



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 SEPTEMBER 2019

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Faye Yee

9.00am Worship for All *(with the Commissioning of Sunday School)*

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Communion Setting: 'Worship for All' Setting
Anthem: A prayer (Richard Lloyd)
Voluntary: Prelude on 'Rhosymedre' (Ralph Vaughan Williams)
Readers/Intercessor: Worship Team—SJC Sunday School

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

11.45am Choral Mattins *(See insert)*

Officiant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Jenny Wong Nam
Reader: Simon Fong

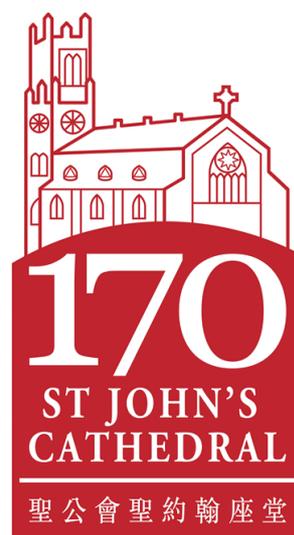
2.00pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

6.00pm Healing Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Hymns: 378, 456, 364 (T.408i), 420
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 8th September	12.00noon	<i>Chinese Congregation Fellowship</i>
MON 9th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.30pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 10th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.00pm	<i>Christians in Central Luncheon— Agape International Mission (AIM) - 15 years of ministry and miracles in Cambodia against sex trafficking and poverty</i>
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (English)</i>
WED 11th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	<i>Lunchtime Recital — A musical encounter in 'Nocturne and Dreams' in the series of 'Songs Our Beloved Teacher Taught Us'</i>
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
THU 12th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
	2.30pm	<i>Parents and Toddlers</i>
	7.30pm	Evening Prayer for our city
FRI 13th	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group</i>
SAT 14th Holy Cross Day (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
SUN 15th September	Dedication Festival	
<i>1 Chron. 29-6-19</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
<i>Psalms 122</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Rt Revd Andrew Chan
<i>Ephesians 2.19-end</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
<i>John 2.13-22</i>	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—CW Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Rt Revd Andrew Chan
	2.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	6.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Wu Wai Ho Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee



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 and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

Philemon 1-21

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he

might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14.25-33

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the

one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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 Sudan; for the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum.

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 Mary's Church, for the ministries of the Revd Tsui Yuk Fan, the Revd Samuel Tang, the Revd Lo Yuen Sum and the Mr Kenneth Lo; for the ministry of the elderly, the growth of fellowships and cell groups for leading more people to hear the gospel; for the ministries at SKH St Mary's Church Mok Hing Yiu College, Sheng Kung Hui Kindergarten and St James' Settlement Causeway Bay Kindergarten.

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 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 the Rt Revd Dr Saw Shee Sho, his priests, people and ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Hugo Fung Shing, Jim Hussey, Marianne Whittington-Smith, Jeanne Burgoyne

The funeral of Hugo Fung Shing will be held at St John's Cathedral on Thursday, 12th September, at 10.00am.

In Memoriam

Dr Irina Sitnikova

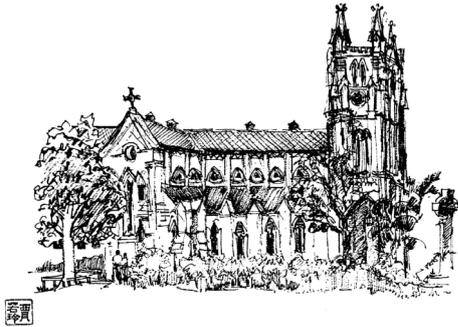
Prayers will be offered for those named above during the weekday Eucharist. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel.: 2523 4157.**

NOTICES

CLERGY

This morning, the Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre and the Revd Franklin Lee are leading the worship at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam and St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, respectively.

DEDICATION FESTIVAL 15th September 2019



We will be celebrating our Dedication Festival at St John's Cathedral on Sunday, 15th September. This is the Sunday of the year when we give special thanks to God for our Cathedral Church and his blessings on its ministry to Hong Kong and its people over the last 170 years!

Let us give thanks and remember that *'How awesome is this place. This is none other than the House of God; this is the Gate of Heaven'*.

Bishop Andrew Chan of Western Kowloon is the main preacher for the day. The Bishop was Dean of St John's Cathedral between 2005 and 2012. We give thanks also for his ministry here at St John's Cathedral.

Please pray for our Cathedral and its continuing ministry.

MICHAELMAS FAIR APPEAL

Donations for the following stalls would be most welcome:

Games Stalls

Wine Bar

Stamps

Second-hand Bookstall

White Elephant Stall

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

POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME

I'm looking for volunteers for our next visit to St Barnabas Centre, as below:

**St Barnabas Society:
Saturday 21st September
4.00 - 6.00pm**

Volunteers are needed to entertain seniors and homeless at St Barnabas' Centre in Western District and to serve dinner.

*To register or for more information
please contact Father Mark
rogers@stjohnscathedral.org.hk
or (Whatsapp) 5180 5106*

RADIO MINISTRY on RTHK4 FM97

- The Revd Will Newman will be speaking on 'Minutes that Matter' at 9.50am every Tuesday morning in September.
- The Revd Mark Rogers will be speaking on 'Reflections' at **10.56pm** every night from Monday to Friday, 9th—13th September.

A PRAYER FOR HONG KONG

Almighty God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the Prince of peace: accept the fervent prayers of your people, and preserve our city in your safekeeping. May your holy and life-giving Spirit move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in love and harmony. Enable us to eliminate poverty and prejudice, that peace may prevail with righteousness, and justice with order. Send down upon those who are in authority the spirit of wisdom and charity, that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our redeemer, friend and companion. Amen.



EVENING PRAYER FOR OUR CITY

Seeking God in a time of trouble

Thursdays
12th, 19th & 26th September
7.30pm Li Hall

We will be praying for peace and reconciliation.

CHRISTIANS IN CENTRAL
Tuesday 10th September 2019
at 1.00pm in the Li Hall

Topic : ***Agape International Missions (AIM) - 15 years of ministry and miracles in Cambodia against sex trafficking and poverty.***

Speakers: Matthew and Melissa Stock

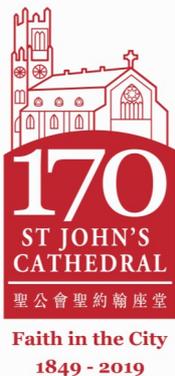
Matthew and Melissa Stock will share with us their experience in battling on the front line against sex trafficking in Cambodia through AIM (Agape International Missions) for the past six years. The Mission adopts a holistic tactic to stop the cycle of exploitation of the victims by prevention, rescue, restoration and reintegration. AIM is currently running 12 programmes in Cambodia helping over 10,000 people each year.

Prior to working full time for AIM. Matthew was part owner of Wipf and Stock Printing in the USA for 12 years and Melissa was a music professor for ten years in Eugene, Oregon. She was also a music director at the Crystal Cathedral from 1997-2003.

Their job titles: AIM Country Directors
Melissa's other title : Director of International Development

Entry ticket at \$60 each, when soup and sandwiches will be supplied from 12.45pm onward. Please get your ticket at the Cathedral Bookstore or make reservation by either calling the Cathedral office at 2523 4157, or email to

***Celebration of the 170th Anniversary of
the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist
on The Feast of Christ the King
Sunday 24th November 2019***



*A Thanksgiving Eucharist at 5.00pm
at St John's Cathedral*

*followed by
an Anniversary Gala Dinner
at 7.30pm
at the Metropol Restaurant*

Please mark your calendar.
More details will follow.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean: The Very 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 Wu Wai Ho

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Jenny Wong Nam

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/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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