



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.'*

8TH NOVEMBER 2020 THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Responsorial Eucharist (RTHK Broadcast)

(See separate order of service)

Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
Deacon: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Communion Setting: Mass of Christ the Saviour (Dan Schutte)
Reader/Intercessor: Susan King/Aron Yuen

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon

11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Reader: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Remembrance Day Service *(See separate order of service)*

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher: The Revd Will Newman
Reader: William Cheng

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

MON 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group (suspended)</i>
	1.00pm	Midday Prayer
TUE 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	Midday Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (English) (ZOOM)</i>
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	Midday Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital (suspended)</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	Midday Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers (suspended)</i>
FRI 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	Midday Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (ZOOM)</i>
SAT 14th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 15th November <i>1 Thess. 5.1-11</i> <i>Matthew 25.14-30</i>	The Second Sunday before Advent	
	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Franklin Lee Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis



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 Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 4.13-end

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25.1-13

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples.

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps

and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican

Communion we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies and The Most Revd Howard Gregory - Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

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 Mark's Church,

Macau; for spiritual nourishment and the initiative to witness the Gospel; for 'Emmaus' Journey of Faith; for the well-being of families in Macau.

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 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; pray for the clergy who each look after 5-10 villages linked by jungle paths, and for the people. Some villages in conflict areas have been cut off from contact or visits since 1996.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ewan Yee, Ivy Looi, Kathryn Lewis, CJ Verdejo, Gareth Williams, Tia McPhee, Bruce McPhee, John Charman, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Peter Lau, Christina Poon, Tai Yu Hei, Tiew Siew Lee, Tai Choi Yeng, Daniel Lee, Philip Yeung, Richard Jones, Raymond Yuen, Leung

Siu Tim, Francesca Lorenzi, Catherine Chan, Robert Chan, Susan Westlake, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Margaret Pini, Lene Bille Hoegh, Daisy Tai, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, John Banigan, Jake Pitts, Toung Ming, Cath Dalton, Tsui Man Fong, Michael Banyard, Irene Lo Oi Lin, John McIntosh, John David, Wong Lai King, Jeshu Yau, Chong Yuk Lau, Donna Gail Willis, Luke Inkin, David Holme, Anthony Chan, Heather Little, Geoff Walsh, Christina Chan, Evelena Mathias, Monica Cornelius, John Butcher, Leslie Henderson, Meena Tsui and Elaine Cogan.

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Faye Butcher, Eva Law

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.**

NOTICES

PRAYER IN A TIME OF GREAT UNCERTAINTY

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty.

Bring hope to all who face uncertainty, especially, those affected by the COVID 19 Pandemic, that you will make them equal to whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, and sure faith that your will is for health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you at this time.

We pray in Jesus name.

Adapted from New Zealand Prayer Book



LINKS TO ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WEBCAST SERVICES

7th November Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm *Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)* <https://youtu.be/JE9LkFYi6JQ>

8th November Sunday Eucharist

9.00am *Sung Eucharist (English)* <https://youtu.be/VXJE1FFkuc8>
1.30pm *Holy Eucharist (Filipino)* <https://youtu.be/DmLG5j4A0Ao>



ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL OPENING HOURS

Cathedral Church

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Friday	7.00am—6.00pm
Wednesday	7.00am—6.30pm
Thursday	7.00am—6.00pm *
Saturday	7.00am—7.30pm
Public Holidays	9.00am—4.00pm

* On occasions, the Cathedral will be closed at 5.00pm for special maintenance projects.

Cathedral Office

Weekdays	9.00am—5.00pm
Weekend	9.00am—12.00noon

**MRS LILY PONG SCHOLARSHIP FOR CHURCH ORGANISTS
OPEN FOR APPLICATION (2021-22)**

‘The Mrs Lily Pong Scholarship for Church Organists’ for admission in September 2021 is now opened for application. Sponsored by St Paul’s Church and the family of the late Mrs Lily Pong, the scholarship aims at providing subsidy to existing and potential church organists in HKSKH to be better equipped with organ playing techniques and church service playing skills. The scholarship will provide a scheme for one-on-one tuition with a qualified professional organ instructor in Hong Kong over a period of up to three (3) years, depending on the ability of the participants. The participants must commit to finish the scheme and serve as organist at his/her parish/mission church for at least two (2) years after completing the scheme.

Interested candidates please contact your parish administrators for information pack of the scheme and application form or download them from the Provincial website (www.hkskh.org). Deadline for application is 23rd November 2020 (Monday).

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS

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

**10.00am to 2.00pm
on Sunday & Public Holiday**

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ON 1st JANUARY 2021 !!!**

GOD AND THE PANDEMIC

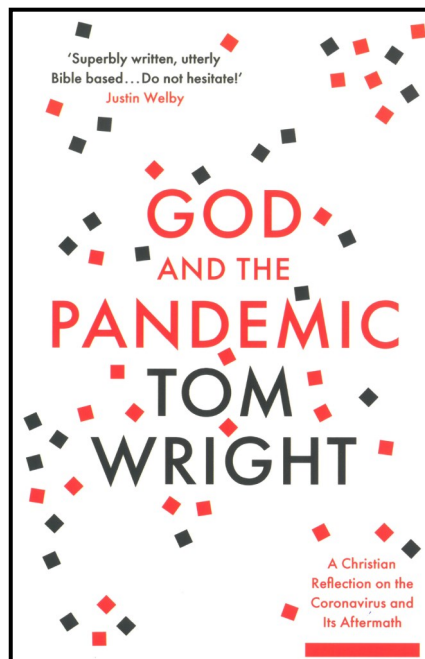
Pandemic, Panic, Pangolin...

**“How should Christian react to the Pandemic?”
and “Where do we go from here?”**

are the two important questions prompted by the renowned author Tom Wright in his new book ‘God and the Pandemic.’

Through examining the Biblical passages, the author urges that embracing lament is a vital Christian response to the pandemic, as Jesus taught us to “weep with those who weep,” and as the world is weeping now, the church is to take our place humbly among the mourners. Facing the situation of the world, there is no easy answer, I hope this book could inspire us what we, as Christians, should do in this time of crisis.

“This is classic Tom Wright. It is accessible to almost anyone asking questions, and yet it manages to be demanding for those who think they know the answers. It is superbly written, and utterly Bible based, and leaves one satisfied at having learned and yet wanting to know more. I read it in a sitting with pleasure, provocation and profit. Do not hesitate!” - *Archbishop Justin Welby*.



‘God and the Pandemic’ will be selling at a discounted price
at the Cathedral Bookstore.

(HKD\$120, original listed price is \$136)

Further discount is offered with bulk purchase,
please ask the staff for more details.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Rt 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 Amos Poon *(Mission and Ministry)*

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

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/1.30pm/5.00pm 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.

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