observed as Remembrance Sunday. If you would like to support our veterans, and wear a traditional poppy during this week, you will find poppies and a collection box on the table at the back of the Cathedral. Please give generously in thanksgiving for all those who died that we might be free.

ONLINE DONATION

Faster Payment System
(FPS) ID: 109386409

A Service of Life and Hope-for the 1st Anniversary of Wang Fuk Court Fire

The Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui will hold 'A Service of Life and Hope' at 3.00pm on Saturday, 28th November at St John's Cathedral (4-8 Garden Road, Central). To remember the victims and pray for those affected by the fire at Wang Fuk Court, as well as for those who have served them in the past year, let us gather in the Lord to seek hope in this service. The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan will officiate at the service, and the Rt Revd Dr Timothy Kwok will be the preacher. All are welcome.

Grace in a Busy Week
How to Tell the Time Advent Witnessing through the Ages
Speaker: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy

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?

Time: 7.00-8.00pm Venue: Harold Smyth Room, St John's Cathedral
To register, please email reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or WhatsApp +852 5107 7170.

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:

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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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