



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.'*

23RD DECEMBER 2018 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am 'Worship for All' with Sunday School Nativity Play (See separate order of service)

Celebrant: The Revd Catherine Graham
Deacon: The Dean
Communion Setting: 'Worship for All' Setting
Anthems: Fangon, fangon (B.B. McKinney)
Ave Maria (Simon Lindley)
Readers/Intercessor: Worship Team—Sunday School

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: Vivian Kuo

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist-CW (See insert)

Celebrant: The Revd Catherine Graham
Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
Reader/Intercessor: Saki Tsoi/Kevin She

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

(See separate order of service)

Officiant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Readers: Jeremy Ng, Rita Wong, John Li,
May Ho, Jeannie Chan,
Norman Uy Carnay, Victoria Lin,
Susan King, The Revd Canon
Dwight dela Torre

Welcome to all who worship here today. Visiting communicants, of whatever Christian tradition, are invited to receive communion here. Gluten-free 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 23rd December	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 24th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
CHRISTMAS EVE	4.30pm	Christingle Service
	11.00pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib
TUE 25th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
CHRISTMAS DAY	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
(Public Holiday)	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist with Carols
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
WED 26th	9.00am	Said Eucharist
(Public Holiday)		
THU 27th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>NO Parents and Toddlers meeting (Christmas break)</i>
FRI 28th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>NO Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>(Christmas break, will resume on 4th January 2019)</i>
SAT 29th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 30th December	The First Sunday of Christmas	
<i>1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 148</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
<i>Colossians 3.12-17</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Luke 2.41-end</i>		Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
		Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial
		Celebrant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer in Taizé style
		Officiant: The Dean
		Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham



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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Voice one—

On this fourth week of Advent we light the first three candles, remembering God's promise to be with us, to comfort us, and to rejoice with us (*lights two purple and one pink candle*).

Voice two—

We light the last candle to remind us of Mary's courage and grace as she embraced God's action in her life and in the world (*lights last purple candle*).

Voice one—

This candle is a symbol of the love that frees us from captivity.

Voice two—

This candle is also a symbol of the love that was born at Christmas and continues to be born each day.

**All O God, come journey with us through Advent.
Give us courage to spread love in the world. Amen.**

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Hebrews 10.5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices

and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 1.39-45

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Diocese of Kubwa, Abuja, Nigeria, and The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko.

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 the Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong, Bishop of the Missionary Area and all clergy of the Missionary Area of Macau, HKSKH; For the calling and commitment of laity leaders to ordained ministry; For the mission and nurture in the Missionary Area of Macau.

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 our Council members, Cathedral Staff, Cathedral Servers, Cathedral Sidesmen, Poverty Alleviation Group, our Prison Ministry, Music Ministry, and Lunchtime Recitals

We also pray for our link Diocese of Tougoo, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Ivy Looi, Christina Chan, Celine Lelay Calasin, Andres V Bartholomew, Regina M Castillejo, Aurelio Castillejo Sr, Belen Romauac, Monalisa Latorre, Remedios Trumpo, Kulas Romauac, Ising Bucag, Levie Ramiro, Floring Remauac, Belen Romauac, Ernesto Bautista, Antonia Ramiro, Anitha Bautista, Meena Tsui, Poon Lam, Caroline Yu, Toug Ming, May Cheng, Monica Cornelius, Phyllis Schmitz, Donna Gail Willis, Marianne Felch, Leslie Henderson, Fung Shing, Mike Chan, Adelaide Chan, Margaret

Pini, Chen Kuk Tye, Henry Wu Mou Wai, Simon Li, Nie Shi Fa, Victor Chan, Phillip Nicholl, Nancy Wong, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Jessica Assem, Susan Westlake, Richard Jones, Chris & David Hayter, Anthony Chan, Chong Yuk Lau, Simon Liew, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Elaine Cogan, Raymond Yuen, Robert & Doris Sandie, Albert Quimpo, Tony & Edita Bishop, Christian Limon Gamen, Philip Chan, Mark & Helen Bishop, Caius Schwartz, Kathryn McCallen, Carrie McKinnon, Geoff & Karrie Walsh.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Patrick Mok

Kenneth Bruce Mason (bishop)

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**.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018



Monday 24th December
Christmas Eve



4.30pm Christingle Service

11.00pm

Midnight Mass of the Nativity

Tuesday 25th December
Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

2.00pm Sunday Eucharist (Filipino)

(No evening service)

Monday 31st December
New Year's Eve

11.00pm

Watchnight Eucharist

A service to welcome the New Year

CLERGY COMINGS & GOINGS

St John's Cathedral will be welcoming **The Revd Franklin (Frankie) On Yip Lee**, the new fulltime Chaplain at the cathedral starting from 30th December 2018.

Fr Frankie was born in Hong Kong but he spent most part of his childhood in Singapore. He went to England in 1999 to study English History at the University of York and read Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Leeds. After graduation, Frankie worked at Boston College in Lincolnshire as the College Warden. Upon receiving his training at Westcott House Theological College in Cambridge he served his Curacy in Spalding in Lincolnshire. In 2015 he was invited to serve at Windsor Castle as Minor Canon and School Chaplain. He leads both Mattins and Evensong at St George's Chapel daily as well as serving the people who live and work within the castle community. As chaplain to St George's School, he has overall responsibility over the spiritual and pastoral welfare of the children and their parents, and the staff and their families. His ministry has always been involved in children and youth mission. Fr Frankie looks forward very much to serving St John's Cathedral and the wider Anglican Communion here in Hong Kong.

Fr Desmond Cox will officially retire as of 1st January 2019. We give thanks to God for his dedication and contribution in the ministry at St John's since 2001. Fr Des will return to Australia in late January and we wish him well in his retirement.

Fr John Chynchen will retire from being an Honorary Chaplaincy of St John's Cathedral as of 1st January 2019. Fr John has served the cathedral faithfully since 1989 as an Honorary Chaplain and then full time chaplain from 2007 to 2013. Upon his retirement, he will serve as the Archbishop's Chaplain to the International Community in HKSKH. We thank God for Fr John's ministry at the cathedral and wish him well.

RIZAL WALK

Fr Dwight will lead the 2018 Rizal Walk on 30th December, visiting places associated with Dr Jose Rizal, Philippines' National Hero. Assembly is at 10.00am at the North Garden. All are welcome. Maximum participants: 29.

To register please contact Fr Dwight at dqtebc@yahoo.com

EXPLORING FAITH MATTERS EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM)

Are you interested in learning more about your faith, the Bible, Christian history, Christian thought?

EfM may be the thing for you. It is a comprehensive course for adults over four years but students enrol on a year by year basis.

Participants learn from their own experience, from other Christians and from the traditions of Christianity found in Scripture and in the history of the Church. Each week there are assigned readings and the group meets at the Cathedral to discuss what they have read. Groups are led by accredited Mentors. No specific qualifications are needed to join a group, beyond an ability to read English discerningly and make the necessary time commitment for the meetings and the weekly readings.

The groups are friendly and supportive and we also meet socially for special events!

The English-speaking Education for Ministry (EfM) group, which meets at 7.00pm on Monday evenings, is now recruiting new members for the 2019 year starting in late January or early February next year.

Please contact John Davison on ejd@kly.com.hk or Evelyn Chan on chanevelyn@yahoo.com.

More information is available on the St John's Cathedral website, under Groups and Fellowships.

'Faith Enquiry' Course

What is the Christian faith all about?

Are you new to the Christian faith?

What's unique about St John's Cathedral and the Anglican Church?

Why may this be the right place for you?

Faith Enquiry Course is a 4-week introduction to the Christian faith at St John's Cathedral. If you, or a friend, are new to Christianity, this is the course for you! Conducted in English, with simultaneous interpretation in Cantonese.

Dates/Time: Wednesday evenings 7.30-9.00pm, starting 9th January.

Venue: Harold Smyth Room, on the G/F of the Cathedral Offices.

Faith Enquiry Course

9th Jan Is there a God?

16th Jan Who was Jesus?

23rd Jan What is the Bible?

30th Jan How can I join the Church?

*Free admission, all welcome,
no registration required.*

Poverty Alleviation Programme

Refugee Lunch: Monday 7th January 12 noon

Volunteers are needed to bring and serve lunch for 25-30 refugees at Christian Action's Refugee Centre at Chung King Mansion.

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

'Faith Begins':

The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!

'Faith Begins' is a course for adults who have been regularly attending services in St John's Cathedral or the daughter churches for at least 3 months, and who want to belong to the Anglican Church and become part of the regular worshipping community.

'Faith Begins' leads to baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral, when you commit yourself to following Jesus Christ.

'Faith Begins' includes talks and discussion about many different aspects of Christian belief and living as a Christian.

'Faith Begins' on Wednesday evenings, starting 13th February 2019, with supper at 7.00pm followed by a talk and discussion.

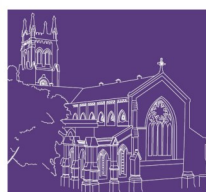
The talks will be given in English, with simultaneous translation into Chinese. Discussion is in either Chinese or English.

The course continues every Wednesday up to 5th June. The Baptism and Confirmation Service will be held in the cathedral on 9th June at 6.00pm.

To register please email Fr Mark at rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

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12th December 2018

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For those who would like to support St. John's Cathedral and receive a deduction on their U.S. Tax Returns we offer a program in conjunction with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the USA.

You may contact our administrator, Mrs. Viola Ip at ip@stjohnscathedral.org.hk for further information or you can send your US dollar donations directly to:

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the USA

Attn: Ms. June Victor – Assistant to the Treasurer
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, New York 10017-4503
USA

Email : jvictor@episcopalchurch.org

In your cover letter please specify that you wish to designate St. John's Cathedral Hong Kong as the beneficiary.

Thank you.

Craig Lindsay
Hon. Treasurer

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 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/2.00pm/6.00pm 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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