



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.'*

28TH JULY 2019

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Said Eucharist *(See separate booklet)*

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
Reader: Jeannie Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist *(See separate booklet)*

Celebrant: The Revd Catherine Graham
Preacher: The Dean
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: St Mary's Mass (Anthony Caesar)
Psalm: 138 (Robinson)
Hymns: **500, 390, 416ii, SJC 170 hymn (see insert)**
Anthem: Notre Père (Maurice Duruflé)
Readers/Intercessor: Saki Tsoi, Aron Yuen/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist with Children's Baptism

(See separate booklet)

Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: The Revd Catherine Graham
Reader: Karmen Kar

2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

6.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant: The Revd Franklin Lee
Preacher: Emily Spencer
Reader: Trevor Fitzsimmons

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

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

SUN 28th July	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
MON 29th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 30th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (English)</i>
WED 31st	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital—Doris Wai Vocal Singing Lunch Recital</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 1st August	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
FRI 2nd	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (NO meeting, summer break from 26th July; meeting will resume on 6th September)</i>
SAT 3rd	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.00am	'Listening to God and Listening to One Another' Prayer meeting
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 4th August <i>Eccles. 1.2,12-14, 2.18-23</i> <i>Psalms 49.1-9</i> <i>Colossians 3.1-11</i> <i>Luke 12.13-21</i>	The Seventh Sunday after Trinity	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Will Newman Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers

PARENTS and BABIES + TODDLERS

will start again on 1st August. We welcome any parents and their babies to St John's each Thursday in the Fanny Li Hall 2.30-4.30pm. It is a wonderful time to meet and make friends and share a cup of tea in this busy city. All parents with children up until 2 yrs are very welcome. Vanda Cole 2855 7074

COLLECT

The collect can be found in the dedicated booklets for today.

At the 8:00am and 9:00am services today, the prayers including the Collect are specifically put together to give us a public expression of the reality of sin in our world which has brought hurt, anger and grief in our beloved city. We are called to seek forgiveness from God and from one another. We pray for reconciliation with God and with our fellow brothers and sisters. The penitential part of the service together with the celebration of the Eucharist, speak of God's forgiveness, mercy, consolation and grace.

FIRST READING

Genesis 18.20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.'

So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?'

And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

1 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth: for thou hast magnified thy Name, and thy Word, above all things.
3 When I called upon thee, thou heardest me: and enduedst my soul with much strength.
4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord: for they have heard the words of thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: that great is the glory of the Lord.
6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me: thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.
8 The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me: yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands. 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 2.6-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

GOSPEL READING
Luke 11.1-13

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Anglican Church of South America and the Most Revd Gregory James Venables - Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.

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 Barnabas' Church, for the clergy, fellow workers and church members who serves in St Barnabas' Church; may God protect and keep them healthy in body and spirit, and all church members be united in the body of Christ, to work for the Lord with one singleness of heart; for her evangelical ministries especially the student ministries in secondary schools, primary schools and kindergarten, and the parent ministries in the kindergarten; for the Bible reading program on the Gospel of Luke and Acts of the Apostles, for the development of Alpha course and nurturing programs.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral church and its various congregations, for the Dean and chaplains; for our daughter churches: Discovery Bay Church, St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

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:

Peter Ma, Fr Jack Sullivan, Daisy Tai, Kam Tong, Ron Fast, Nie Shi Fa, Kung Lin Cheng Leo, Phyllis Schmitz, Toung Ming, May Cheng, Grace Chan, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Marianne Felch, Mike Chan, Monica Cornelius, Eunice Chan, Chen Kuk Tye, Meena Tsui, Timothy Moreno, Jeshu Yau, Leslie Henderson, Chong Yuk Lau, Margaret Pini, Jessica Assem, John David, Phillip Nicholl, Anthony Chan, Kathryn Lewis, Raymond Yuen, Kathryn McCallen, Caroline Yu, Susan Westlake, Donna Gail Willis, Kong Siu Ming, Carrie McKinnon, Elaine Cogan, Christina Chan and Richard Jones.

Please pray for the recently departed :
Dorothy Shen Wong
George Kyaw Mya (Bishop)

In Memoriam :
Winston Ching (Priest)

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**.

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.

THE REVD CATHERINE GRAHAM

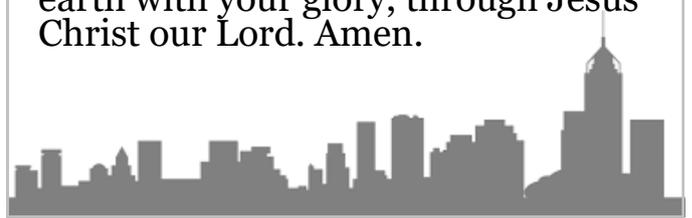
After serving at St John's Cathedral for the last 8 years, The Revd Catherine Graham has decided to pursue further education and will be taking a pause from fulltime chaplaincy, effective 1st August 2019.

We give thanks to God for her tremendous contribution to the life of the church in her ministry as chaplain to several outreach ministries, the coordinator for pastoral care and her overall priestly functions. She will remain in Hong Kong and will assist in HKSKH and St John's ministry on occasional basis. We wish her many blessings as she embarks on a new beginning. Catherine, you will be sorely missed!

A thanksgiving lunch for Catherine will be held today at 1.00pm in the Li Hall for those registered.

A PRAYER FOR HONG KONG

God of all nations, whose son wept over Jerusalem and longed to gather all its inhabitants under his loving protection, grant us courage to pursue your dream for the future, and wisdom to perceive your will for today; strength to promote justice, and gentleness to be instruments of peace; wisdom to know your will, and grace to put it into practice: may goodness triumph and fear be vanquished; new life abound and love be manifest; so that all creatures are filled with your knowledge and the earth with your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



LISTENING TO GOD and LISTENING TO ONE ANOTHER

A time of sharing in the context of our current situation

Saturday 3rd August 2019 10.00am Li Hall

With the pressing need to call for peace in our home, the cathedral is holding a second session of 'Listening to God and Listening to One Another' with the hope to discern further God's will in each one of us to participate in God's mission and his Kingdom of peace and justice.

LET US

Pray for Hong Kong - Meditate - Share in small groups - Listen to others with respect and openness - Listen to God through silence music & liturgy

“Be still, and know that I am God.” Psalm 46.10

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St John's,

I write this message with a heavy heart. Hong Kong has entered a period of immense conflict, division and tumult over the Extradition Bill. On the one hand, our love for Hong Kong, expressed in different ways has demonstrated our keen concerns. On the other hand, we have seen growing frustration, anger, sadness and anguish to occupy our hearts on the future of our beloved home.

Please do not lose hope. The Christian hope is rooted in the transforming power of Jesus Christ who has overcome the power of darkness and delivered us to the new light of his kingdom. It is in a time of darkness such as this that Christ's light shines the brightest. Jesus Christ is grieving with us at this time of brokenness. He has not abandoned us but is calling us to walk closely with him and to walk closely with each other.

During this troubling time, St John's Cathedral has strived to be an open and sacred space for all people, for quiet reflection and for seeking peace and strength from God. Through a series of special services and sharing gatherings we have prayed for our city and learned to listen, respect and support each other despite of our diverse political views. It is a Christian witness that we can walk together and with each other in love and peace. I invite you to join us for our next gathering titled "Listening to God, Listening to One Another" to be held on Saturday, 3rd August 2019 at 10.00am in the Li Hall. Through silence, scripture and small group sharing, we will learn to walk together and find a way forward as a community.

The power of prayer cannot be underestimated. Through our unceasing prayers God is imparting his grace at this difficult time. Please pray for all those who have the power of influence. Pray for the way we express our views to be conducive to the wellbeing of all. Pray that we may continue to be ambassadors of gentleness and peace and agents of hope for others. Pray for all those who have been injured in different incidents. Pray that, justice, reconciliation and peace may fall upon us soon.

The clergy team and I are here to listen, offer our support and pray with you at this challenging time. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of help.

"Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be afraid, for I am your God." (Isaiah 41:10) My friends, do not lose hope, have faith in Christ and love one another! God bless you all!

 + The Dean

**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**

Tuesday 6th August 2019

7.30pm

Sung Eucharist

Guest Choir: Die Konzertisten

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin

Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee

MICHAELMAS FAIR APPEAL

Just a quick note to remind you that Michaelmas Fair 2019 will be held on Saturday 26th October from 10.00am to 4.00pm. On behalf of the Michaelmas Fair Committee, I would like to thank you all sincerely for your continued support.

Donations needed for our

Wine Bar Second-hand Bookstall
Games Stalls White Elephant Stall
Stamps Stall

Please bring your donations to the Cathedral office during office hour and clearly mark for the Michaelmas Fair. For enquiries, please call 2523 4157.

**LEC Summer Programme
for children and young people.**

7.2019 – 8.2019

Please scan the below QR Code for more details.



LEC Chill Corner
10.8.2019 / 18.8.2019

Please scan the below QR Code for more details.



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Stars at St John's

**Michaelmas Fair 2019
St John's Family Night**

Guest of Honour
The Rt Revd Andrew Chan

Friday, 6th September, 7.30pm
Refreshments at 6.45pm

*Programme Vouchers at
\$100 (Side Aisle) & \$200 (Nave)
are available at the Cathedral office*

ENQUIRY: 2523 4157

**You are invited to an evening
of fun and entertainment
highlighting the talents
of our diverse community.**