

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.'

2ND DECEMBER 2018 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox

Reader: Dolores Dayao

9.00am Sung Eucharist (Launch of the St John's Cathedral 170th

Anniversary Year) (See separate service book)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong

Deacon: The Revd Desmond Cox

Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)

Psalm: 25.1-9 (Ouseley) Hymns: 11, 5, 16, 9

Anthem: Lo, in the Time Appointed (Healey Willan)

Readers/Intercessor: Simon Fong, Martin Hills/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—CW (See insert)

Celebrant: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox

Reader and Intercessor: Kevin She

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm Advent Carol Service—

'The King and his Kingdom'

(See separate service book)

Officiant: The Revd Catherine Graham

Readers: Eric Ip, Kate Senior, Letty Awingan

Arabella Chong, Lily Chiu

Andrea Kan, Fr Robert Martin

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Glutenfree communion wafers are available on request at all Eucharists in this Cathedral. Please enquire of the Sidesmen or Servers for directions to the distribution. No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording during the service.



Faith in the City 1849 - 2019

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 2nd December	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 3rd	8.00am 12.30pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist Meditation Group One o'clock Prayer
TUE 4th	8.00am 1.00pm <i>7.00pm</i>	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Bible Reading Fellowship
WED 5th	8.00am 9.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist CLARES One o'clock Prayer Lunchtime Recital - Madam Lola Young's The Bel Canto Singers - A Recital about Longing and Hope Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) Said Eucharist
THU 6th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist Parents and Toddlers meeting
FRI 7th	8.00am 1.00pm <i>3.00pm</i>	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Friday Fellowship Group
SAT 8th	8.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 9th December	Second Sunday of Advent	
Baruch 5 or Mal 3.1-4 Canticle: Benedictus Phil 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6	8.00am 9.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Very Revd Matthias Der Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd John Chynchen Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Preacher: Adam Mok Choral Mattins Officiant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
	2.00pm	Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam Sung Eucharist (in Filipino and English) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin



THEFT PREVENTION

As with any big city centre, please keep your valuables with you. If you feel unsafe at any time, please let a staff member or sidesman know.

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead; we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (8am and 11.45am) 1 Thessalonian 3.9-end

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

How can we thank God enough for you

in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at

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

his saints.

the coming of our Lord Jesus with all

GOSPEL READING Luke 21.25-36

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your

redemption is drawing near.

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to

stand before the Son of Man.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK PRAYER REQUESTS



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano.

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

We pray for St Andrew's Church; that their full staff team will continue to grow as a unit; Praise God for a growing church where their members are increasing and new ministries are starting. Pray for new people to be quickly incorporated into the church family. Pray for more leaders for their small groups to help members grow in their love for Christ and his world.

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 Christians in Central, InTouch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, HELP For Domestic Workers, St John's Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for Bishop John Wilme, his priests and people. We pray for the Bishop-Elect, the Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho as he begins preparing for his new ministry.

Please pray for those who are sick: Poon Lam, Phyllis Schmitz, Donna Gail Willis, Meena Tsui, Caroline Yu, Leslie Henderson, Fung Shing, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Monica Cornelius, Mike Chan, Adelaide Chan, Marianne Felch, Bp Kenneth Mason, Henry Wu Mou Wai, Simon Li, Nie Shi Fa, Phillip Nicholl, Nancy Wong, Kong Siu-Ming, Richard Jones, Victor Chan, Pat Flavin, Jessica Assem, Timothy Moreno, Selina Ho, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Susan Westlake, Elaine Cogan, Simon Liew, Feng Xiao, Chen Kuk Tye, Margaret Pini, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Raymond Yuen, Robert & Doris Sandie, Chris & David Hayter, Anthony Chan, Chong Yuk Lau, Albert Quimpo, Christian Limon Gamen, Tony & Edita Bishop, Mark & Helen Bishop, Philip Chan, Caius Schwartz, Geoff & Karrie Walsh, Kathryn McCallen, and Carrie McKinnon.

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.**

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.

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FAITH IN THE CITY 170th ANNIVERSARY YEAR

As we celebrate Advent Sunday and start our new Church year, we also pause today to look back and give thanks that for over 170 years the Good News of Christ has been proclaimed in this place.

Our celebrant and preacher this morning's 9.00am Sung Eucharist will be Archbishop Paul and at the end of the service he will bless our new processional banner and send us out to continue the work of past generations. The Dean will also lead us in a renewal of commitment to the core values of our Mission Statement – 'making a place of God's grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong'.

As we journey into our 170th year we pray that God will continue to bless us and make us a blessing to others as we move out with 'Faith in the City'.

In this Advent season may the Holy Spirit lead us out into our City in Faith that we may make a straight path to welcome the Lord when he comes. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

CANON DWIGHT DELA TORRE

Congratulations to Fr Dwight for being installed as an Honorary Canon of the National Cathedral of the Philippines Independent Church on 18th November. Honorary Canon is an honorary title given by the bishop to recognize the exemplary contribution of a priest to the life of the Church. We give thanks to God for Canon Dwight for his dedication and ministry at St John's Cathedral over the last two decades. May God bless him and his ministry!

RADIO MINISTRY on RTHK4 FM97.6

- St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre studio broadcast for World AIDS Day at 11.05am TODAY, 2nd December 2018, with Revd Desmond Cox, Elijah Fung, Adam Mok and Cedric Leung.
- The Revd Desmond Cox will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning during Advent.

DISCOVERERS BAKE SALE

TODAY Sunday 2nd December

in the Li Hall after the 9.00am Sung Eucharist

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BAKE cupcakes /biscuits / fudges/ brownies/ fruit / butter cakes

COME AND BUY! BRING A FRIEND!



Poverty Alleviation Programme Events

Seniors Christmas Party: Saturday 15th December 5.00-7.00pm

In partnership with HKSKH Welfare Council

Volunteers are needed to entertain, befriend and assist in serving senior couples at a Christmas Party at St Luke's Centre in Western District.

To register or for more information please contact Fr Mark at rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

CHP'S ADVICE ON MEASLES

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health is investigating a confirmed case of measles. The affected person is reported to have attended a service at St John's Cathedral from 2.00pm to 3.00pm on 18th November 2018.

CHP advises attendees of the service should observe symptoms of measles from 18th November to 9th December 2018. Affected persons may present initially with fever, cough, runny nose, and red eyes. It is followed three to seven days later by a skin rash which usually spread from face to the rest of the body. Affected persons should immediately wear a face mask, refrain from school or work, avoid crowded places, seek medical advice as soon as possible, and inform the doctor of the exposure history to a measles case.

CHP Enquiry Hotline: 2125 2345

MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETS

Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1300 people to our Midnight Mass and the numbers are growing. This year, we will be issuing tickets again to ensure the health and safety of all the attendees, and that there is a fair distribution to members of the Cathedral congregations and the wider community.

- i) **Reservation of tickets** can be made by calling the Cathedral office at 2523 4157, commencing 3rd December (Mon) during office hours. (Bookings before this will not be accepted.)
 - the first 200 tickets are reserved for those who have a Stewardship number or members on Electoral Roll.
 - the second batch of 140 tickets will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis
 - Maximum 2 tickets per person or 4 tickets per family.
- ii) Those who have reserved their tickets by phone **MUST collect their tickets within 8 days after confirmation**. These tickets can be picked up during office hours on weekdays; or from 9.00am to 1.30pm on Sundays.

The remaining 100 tickets will be distributed at the main door on 24th December at 9.00pm.

- iii) On the night of 24th December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm, using the South and North Transept doors of the Church.
- iv) All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotions before Midnight Mass begins.
- v) Any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen at 10.45pm.
- vi) Overflow provision will be prepared for worshippers in both the Li Hall and the North lawn.

St John's Cathedral

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

Sunday 2nd December
The First Sunday of Advent
(Sunday Services as normal)

6.00pm
'The King and his kingdom'
A Service for the beginning of Advent

Sunday 16th December The Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday Services as normal)

6.00pm
'Blue Christmas' Eucharist
A Service for those mourning a loss
this Christmas season

Saturday 22nd December

3.00pm Crib Service (30 minutes)

6.00pm Cantonese Carol Service with Eucharist

Sunday 23rd December
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Worship for All with Sunday School Nativity

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

2.00pm Sunday Eucharist (Filipino)

6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Monday 24th December Christmas Eve

> 4.30pm Christingle Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist 9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist with Carols

2.00pm Sunday Eucharist (Filipino)

(No evening service)

SHARING LOVE IN THE SEASON OF LOVE

 $Games \cdot Worship \cdot Dinner$

A group of S.K.H. St Matthew's Primary School students and their family members will be celebrating Christmas at St John's Cathedral with our Cantonese Parents Group.

You are invited to come and join us. Donations for this joyful event are also welcome.

Date: 15th December 2018 Saturday Time: 5.00 – 9.00pm Venue: Li Hall

Contact Wendy on 2523 4157 for further details

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Fellowship & Community Building— The Revd Desmond Cox (Associate Chaplain)

Nurturing & Spirituality—The Revd Will Newman (*Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley*)

Outreach Ministry —The Revd Mark Rogers (Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

Pastoral Care—The Revd Catherine Graham

Liturgy and Worship—The Revd Robert Martin (Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)

Filipino Ministry—The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Chinese Ministry—

The Revd Canon Peter Koon & The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplains:

The Revd John Chynchen The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

Executive Administrator: Viola Ip

Outreach Ministries:

SJC Counselling Service HELP for Domestic Workers Mission for Migrant Workers SJC Life Enrichment Centre Cathedral Bookstore CLARES/Castaways Prison Ministry



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, 4–8 Garden Road, Central Tel: 2523 4157

	Welcome to St John's Cathedral!
Please complete th Welcome Table.	is form and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the
Surname:	First Name:
Name of spouse (if	f applicable)
Names and ages of	f children (if applicable)
E-mail:	Phone:
Please circle as ap	propriate:
I attend the 8.00a	m/9.00am/10.30am/11.45am/2.00pm/6.00pm service.
CLARES / Baptism	finding out about: Sunday School / Cathedral Choir / n & Confirmation / Flower Guild / Sidesman / Servers Guild / / Stewardship Scheme / Uniformed Group.
Other questions /	information:
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