



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.'*

29TH DECEMBER 2019

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader: James Choo

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Deacon: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Psalm: 148.7-12 (Stanford)
Hymns: 33 (omit*), 29, 36, 28, Joy to the world,
the Lord is come! (See page 4)
Anthem: What child is this? (Thomas Hewitt-Jones)
Voluntary: Noël: Grand Jeu et duo (Louis-Claude Daquin)
Readers/Intercessor: Dolores Dayao, Doris Lye/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist (See insert)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader/Intercessor: John Breen, Saki Tsoi

1.15pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style (See separate service book)

Officiant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Reader: Saki Tsoi

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.**

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 29th	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
MON 30th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 31st New Year's Eve	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	11.00pm	Watchnight Eucharist—A service to welcome the new year Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
 WED 1st January New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	THU 2nd	8.30am Said Eucharist 1.00pm One o'clock Prayer 1.15pm Said Eucharist 2.30pm <i>NO Parents and Toddlers</i>
	FRI 3rd	8.00am Said Eucharist 1.00pm One o'clock Prayer 3.00pm <i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
SAT 4th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 5th January <i>Isaiah 60.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 72.10-15</i> <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i>	Epiphany Sunday	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

PARENTS AND TODDLERS

There will be no Parents and Toddlers meeting on 2nd January 2020.



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, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 63.7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us, and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their savior in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel but his presence that saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148.7-12

7 Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2.10-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.' And again, 'I will put my trust in him.' And again, 'Here am I and the children whom God has given me.'

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2.13-23

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because
they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and
nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and
grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonder of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748)

Music: W Holford's Voce di Melodia, c.1834
Arranged by LOWELL MASON (1792-1872)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son
shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly
home: help your Church to live as one
family, united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican
Communion** we pray for Gahini,
Rwanda, the Rt Revd Alexis Bilinda-
bagabo and the Rt Revd Manasseh
Gahima; for Gambia, West Africa, and
the Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico.

**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.

PRAYERS AND NOTICES

We pray for St Stephen's Church, the Revd Ip Kam Fai, the Revd Canon Ian Lam, the Revd Walter Lau and the Revd Lorraine Choi; for the parish's evangelistic activities in all Sheng Kung Hui kindergartens, primary and secondary schools; for the social caring ministry; for the parent ministry and group leaders training; for Vineyard of the Deanery of Southern and Western Districts, its mission and service programme in Aberdeen.

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 Welcomers & Cathedral Minders, Sunday School, Discoverers, Parents and Toddlers, Education for Ministry (EfM) Courses, CLARES, Castaways, and SJC Flower Guild.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; for the Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Esther Tsen, Denny Tsen, Annie Kwan, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Jennifer D. Ambatcan, Lila Szweda, Lene Bille Hoegh, Justin Ching, Luke Inkin, Kong Siu-Ming, Anthony Chan, Geoff Walsh, Elaine Cogan, Chow Pak Kwan, Nie Shi Fa, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Chen Kuk Tye, Margaret Pini, Mike Chan, Shirley Nie, Tai Yu Hei, Catherine Chan, Irene Lo Oi Lin, John McIntosh, Christina Chan, Eunice Chan, Roger Bebbington, John David, Daisy Tai, Timothy Moreno, Ron Fast, Leslie Henderson, Chong Yuk Lau, Jeshu Yau, Andrew Wong, Donna Gail Willis, Caroline Yu, Monica Cornelius, Phyllis Schmitz, Raymond Yuen, Meena Tsui, Kathryn Lewis, Kathryn McCallen, Richard Jones and Susan Westlake.

Please pray for the recently departed:

Marianne Felch
Mark Philip Hargraves
Nancy Lo

The funeral of Mark Philip Hargraves will be held at St John's Cathedral on Friday 3rd January 2020 at 3.00pm.

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.**



SJC BOOKSTORE

Opening Hours during the Festive Season:

29th December 2019 (TODAY)
9.00am - 3.30 pm

1st January 2020 (Wed)
New Year's Day
10.00am - 2.00pm

2nd & 3rd January 2020 (Thu and Fri)
Closed for Stock-Take

CHANGE OF SERVICE TIMES

The worship schedule for Sunday services at St John's Cathedral starting from 1st January 2020 will be:

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.00am Sung Eucharist
10.30am Eucharist in Mandarin
11.45am Responsorial Eucharist/
Choral Mattins
1.30pm Eucharist in Filipino
5.00pm Afternoon Service
(service format according to rota)

NOTICES

THANK YOU

The Dean and Cathedral Clergy would like to thank all those parishioners who sent to them cards and gifts over the Christmas season. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated. May God richly bless you and your families as we enter this New Year 2020.

NEW CHOIR ALBUM 'FAITH IN THE CITY'

As part of our 170th Anniversary, the Cathedral Choir has produced a new album called 'Faith in the City'. The repertoire includes music that has connection with St John's past and present. The album can be purchased from the Cathedral bookstore for HK\$100 per copy.

POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME St John's Cathedral CHRISTMASTIDE FOOD DRIVE



*Support St James' Settlement
People's Food Bank!
Share the warmth, love and food
to the needy*

Please bring rice, noodles, canned food, instant oatmeal or biscuits to the Cathedral office BEFORE 3rd January 2020

POTLUCK LUNCH

A luncheon will be held on Sunday 12th January 2020 at 12.45pm in the Li Hall to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of the Filipino Fellowship and to farewell the Revd Wu Wai Ho.

You are all invited to join. Please reply to Mrs June Li (*tel : 2849 6057*) and Mrs Viola Ip (*email : ip@stjohnscathedral.org.hk*) before 9th January.



Potluck Lunch Sunday 12th January 2020 at 12.45pm Li Hall

I will be able to attend the potluck.

Name : _____

Tel. No.: _____ No. attending : _____

I will bring the following :

Casserole : _____ Salad : _____

Dessert : _____ Others : _____

**** Coffee, tea and squash will be served.
If you wish to bring your own wine, please do so.**

CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL
Tuesday 14th January 2020
1.00pm Li Hall

Topic:

*The pleasure and pitfalls of serving
the Hong Kong community—
A reflection of a life-long civil servant*

Speaker:

Mrs Rachel Cartland

Rachel Cartland was born in the UK. After graduating from Oxford University in 1972, she joined the Administrative Grade of the Hong Kong Civil Service where she worked until her retirement in early 2006. During her time with Government she served in a variety of posts and had wide experience of policy formulation, civil service operation and the impact of government on the ground. She is a regular co-host on Backchat, the flagship news discussion programme on RTHK Radio 3 and a contributor to Business Matters on BBC World Service. She is involved with different local NGOs, including the Women's Foundation and the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong. St John's Cathedral is an important place for her and her family who are settled in Hong Kong. Her memoir under the title *Paper Tigress* was published by Blacksmith Books in 2013 and reprinted in 2015.

Entry ticket at \$60 each, soup and sandwiches will be supplied from 12.45pm onward. Tickets are available at the Cathedral Bookstore. Booking can also be made by emailing to : reception@stjohnscathedral.org.hk or call the Cathedral office at 2523 4157

NARCISSUS SALE

The beautiful and fragrant Narcissus symbolizing Chinese New Year will be on sale at the Cathedral soon! They are the results of much labour of love from our Women's League members who have spent 6 weeks of coaching these flowers to shape and nurture them to perfection!

You are invited to come with your family members and friends to enjoy the beauty and fragrance of the flowers. You can also bring home your selection joyfully to welcome the Year of the Rat.

Please save the dates to acquire them to grace your homes and generate proceeds for the Cathedral!

*Saturday 18th January and
Sunday 19th January 2020*

'FAITH BEGINS'

Wednesday evenings
5th February—16th May 2020

'Faith Begins' is a course for adult baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral. The course is for people who have been worshipping for at least three months in the cathedral parish.

The course explores the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere with a meal and informal discussion. 'Faith Begins' is rooted in the Anglican tradition which values the bible, tradition, and reason, and interprets them in the light of a modern understanding about life and the world we live in. For further information please see the 'Faith Begins' leaflet.

How do I enrol? Just send your contact details to the Revd Will Newman at newman@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline:
15th January 2020

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very Revd Matthias Der

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Community Building – The Revd Franklin Lee

Christian Education – 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*)

Liturgy and Spirituality – The Revd Robert Martin
(*Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam*)

Filipino Ministry –
The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
The Revd Sharon Langbis

Chinese Ministry –
The Revd Canon Peter Koon
The Revd Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

Executive Administrator:

Mrs Viola Ip

Serving the wider community:

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:

I do not agree to receive any promotional materials from St John's Cathedral.

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