



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.'*

20TH SEPTEMBER 2020 DEDICATION FESTIVAL THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting: Communion Service (John Rutter)
Hymns: SJC Hymn, 206, 484 (T.167) (omit *), 485

19th September Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) <https://youtu.be/si9MVRAmNIA>

20th September Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) <https://youtu.be/ihGlswhzJGo>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) <https://youtu.be/sgC-Tdk7CQ4>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/hpW5xdbbWe4>

5.00pm Choral Evensong <https://youtu.be/GZawK63D-pI>

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COLLECT AND READINGS

COLLECT

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Kings 8.22-30

A reading from the book of Kings.

Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the

prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12.18-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21.12-16

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making

it a den of robbers.’
The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, ‘Hosanna to the Son of David’, they became angry and said to him, ‘Do you hear what these are saying?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?’

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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.

We pray for St Matthew’s Church, for The Revd Leung Ka Jor and The Revd Kenneth Lau; for the ministries of women, elderly, youth, Sunday School, youth choir; for the ministries in SKH

St Matthew’s Primary School, St Matthew’s Church Kindergarten and HKSKH St Matthew’s Neighbourhood Elderly Centre.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and the chaplains; for our daughter churches; Discovery Bay Church, St Stephen’s Chapel, Stanley, Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We pray for the search of the new Dean. We also remember InTouch Magazine, Christians in Central, HELP For Domestic Workers, Mission For Migrant Workers, Cathedral Bookstore, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John’s Counselling Service.

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

Now is the rainy season in Toungoo. 20 families lost their houses in flooding. We pray for them as they seek to rebuild their lives and their homes.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Peter Lau, The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri, Wong Ho Ying, Gareth Williams, Grace Sun, CJ Verdejo, Christina Poon, Tai Yu Hei, Philip Yeung, Richard Jones, Robert Chan, Leung Siu Tim, Daniel Lee, Donald Nip, Daisy Tai, Kathryn Lewis, Susan Westlake, Cath Dalton, Faye Butcher, Lene Bille Hoegh, Tsui Man Fong, Margaret Pini, Francesca Lorenzi, Tai Choi Yeng, May Cheng, Toung Ming, Michael Banyard, Charity Angelmyer, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Catherine Chan, Jake Pitts, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Wong Lai King, Chong Yuk Lau, John Banigan, Jeshu Yau, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Raymond Yuen, Anthony Chan, John David, Christina Chan, Geoff Walsh, Leslie Henderson, Chen Kuk Tye, David Holme, Donna Gail Willis, John Butcher, Luke Inkin, Timothy Moreno, Elaine Cogan, Janice Currie, Meena Tsui, Monica Cornelius, Heather Little and John McIntosh.

We also pray for those who are suffering from COVID-19.

*Please pray for the recently departed:
Susan Larsen*

In Memoriam

Ivy Jeanette Basidan

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**.

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Dear Lord, as we continue to journey through this period of pandemic and social distancing, help us to proclaim that; we are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs. For as long as it takes wherever you call us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

British Methodist Conference (adapted)



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

I would like to express my thanks to our cathedral members who have supported our community work in Kowloon City. Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council has recently received 40 laptops, 2,000 masks and \$4,700 of food vouchers from us and these will be distributed to underprivileged families in Kowloon City. Please keep our social workers and the families whom they serve in your prayers. Thank you very much!

The Revd Franklin Lee

DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Starting from Monday 14th September 2020, an audio clip titled 'Daily Gospel Reflection' will be distributed to subscribers of St John's Updates by WhatsApp every weekday. Through these voice messages, our clergy will provide us with spiritual food for personal meditation.

If you wish to receive daily audio clips by mobile phone, please follow the steps below:

- add the Cathedral mobile number 9506 2311 to the contact list of your mobile phone
- send a message of 'subscribe to St John's Updates' to the number via WhatsApp

You will also receive updates about our Cathedral activities.

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp. For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please refer to our website:

<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk>

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Happy Reading!

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG KUI—CONSECRATION OF BISHOP

As COVID-19 cases are still appearing in Hong Kong, the Consecration of Bishop scheduled at 3.00pm. on Saturday, 3rd October 2020 at St John's Cathedral is now arranged to take place in seclusion and without the attendance of the public. Parishioners and citizens from all walks of life may participate in the Service by watching a live broadcast streamed on the websites of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Diocese of Hong Kong Island.

The Thanksgiving Dinner on the same day is cancelled.

All parishioners please continuously pray for The Very Revd Matthias Der, the Bishop-elect, and the Consecration Service.

Website of the Province: <http://www.hkskh.org/>

Website of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island: <http://dhk.hkskh.org/>



**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
OPENING HOURS**

In support of the health measures issued by the Centre for Health Protection, the cathedral has shortened its opening hours to

Church

Sundays	10.30am—3.00pm
Weekdays	7.00am—4.00pm
Saturdays	7.00am—3.00pm
Public Holidays	10.00am—3.00pm

Office

Weekdays	9.00am—4.00pm
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Starting from 21st September, the opening hours will be

Church

Sundays	10.30am—3.00pm
Weekdays	7.00am—6.00pm
Saturdays	7.00am—3.00pm
Public Holidays	9.00am—4.00pm

Office

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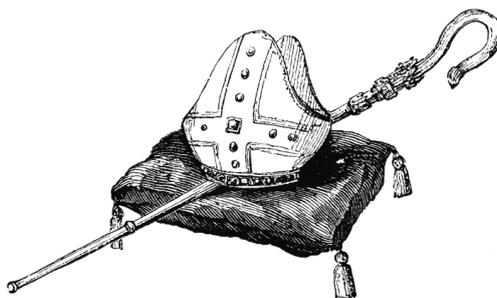
**ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
BOOKSTORE
OPENING HOURS**

With the situation of the COVID-19 Spread has been slowing down, the following Bookstore opening hours will be effective from Monday 21st September 2020 until further notice.

**10.00am to 5.00pm
Monday – Saturday**

**Closed
Sunday & Public Holiday**

Customers please send us messenger messages for enquiries and orders during our non-operating hours. Please stay safe and keep healthy.



CONSECRATION OF DEAN MATTHIAS DER AS BISHOP CO-ADJUTOR

It will soon be time to say 'Thank You' and 'Farewell' to Dean Matthias, and to wish him well in his new ministry as Bishop of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island. His Bishop's seat will be at St John's Cathedral so we will continue to benefit from his leadership.

As a token of appreciation for Matthias' ministry at St John's, we are appealing for donations for a farewell gift to be presented to him at his Consecration as Bishop Co-adjutor on 3rd October 2020, Saturday at 3.00pm.

Dean Matthias' remarkable gift is to be a unifier of our disparate congregations, outreach programmes, and ministries. He has proven to be a wise leader who has helped navigate our ship through our 170th anniversary celebrations, the social movements, and more recently the COVID-19 pandemic. He has done so with a clear vision for our Cathedral which is "a place of God's grace, welcoming all, following Christ and changing lives in the heart of Hong Kong."

We wish him every good wish and blessing in his new role, and hope you will contribute generously to this appeal.

Martin Matsui & John Li
Trustees

Your gifts can be made:

- *on the Cathedral website — Please put 'Thanks and Farewell — Dean Matthias' in the Message Box at the bottom of the online donation form.*
- *in cash or cheque — Please designate your gift for 'Thanks and Farewell — Dean Matthias' and make your cheque payable to **St John's Cathedral**.*

Receipts are available upon request at the Cathedral office.

NOTICE

Organizer  St John's Cathedral
Life Enrichment Centre
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

Sponsor  Hop Yuen Charitable Foundation Fund
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2020 "Creative Art Contest"



Since the beginning of 2020, all parts of the world have been raged by the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease 2019), which has greatly affected the lives and work of people from all walks of life. Art can help relieve emotional stress and also help discover our creative potentiality. St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre hopes to bring positive energy to everyone through the "2020 Creative Art Contest". We welcome young people and public to participate.

Entry category

- Junior Group (Primary 1 to 6 students)
- Senior Group (Secondary 1 to 6 students)
- Open Group (Persons aged 18 or above)

Judging criteria

A jury composed of senior professionals selects the winning works according to their aesthetics, composition, creativity and the use of Zentangle inspired patterns.

Prizes

- All participants will receive an electronic certificate of excellence from the Organizer.
- The jury will select three most promising creative works from each group of submitted works.
- Each winner will receive a cash voucher worth HK\$800 and a certificate of the most promising creative work.
- All submitted works will be made into videos and used for exhibition purposes in the future.

Artwork Submission

Participants must download the registration form from the online channels designated by the Organizer and submit it through online, in person or mail to the following address on or before November 30, 2020 (Monday) along with samples of completed works:

St. John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Center
4-8 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

The envelope must be marked "2020 Creative Art Contest" and also note: "Don't bend"

Results Announcement

The list of winners will be announced online on December, 30 2020 (Wednesday). Winners will be notified by email.



Reference

Submission QR Code



Download the participation form



Facebook Page

Google Drive

Enquiry: 25230531

Email: elijahfung@stjohnlec.com

Please follow the Facebook page for contest updates

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DATES (SATURDAYS) & TIME:
7TH & 14TH NOVEMBER 2020
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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7/F, WINGS BUILDING
110-116 QUEENS ROAD CENTRAL

COST: \$2400 PER COUPLE

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