



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 AFTER TRINITY 21ST JUNE 2026

8.00am Said Eucharist

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

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist (<https://youtube.com/live/1X4W3CVh7Zc>) (*Eucharistic Prayer E*)

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Preacher: The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: St Martin's Mass (David Bednall)
Hymns: 412, 335, 556, 587i
Anthem: Greater love hath no man (John Ireland)
Readers: Mark Tse, Gordon Jones
Intercessor: Kevin She
Voluntary: Alla Marcia (John Ireland)

10.30am St John Ambulance Annual Service of Dedication

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) with Children's Baptism

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin CMP
Reader: Karmen Kar

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

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 22nd June	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer <i>Grace in a busy Week (See page 6)</i>
TUE 23rd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (in person)</i>
WED 24th The Birth of John the Baptist	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Lunchtime Recital—Cosmic Harmonies Joyce Yu (Piano) Said Eucharist
THU 25th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers—NO MEETING</i>
<i>After 16 years of welcoming young families to St John's Cathedral each Thursday, the Parent and Toddler Group will be closed for now. Further updates to follow.</i>		
FRI 26th	8.00am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>'Among Us' (Youth Ministry)</i>
SAT 27th	8.30am 12.00noon 4.00pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Filipino) <i>Andrew Fellowship</i> Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 28th June <i>Jeremiah 28.5-9</i> <i>Psalms 89.1-4, 15-18</i> <i>(or 89.8-18)</i> <i>Romans 6.12-end</i> <i>Matthew 10.40-end</i>	The Fourth Sunday after Trinity 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Francis Yu Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Evening Prayer in Taizé style Officiant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman

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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, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Jeremiah 20.7-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

SECOND READING

Romans 6.1b-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10.24-39

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered,

and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the house-tops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of South India (United).

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 Church of St John the Baptist, may God bless the cheerful givers for the nurturing and gospel ministry; For the financial challenges faced by the church. For the parish's schools; may the Gospel be received by the students; especially for SKH Tseung Kwan O Kei Tak Primary School, HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School; For the parish's social services, for the neighborhood; may God's love could reach everybody's heart, especially for H.K.S.K.H. Tseung Kwan O Aged Care Complex.

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, where thousands of church members are still suffering from last year's earthquake and floods, and the continuing civil war.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Sabrina Ho, Leung Chan Ying Ping, Wu Yat Cho, SoSo Mei Ping Wong-Leung, Poon Wan Fung Sebastien, Raymond Yuen, Birdy Yeung, Fung Wan Nui, Eva

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Ray Chan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Cheung Chik Wan, Chung Sheung Yung, Hsu Hon Chung, Teresa Ray Li, Fr John Chynchen, John Chakas, Joseph Chu, Alan Irvine, Ruth Phillipson, Daisy Tai, Jane Pang Tong, Katie Yuet Kum Leung-Lui, Jeffrey Lee, Sylvia Donna Kantor, Hung Yeung Pong Wah, Jan Williams, Bonnie Lin, Louis Shih, Li Chunjuan, Tiffany Au, Esther Bangcawayan, Rozana Leung-Bishop, Irena Wu, Mark Hammitt, Sanson Lau, Chris Maden, Tristan Sherliker, Emily Tso, Pamela Bennett, Brigitta Wheele, Chew Tung Yim Fong, Yeewan Li, Yu Chi Ming, Sister Jean Mary, John Lo, Sarah Wong, Sabine Day, Wanda Wan H, Chuan Xiaokang, Michael Beckett, Merander Ng, Tjhang Chui Fa, Cheung Leung Wah and Donna Willis.

Please pray for the recently departed:
Loretta Tsang

In Memoriam:

Axel Ng

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.

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### CLERGY

This morning, Fr Francis is celebrating the Eucharist and preaching at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam.

From 15<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June the Dean is on annual leave. He is visiting Rome and will be celebrating and preaching at the Anglican Center in Rome on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 12.45pm (Rome time).

Please pray for a blessed pilgrimage!

REFRESHMENTS  
in the Harold Smyth Room  
after 9.00am service



Please note the change of venue for morning coffee (for this Sunday only) after the 9.00am service. Please join us!

### FLOWERS

The flower pedestal this morning is donated to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Jessie and Thomas Swain on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

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THE FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Monday 29th June 2026
7.30pm Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: *The Revd Will Newman*
Preacher: *The Dean*

GRACE IN A BUSY WEEK

Lost in Translation?

THE USES & ABUSES OF THE BIBLE



Speaker:
The Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy

How should we approach the Bible, and what kind of text is it? 'Bible' comes from the Greek biblos ('books'). It took centuries to evolve, and different churches have different versions: Roman Catholics and the Orthodox include the Apocrypha differently from Protestants, while many Episcopal churches put it in a separate section.

When could you first have owned a near-complete Bible? What of churches 'founded only on the Bible'? Or claims it 'never errs'? Why have Christians disagreed over its contents? Some treat it as a repair manual; others as history and poetry. Who decides the right interpretation—and what when we disagree?

Each week, we 'read' a painting alongside well-known gospel passages, exploring lost meanings in translation. In three open talks, the Very Revd Professor Martyn Percy (Provost-Theologian) walks us through the Bible's history, identity, and scope—still the world's most remarkable and life-changing text.

- Privatising and Partitioning the Bible—the Beatitudes
- The Bible and Marriage—the Great Commission
- The Bible and Family Life—Salt, Yeast, and Kernels



Dates

8th June
15th June
22nd June
(Mondays)

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

To register,
please email
reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
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Co-organizer :The Women's Group of St. John's Cathedral and Kei Oi Church, HKSKH

"Christian Listening Revolution" Course

"He who has ears, let him hear!"

(Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 13:43)

Listen to the cries of troubled souls
and weep with the weeping

Listen to the Lord's voice
and follow His guidance

"CL Revolution" course originated from the "Christian Listening" course, which was introduced to Hong Kong in 1997 by the former Dean of St. John's Cathedral, the Revd Canon Stephen Sidebotham, and his wife Peggy. In 2005, it was authorized by the British Acorn Christian Healing Foundation and established "Christian Listening Hong Kong" (CLHK) in Hong Kong to offer the course.

Speaker: Ms. Linda LUI

a member of Christ Church, who completed the "Christ Listening" training in the UK and served as the first Chairperson of the Board of Directors of CLHK since 2005.

"Christian Listening Revolution" Course Introduction

Date: 2026.07.11 (Sat)

Time: 2:30 - 4:30pm

Venue: St. John's Cathedral, Li Hall

Free to Attend
Registration:

WhatsApp 9877 7161
Or QR code



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



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: _____

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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