



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.'*

HOLY CROSS DAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist with Commissioning of Sunday School (<https://youtube.com/live/LQ3nOWSsFhc>) (Eucharistic Prayer E)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Professor Philip Wickeri
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Mass of St Thomas (David Thorne) (REH682)
Hymns: 243 (omit *), 130, 121 (omit vv. 4,6), 128
Anthem: Stabat mater (Giovanni Battista Pergolesi)
Readers: Dolores Dayao, Susan King
Intercessor: Michael Gibb
Voluntary: Miserere in C minor (Jan Dismas Zelenka,
Arr. Jonathan Yip)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Hymns: 243 (omit *), 126, 130, 128
Reader: Saki Tsoi

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 15th September <i>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	Meditation Group
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 16th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)
WED 17th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Lunchtime Recital—A Vocal Recital <i>Susanna To (Soprano) & Maggie Chan (Piano)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 18th <i>Joseph Hoare, Bishop of The Diocese of Victoria, Hong Kong, 1906</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	Parents and Toddlers
FRI 19th <i>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	Friday Fellowship Group
	8.00pm	'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)
SAT 20th <i>The Martyrs of Korea, 1839, 1846, 1866</i>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	Andrew Fellowship
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 21st September Dedication Festival		
<i>1 Chronicles 29.6-19 Psalm 122 Ephesians 2.19-end John 2.13-22</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

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 God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Numbers 21.4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.6-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he

humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 3.13-17

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

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 Calvary Church; for the Revd Dr Eric Lau, all the pastoral and administrative staff and volunteers serving in the parish; may God keep them and grant them strength; For the new chapter of our parish, may God lead us forward together in proclaiming the gospel and guiding the flock; For the planned focus on 'Faithful disciples steadfast in faith'; for the Emmaus Nurture and Growth programs so that more people could be enriched in Christ; for the spiritual growth programmes; For the implementation of the bible study programme reading the Book of Epistle to the Hebrews; For the parish's Schools Evangelization Committee; may the Gospel be received well by the students, especially at the S.K.H. Holy Cross Primary School Worship Centre; For the parish's social services, for the neighbourhood; may God's love reach everybody, especially in the newly developed area of Kai Chuen Estate and its community health centre.

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, now suffering serious flooding and landslides at the same time when they are rebuilding after the major earthquake in March, which damaged several churches and left many people homeless. Add this to the continuing conflict which has killed and injured thousands of people, and left some villages destroyed by military action. The Diocese of Toungoo provides food, shelter and medical supplies for over 3,000 refugees from the war. Hold Bishop Saw Sheesho and his people in your prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Chung Sheung Yung, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Syed and Zaly Albukhary, Yeung Yiu Chuen, Fr John Chynchen, Tommy Hui, Annabella Janssen, Dan Severson, Ruth Phillipson, Chris Maden, Joseph Chu, Daisy Tai, Ray Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Fung Wan Nui, Arturo Lamshing, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Alan Irvine, Esther Tse, Melville Boase, Donna Willis, Rhonada Marsland, Eva Sorrel, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Hsu Hon Chung, Sabrina Ho, Teresa Ray Li, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Irena Wu, Jane Pang Tong, Wanda Wan H, Sanson Lau, Keith So, Sarah Wong, Raymond Yuen, Chuan Xiaokang, Donna Kantor, Sister Jean Mary, Caitlin Berry, Li Chunjuan, Lucita Villareal, Steven Khoo, Margaret Murrell, Beverly Rea, Yeewan Li, Evelyn Chan and Esther Bangcawayan.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Alfred Binan and Tracy Dieter

In Memoriam: Catalina dela Torre

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

For over 3 years a small group of parishioners has been meeting every Thursday evening on Zoom to pray for peace in Ukraine, in the Middle East, in Myanmar and Sudan, and peace in ourselves. We pray for all people of goodwill to create a lasting peace. You can join us at 8.30pm any Thursday. WhatsApp Will on 6254 7514.

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.

St John's Cathedral Hong Kong Sunday School 2025/26 Registration Form



EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Are you interested in exploring Christianity or becoming a Christian? Would you like to join our cathedral community and become a formal member of the Anglican Church (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)? Through Baptism and Confirmation, individuals publicly declare their faith in God and trust in Jesus Christ. These sacraments mark the reception of the Holy Spirit and formal admission into the life of the Church.

Step 1 – Become an Enquirer (Enrolment open until mid-September 2025)
Please contact Elisa at: deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

From September 2025 to February 2026, cathedral clergy will meet with you monthly. During this period, we ask that you attend services regularly at either the cathedral or our daughter churches. These meetings allow us to get to know each other, and provide an opportunity for you to ask questions about:

- The Christian faith
- The Anglican Church (HKSKH)
- Our church services and practices

Step 2 – Enrol in 'Faith Begins' (Adult Baptism & Confirmation Course)

Dates/Time: Every Wednesday from 25th Feb to 20th May 2026 / 7.00-9.10pm

Venue: Harold Smyth Room

Weekly schedule: 7.00pm - Supper
7.30pm - Clergy-led talk
8.00pm - Small group discussions
(available in English, Cantonese, or Mandarin)
9.00pm - Group prayer (Close around 9.10pm)

Registration Fee: HK\$1,200

Baptism and Confirmation Service –

Sunday, 24th May 2026 will be your baptism and confirmation service, marking your formal membership in the Church.

CELEBRATING 176 YEARS: AN INVITATION TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

This month, we joyfully mark the 176th anniversary of our beloved Cathedral. For generations, this sacred space has witnessed countless prayers, celebrations, and moments of profound grace, standing as both a spiritual home and a historic monument.

That legacy of stewardship continues today through essential renewal work that is already underway. You may have already noticed the scaffolding erected within the Cathedral for crucial interior repairs, alongside the replacement of the floor tiles in Li Hall. These vital works will ensure our spiritual home remains beautiful and functional for the future.

To complete these important projects, we need your support. As we celebrate this milestone, we invite you to participate through a financial gift. Please use the special '176th Anniversary Thanksgiving Offertory' envelope for your donation and place it in the collection bag or the donations box. Every contribution, large or small, will make a tangible difference. Thank you for your generous heart and for helping us care for the beautiful house of prayer entrusted to us.



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SMART GADGETS
HEALTH CHECK
FINE DINING
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HK\$20 PER TICKET
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RAFFLE DRAW DATE 抽獎日期
25 OCTOBER 2025 (SAT)
4.00PM

**Purchase your tickets at our booth 獎券於崇拜前後於座堂之
before/after services or at the Cathedral Office 特別攤位或座堂辦事處發售**

BENEFICIARIES 慈善獎券受惠機構

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DONATIONS for MICHAELMAS FAIR *Saturday 25th October 2025*

BOOKSTALL — Please take a good look at your bookshelves, pull out those volumes you will not look at again and donate them to our Second Hand Book-stall. The Stall is a significant source of income to the Fair and its charities and its success depends on the books you donate. We also invite you to give us CDs and DVDs which you don't want any more. *We regret that we cannot take VCDs or magazines. They don't sell!*

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL — Still wondering what to do with the vase you bought at a weak moment? Let us find it a new owner who will love and cherish it. All kinds of items will be gladly received; electronics, paintings, household items, jewelry, home accessories, bric a brac, as long as they are resalable.

STAMP STALL — New or used stamps, First Day covers, other philatelic material, used old bank notes and old coins are also welcome. (Please mark your contributions 'FOR ALEXANDER KWAN')

WINE & BEER GARDEN — Our popular Wine Garden is appealing for wine for serving on the day of the Fair. Please go through your private cellars and donate bottles of red and white! All bottles to be delivered to the Cathedral Office marked clearly 'For Michaelmas Fair Wine Garden'.

12 oz JAM JARS — for the Home Produce Stall

*Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office (2523 4157)
clearly marked for the Michaelmas Fair
(Mon-Fri) 9.00am – 5.00pm; (Sat) 9.00am – 12.00noon*

HKSKH Diocese of Hong Kong Island
Bishop's Bible Study Series 2025 - 'Holistic Stewardship'

Bishop Matthias Der is leading a Bible Study Series to study 'Stewardship' and invite all the faithful of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island to join.
The Bible Study is conducted in Cantonese.

Date/Time: 18th September and 16th October (Thu)/7.30pm

Venue: St Stephen's Church (In-person meeting), 71 Bonham Road

Theme: 1st & 2nd Session (completed)
Who is in charge? How to live a worry-free life?
The Good stewards & Bad stewards in Jesus' eyes

3rd Session: 18th September

I was born to be useful – Personal, family and church's responsibilities as stewards

4th Session: 16th October

The world is my home – Responsibilities for the society, the world and God's creation as stewards

Enrolment: Please visit the Diocesan Website or scan the QR Code.
For enquiries, please contact Ms Chiu of the Diocesan Office at 2526 5366 **Deadline:** 3 days before each meeting





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Nancy Yuen



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St John's Cathedral Choir



St Stephen's College



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25th
Thursday
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2025
7:00 - 9:30pm

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