



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.'*

16TH DECEMBER 2018 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Preacher: The Dean
Deacon: The Revd John Chynchen
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Psalm: 146.4-10 (Naylor)
Hymns: **18, 8, 7, 6**
Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord always (Anonymous)
Readers/Intercessor: Barbara Bispham, Gordon Jones/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist-CW (See insert)

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Dean
Reader/Intercessor: Karmen Kar/Simon Fong

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist

(See separate order of service)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
Reader: Trevor Fitzsimmons
Intercessor: Andrew Ashley

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 16th December	12.00noon	Chinese Congregation Fellowship
MON 17th	8.00am 12.30pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group</i> One o'clock Prayer
TUE 18th	8.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
WED 19th	8.00am 9.30am 12.30pm 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>CLARES</i> <i>Traditional Christmas Carols with Cathedral Brass in the Cathedral garden</i> One o'clock Prayer <i>NO Lunchtime Recital</i> <i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)</i> Said Eucharist
THU 20th	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers meeting</i> <i>(Christmas break on 27th December)</i>
FRI 21st	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>NO Friday Fellowship Group</i> <i>(Christmas break, will resume on 4th January 2019)</i>
SAT 22nd	8.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 23rd December	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
<i>Micah 5.2-5</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
<i>Psalms 80.1-8</i>	9.00am	'Worship for All' with Sunday school Nativity Celebrant: The Revd Catherine Graham
<i>Hebrews 10.5-10</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: Vivian Kuo
<i>Luke 1.39-45 (46-55)</i>	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—CW Celebrant: The Revd Catherine Graham Preacher: The Revd Desmond Cox
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (in Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Officiant: The Revd Desmond Cox



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 third week of Advent we light the first candle, a symbol of our anticipation and longing (*lights one purple candle*).

Voice two—We light the second candle again, remembering God's promise to be with us and to comfort us (*lights another purple candle*).

Voice one—We also light a third candle to remind us of God's call to rejoice, even in difficult circumstances (*lights the pink candle*).

Voice two—This candle is a symbol of the joy we experience because of God's presence in our lives and in the world.

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

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3.14-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your

hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146.4-10

4 Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help : and whose hope is in the Lord his God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein is : who keepeth his promise for ever.

6 Who helpeth them to right that suffer wrong : who feedeth the hungry.

7 The Lord looseth men out of prison : the Lord giveth sight to the blind.

8 The Lord helpeth them that are fallen : the Lord careth for the righteous.

9 The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the fatherless and widow : as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside down.

10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for evermore : and throughout all generations.

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

Philippians 4.4-7

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in

everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

GOSPEL READING
Luke 3.7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you. Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**



SING - ALONG
TRADITIONAL
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
with
Cathedral Brass

Wednesday 19th December 2018
12.30pm Cathedral Garden



LOVE CHOCOLATE SALE
TODAY
in the Li Hall
after the 9.00am Sung Eucharist

A sale of charity chocolate
in support of
St Christopher's Home
Great news for chocolate lovers!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for the Diocese of Kivu, Rwanda, and The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana.

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 Joseph's Church, for the ministries of their Sunday school, youth fellowships and parents group, for more leaders to teach and serve in the church; For the co-operation between the church, school and social service unit, for the evangelistic and pastoral ministries; For the growth of the elderly ministry.

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

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:

Christina Chan, Andres V Barfolome, Aurelio Castillejo Sr, Monalisa Latorre, Remedios Trumpo, Belen Romauac, Regina M Castillejo, Kulas Romauac, Celine Lelay Calasin, Florine Remauac, Ising Bucag, Antonia Ramiro, Ernesto Bautista, Anitha Baufista, Levie Ramiro, Belen Romauac, Poon Lam, Caroline Yu, Phyllis Schmitz, Donna Gail Willis, Meena Tsui, May Cheng, Toug Ming,

Leslie Henderson, Fung Shing, Monica Cornelius, Mike Chan, Adelaide Chan, Marianne Felch, Bp Kenneth Mason, Henry Wu Mou Wai, Simon Li, Nie Shi Fa, Victor Chan, Phillip Nicholl, Nancy Wong, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Chen Kuk Tye, Jessica Assem, Timothy Moreno, Selina Ho, Susan Westlake, Kong Siu-Ming, Feng Xiao, Richard Jones, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Elaine Cogan, Simon Liew, Margaret Pini, Raymond Yuen, Robert & Doris Sandie, Chris & David Hayter, Anthony Chan, Chong Yuk Lau, Albert Quimpo, Tony & Edita Bishop, Christian Limon Gamen, Philip Chan, Mark & Helen Bishop, Caius Schwartz, Kathryn McCallen, Carrie McKinnon, Geoff & Karrie Walsh, and Patrick Mok.

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**.



'YOUTH MENTORSHIP' Mentor Training Course— Can you? Will you?

St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre cooperates with HKSKH Welfare Council to implement the 'Mentorship for Youth' Programme for interested schools and organizations in 2019-2021. We are now recruiting church members who are aged above 18, mature, positive, and interested in communication with others. They need to be recommended by the clergy of St John's Cathedral or daughter churches to participate in this course. The course includes: Introspection and skills training, experiential activities and internships. For those who has attended 75% of the training course and successfully completed two internships will be awarded the certificate and officially become mentors.

If you are interested, please contact St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre Manager Ms Elijah Fung by emailing manager@sjhivctr.com or calling 2523 0531.



*A Eucharist for those mourning
a loss this Christmas season.*

6.00pm TODAY

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.*

RADIO MINISTRY on RTHK4 FM97.6

The Revd Desmond Cox will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at **9.50am** every Tuesday morning during Advent.

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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ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018





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)

NEW YEAR'S EVE



Monday 31st December

11.00pm

Watchnight Eucharist
A service to welcome the New Year



MIDNIGHT MASS TICKETS

Each Christmas Eve we welcome over 1300 people to our Midnight Mass of the Nativity and the numbers are growing. This year, we are 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.

Please note that all tickets for the Midnight Mass have been issued. The remaining 100 tickets will be distributed at the main door on 24th December at 9.00pm.

- 1) On the night of 24th December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.00pm, using the South and North Transept doors of the church.
- 2) All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
- 3) At 10.45pm any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders under the supervision of the sidesmen.
- 4) Overflow provision will be prepared for worshippers in both the Li Hall and the North lawn.

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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