



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.'*

30TH DECEMBER 2018

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox
Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
Deacon: The Revd Catherine Graham
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Psalm: 148. 1-6 (Stanford)
Hymns: 33 (omit*), 29, 36, 28, Joy to the world (page 4)
Anthem: What sweeter music (Richard Rodney Bennett)
Readers/Intercessor: Mary Szeto, Jeff Evans/Aron Yuen

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Wu Wai Ho

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist-Provincial

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd John Chynchen
Reader/Intercessor: John Breen/William Chan

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

6.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

(See separate order of service)

Officiant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
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.**



Faith in the City
1849 - 2019

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 30th December	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
MON 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	11.00pm	Watchnight Eucharist
TUE 1st January 2019 (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
WED 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship</i>
THU 3rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers meeting</i>
FRI 4th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
SAT 5th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 6th January The Epiphany		
<i>Isaiah 60.1-6</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
<i>Psalms 72</i>		
<i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
<i>Matthew 2.1-12</i>		
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Common Worship Celebrant: The Revd Desmond Cox Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (in Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin

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 2019.



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

1 Samuel 2.18-20, 26

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148.1-6

- 1 O praise the Lord of heaven: praise him in the height.
 - 2 Praise him, all ye angels of his: praise him, all his host.
 - 3 Praise him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars and light.
 - 4 Praise him, all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
 - 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord: for he spake the word, and they were made; he commanded, and they were created.
 - 6 He hath made them fast for ever and ever: he hath given them a law which shall not be broken.
- 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

Colossians 3.12-17

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 2.41-52

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him

they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

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

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.

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 wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748)

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday 31st December



11.00pm Watchnight Eucharist
A service to welcome the New Year

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.

PRAYER & NOTICES

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Diocese of Kyushu, Japan and The Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto.

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 evangelistic mission of the Diocese of Western Kowloon, HKSKH; For the ministry of the Rt Revd Andrew Chan and all clergies in the Diocese of Western Kowloon; For the churches, schools and social services within the Diocese of Western Kowloon; For the development of the mission churches (Church of Divine Love and Church of Shalom) to become parishes; For those who get God's calling to throw themselves into the Sacred Order; For all the citizens living among the Diocese of Western Kowloon.

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 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 .

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Michael and Cindy Freeberne, Ivy Looi, Christina Chan, Celine Lelay Calasin, Andres V Barfolome, Aurelio Castillejo Sr, Monalisa Latorre, Belen Romauac, Regina M Castillejo, Remedios Trumpo, Kulas Romauac, Floring Remauac, Ising

Bucag, Levie Ramiro, Ernesto Bautista, Belen Romauac, Antonia Ramiro, Poon Lam, Anitha Baufiga, Phyllis Schmitz, Meena Tsui, Caroline Yu, Fung Shing, Donna Gail Willis, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Leslie Henderson, Nancy Wong, Monica Cornelius, Mike Chan, Victor Chan, Adelaide Chan, Marianne Felch, Chen Kuk Tye, Nie Shi Fa, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Henry Wu Mou Wai, Feng Xiao, Simon Li, Phillip Nicholl, Raymond Yuen, Richard Jones, Timothy Moreno, Jessica Assem, Susan Westlake, Selina Ho, Kong Siu Ming, Carrie McKinnon, Chris & David Hayter, Anthony Chan, Chong Yuk Lau, Simon Liew, Brenda & Gerald Bishop, Elaine Cogan, Geoff & Karrie Walsh, Albert Quimpo, Kathryn McCallen, Philip Chan, Margaret Pini.

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.**



MARRIAGE THANKSGIVING SERVICE & RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Were you married at St John's Cathedral? If yes, you are cordially invited to join our Marriage Thanksgiving Service as part of the 170th Anniversary celebration of St John's Cathedral.

Date: 16th February 2019 (Sat)
Time: 3.00 pm

Registration forms are available at the Cathedral Office and on the Cathedral website.

Please return the completed form to the Cathedral Office or by email: general@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline:
19th January 2019 (Sat)

CLERGY

We welcome today **The Revd Franklin (Frankie) On Yip Lee**, as our new fulltime Chaplain at the cathedral. 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.

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

The Revd John Chynchen will be retiring from the Honorary Chaplaincy of St John's Cathedral at the end of this year. On 1st January 2019, he will be appointed the *Archbishop's Chaplain to International Ministry*. Fr John has served St John's as an Honorary Chaplain from 1989 to 2006 and again from 2014 to 2018. From 2007 to 2014 he was licensed to full-time Chaplaincy. We thank him for his contribution to the life and fabric of this Cathedral, which will continue to be his spiritual home in Hong Kong, and we wish him well in his new appointment.

RIZAL WALK 2018

This morning, Fr Dwight will lead a group of parishioners to visit places in Hong Kong associated with Dr Jose Rizal, Philippines' National Hero.

GOD BLESS US ONE AND ALL!

At this time of year we give thanks for all who have worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations at St John's so special!

For our **Cathedral Choir**, organists and all who enhance our worship through the gift of music.

For our **Servers Guild** who assist at the altar and help to lead our liturgies with great dignity.

For our **Flower Guild** who work so hard and imaginatively to make the cathedral look beautiful for the Christmas Festival.

For our **Sidespersons** who ensure that our large congregations can worship smoothly and safely.

For our **Church minders** who look after the cathedral during the public holidays, and welcome our many visitors.

For our **Vergers** and **Amahs** who work hard to ensure that the cathedral is bright and clean for us to use.

For our **Administrative Staff** who keep our busy parish running smoothly day by day.

For our **Priests** who through word, sacrament and pastoral care proclaim the love of the Christ Child to us.

For our **Sunday School** and all who have the responsibility of nurturing our young people in the faith of Christ.

For all in our **Congregations** who gather to worship in spirit and truth in this holy place and for our friends and families who have gathered with us during this Christmas season.

Father, we give you thanks and praise! DEO GRATIAS!

'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

NEW BISHOP OF TOUNGOO

Next weekend, our link diocese Toungoo, Myanmar will celebrate their 25th anniversary and the consecration of The Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho as their new diocesan bishop. To support their celebration, a delegation of 16 people from our cathedral including the Dean, Fr Will Newman, Music Director Felix Yeung, and members of Cathedral choir will visit Toungoo from 2nd to 7th January. Our choir will sing in 4 services and the Dean will preach at the Thanksgiving Evensong. Please pray for their safe travels and our partnership with Toungoo.

Poverty Alleviation Programme

Refugee Lunch:

Monday 7th January 12noon

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 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.*

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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