



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.'*

10TH MAY 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Broadcast)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Hymns: 205, 107, To God be the glory, great things he
has done!, 361 (T.322)

St John's Cathedral services will be broadcast through the Cathedral website
and on YouTube. Please join us.

9th May Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/mJpfd2aW2Oo>

10th May Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/8SMOElvQyOg>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/o87zzZOl3Ko>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/923-GXVoll4>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/P2sKg5v0--8>

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COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Acts 7.55-end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

GOSPEL READING **John 14.1-14**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me. In

my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for our city of Hong Kong and for China; for our leaders and those in authority; for all medical staff and those involved in the emergency services; and for all who have been afflicted by the Coronavirus.

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya and The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.

We pray for the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, our archbishop and primate; and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for The Church of the Incarnation and The Revd Dr Ng Yu Lam; for the ministries of the church and SKH Wei Lun Primary School; for the church's development of Sunday School; for the 25th Anniversary of The Church of Incarnation in 2020.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for The Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; Discovery Bay Church, St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember '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 also pray for our link Diocese of Tounghoo, Myanmar; for The Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Bea Hutcheon, Donald Nip, Chong Yuk Lau, Johnny Kroeker, Tsim Sze Ki, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Lene Bille Hoegh, May Cheng, Tounghoo Ming, Philip Yeung, Sarah Phillipson, Edward Coles-Gale, Angela Rolston, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Kathryn McCallen, John Butcher, Janice Currie, Francesca Lorenzi, Jake Pitts, Catherine Chan, CJ Verdejo, John McKinven, Gareth Williams, Wong Lai King, David Holme, Irene Sun, Daniel Lee, Tai Yu Hei, Daisy Tai, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Susan Westlake, Richard Jones, John David, Margaret Pini, Luke Inkin, Chen Kuk Tye, Kong Siu Ming, Annie Kwan, Mike Chan, Anthony Chan, Ron Fast, Raymond Yuen, Phyllis Schmitz, Jeshu Yau, Kathryn Lewis, Christina Chan, Donna Gail Willis, Eunice Chan, Leslie Henderson, Elaine Cogan, John McIntosh, Timothy Moreno, Andrew Wong, Geoff Walsh, Monica Cornelius, and Meena Tsui.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Thomas Wong
Mark Andrew Rendell

In Memoriam:

Michael Rippon

Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**

A PRAYER DURING THE CURRENT PANDEMIC



Merciful God,
we pray for the many people who have contracted the Covid-19 virus here in Hong Kong and throughout the nations of the world.
Bring comfort to those grieving loved ones have died
and peace to those worried, fearful and uncertain as the virus spreads.
We also pray for governments and authorities
who are developing strategies to contain and deal with the virus
and those frontline health workers,
who may be risking their own lives to care for sick patients.
Here in the Hong Kong we especially pray for the situation
and the procedures that have been put into force to try to halt its spread.
Help us all to be responsible in the things that we do in our lives
to prevent the spread of the virus
by taking heed of the recommended precautions
and avoiding situations which may make things worse.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Diocese of Europe – adapted)

CASTAWAYS CHARITY SHOP (CLARES)

Opens on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 12.30noon to 2.30pm, Saturdays from 10.00am to 12noon, and Sundays from 10.00am to 11.45am.

Take a look and shop now! Slightly used.



Thanks to the kindheartedness of those good Samaritans who constantly support this charity shop. They have been our inspirations in supporting local charities. The shop continues and gladly accepts clothing, bags and shoes in good, clean and saleable conditions. Designer Sale will be announced later this year.

For donations please contact Jenny 5316 5125
or email her Jenniecairns@hotmail.co.uk

MESSAGE OF HOPE

Every Monday and Wednesday one of the chaplains will share a short video called 'Message of Hope' on the Cathedral website and YouTube. In the face of the current situation, we hope that these messages will help us think, pray and reflect about our faith in the Risen Christ.

We are all saddened at not being able to worship together. As a praying community, let us live out our Christian hope and reach out to all those who are lonely, depressed and discouraged.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

*With effect from 4th May,
our opening hours resume normal
as below.*

Monday to Saturday
9.00am to 6.00pm

Sunday and Public Holidays
10.00am to 2.00pm

RADIO MINISTRY RTHK4 FM97.

The Revd Franklin Lee will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in May.

The Revd William Newman will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Friday morning in May.

STAY CONNECTED WITH ST JOHN'S ON MOBILE

In view of the need for more effective communication with our congregation, the Cathedral is launching a communication channel '**St John's Updates**' for disseminating notices in a timely manner.

This channel will keep you updated about our Cathedral activities. If you wish to receive such messages by mobile phone, please follow the steps below:

— add the Cathedral mobile number **9506 2311** to the contact list of your mobile phone

— send a message of '**subscribe to St John's Updates**' to the number via WhatsApp or SMS

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp or SMS.

For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please check out our website (<https://t.ly/Eygy3>).

WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CATHEDRAL MINISTRY- Online Donation and Bank Transfer

While we observe social distancing, the cathedral ministry and its operation continue to run. We encourage you to support our important work so that we may witness Christ's love and his message of hope at this critical time.

For **ONLINE DONATION**, please use the link below or the QR code for it. You may also consult our Cathedral Website under 'Donation'.



<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>

For **BANK TRANSFER**, please transfer funds to

St John's Cathedral
HSBC Account Number 002-245348-001

and inform the cathedral office. A tax receipt will be issued for the donation received. We are grateful to your support for God's work at this difficult time.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING to be held on Sunday 17th May 2020 at 1.00pm

The Church of England Trustees' Ordinance stipulates that the Annual Church Meeting is required to be held by the end of May of each year. This meeting will be one of the exemptions under the restrictions on gathering in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. We invite and encourage parishioners to attend the meeting.

(To view the profiles of the candidates for the nomination of Trustees and Council, please visit the Cathedral website.)

While attending the Annual Church Meeting, the following measures will be taken.

1. Have the body temperature measured before entry.
2. Clean hands with sanitizer before entering the cathedral.
3. Wear mask throughout the meeting.
4. Maintaining a physical distancing of at least 1.5 meters.
5. Complete and submit a Health Declaration Form before entry. Please download the form from the Cathedral website.
<https://t.ly/bbR5>
6. The Annual Report is available on the Cathedral website.
(To protect our environment, limited hard copies of the Annual Report will be printed. Please submit your request to the office by 12th May should you need one.)



Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St. John's Cathedral will be held at Li Hall on Sunday the 17th May 2020, at 1:00p.m. for the purposes following :-

- (a) Receiving from the Church Council and considering : (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll; (ii) an annual report on its proceedings; (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) The election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust.
- (c) The election of the Church Council;
- (d) The election of sidesmen;
- (e) The election of an auditor;
- (f) Transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.

To be part of the Electoral Roll is a way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry. All qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration," which is attached /available from the office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; and (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming ACM, you should complete and submit an Electoral Roll Declaration form. You do not need to fill out a new form if your name already appears on the current electoral roll, to confirm that, please call the Cathedral office at 25234157. Completed forms must reach the cathedral office, by 29th April 2020 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2020. Any inquiries may be directed to Viola Ip, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

In preparation for the election of the trustees and council members, all those registered on the Electoral Roll are eligible to nominate and receive nomination. Please find the Nomination Form attached /available from the office. Each nomination requires the consent of the candidate, the nominee and a seconder. Please submit the completed form to the cathedral office by 29th April, 2020. Trustees and council members are important leadership positions in the cathedral. You are welcome to nominate individuals who are mature in the faith and committed in serving God and his people to these positions.

We thank you for your continuous contribution to the life of the church and look forward to your presence and participation at the Annual Church Meeting. God bless you all.

Dated this 29th March 2020

The Very Revd Matthias Der
Dean

Michael Spencer
Hon. Secretary



香港聖公會福利協會
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
Welfare Council

ACT OF LOVE – COVID-19 RELIEF FUND

Act of Love launched an appeal in March for the donation of cash or supermarket coupons, aiming to help those low-income families facing financial difficulties under the pandemic. Many church members have responded to the appeal by donating cash and coupons to support the families in need.

For the application, the required income and asset condition are with reference to the eligible criteria of the Food Bank and Rainbow Fund. Our fund provides emergency relief to those applicants awaiting approval or attempting a reapplication of the above two funds. Eligible applicants/families would receive HK\$500 supermarket coupons that are designated for the purchase of food items. Our fund also supports eligible applicants who have other needs, such as purchase of tablet or internet data cards for children's e-learning during school closure, medical treatment, etc. The maximum allocation would be HK\$2500 per application.

Until now, Act of Love has received more than 500 applications and a lot of enquiries from those in desperate need of urgent financial support. The Welfare Council looks forward to receiving continuous support from the church members, sharing God's love by responding to the appeal from Act of Love.

ACT OF LOVE – SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE GROUPS UNDER THE PANDEMIC

While the economy in Hong Kong has been adversely affected under the pandemic, many families are facing financial difficulties as a result of unemployment, under-employment and close-down of business. At the same time, additional expense are incurred by purchasing prevention supplies causing financial constraint to these families.

In view of this, Act of Love offers short-term emergency cash or food assistance to individuals and families in need, especially those who are not eligible or receiving other welfare assistance.



For more information, please contact the Act of Love Hotline at 8209-8122 or WhatsApp 5263 5850.

(Cheques payable to the 'Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council Limited'. Please mail your crossed cheque or original payment slip to Act of Love, 12/F, 112 Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Bank transfer to Hang Seng Bank : 024-255-757999-883 or The Bank of East Asia: 015-514-10-407766-1.)