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 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT
15TH NOVEMBER 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader:	Douglas Lam

9.00am Sung Eucharist *(https://youtube.com/live/sKufs6Keh1c)*
(Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant:	The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher and Deacon:	The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Communion Setting:	Addington Service (Richard Shephard)
Hymns:	487, 518, 403, 379
Anthem:	God be in my head (John Rutter)
Readers:	Patricia Hon, Mary Szeto
Intercessor:	Thomas Swain

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
Reader:	Margaret Sang
Intercessor:	Kevin She

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Pilipino)

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant and Preacher:	The Revd Will Newman
Reader:	Denise Giles

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 16th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	*Meditation Group*
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 17th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	7.00pm	*Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)*
WED 18th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	*Lunchtime Recital –Falling Leaves, Rising Songs Phoebe Tam (Soprano), Samuel Bin (Violin) John Lee (Piano)*
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 19th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 20th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	*Friday Fellowship Group*
	7.30pm	*'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)*
SAT 21st	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Pilipino)
	4.00pm	*Andrew Fellowship*
	5.00pm	Sung Eucharist with the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation

SUN 22nd November **Christ the King**

Ezek. 34.11-16,20-24
Ps. 95.1-7
Eph.1.15-end
Matt 25. 31-end

8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
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10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
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1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Pilipino) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
5.00pm	HKSKH Welfare Council 60th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service Officiant: The Revd Kenneth Lau Preacher: The Archbishop

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

COLLECT
Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING
Zephaniah 1.7, 12-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

SECOND READING
1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

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

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and

made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope: bring us at
the last to that fullness of life for which we
long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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 Ming Hua Theological College, and for all who are receiving theological education; may the Lord plant a heart of mission in them, that they may study and meditate on the Word always, and be steadfast in carrying out the work entrusted to them by the Lord, transforming the Holy Word into visible deeds in the communities in which they live. We pray that the staff of Ming Hua will be empowered and enlightened by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that in times of change, they will be able to discern the will and needs of the church. We pray that they will teach and nurture the pastoral staff needed by the church to build up the body of Christ as a beacon of light and hope to the world. We pray that our Lord Jesus Christ will touch the brothers and sisters in the church to actively care for and support the ministry and curriculum of Ming Hua Theological College. In so doing the church will be empowered to nurture its believers and equip them to serve God and to be faithful disciples of Christ in the world.
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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, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

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: Nicola Crymble, 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, 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, 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 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 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 Revd Sharon Langbis 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.

ANGLICANISM, PRAYER & INTERFAITH

Come and join an Interfaith Meeting of the Hong Kong Network on Religion & Peace (HKNRP) at St John's Cathedral today (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.

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.

ONLINE DONATION

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St John's Cathedral
ADVENT SERVICES 2026



Sunday 29th November
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
The Forerunner
A service for the beginning of Advent

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Sunday 6th December
The Second Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

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Sunday 13th December
The Third Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist

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Saturday 19th December

6.00pm
Chinese Sung Eucharist with Carols

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Sunday 20th December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.00am
Sung Eucharist with *Nativity Play*

5.00pm
A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

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.

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College
Public Lecture "Lament & Hope: When Jeremiah Speaks Today"

Speaker: The Revd Dr Jim West
Dates: 5/1, 7/1, 12/1, 14/1, 19/1, 21/1 (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Time: 7.00pm – 8.15pm
Venue: Zoom
Fee: HK$300

Details & Registration:

Deadline: 28th Dec 2026 (Monday)
Enquiry: academicadmin@minghua.edu.hk | WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

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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