



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.'*

29TH NOVEMBER 2020 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist *(See separate order of service)*

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Revd Dr John Kater
Deacon: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Anthem: Christ is the morning star (John Rutter)
Reader/Intercessor: Mary Szeto/Tom Bispham
Voluntary: Hymnus 'Creator alme siderum'
(Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens)

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist with Children's Baptism

(See separate order of service)

Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
Reader: John Breen

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Looking for the Light—A Service for the beginning of Advent

Officiant: The Revd Amos Poon
Readers: John Tanner, Liza Caisip, Phoebe Poon, Wing Ng,
Jonathan Mok, Dennis Guo, The Revd Sharon Langbis

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 30th	8.00am 12.30pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist <i>Meditation Group (suspended)</i> Midday Prayer
TUE 1st December	8.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist Midday Prayer <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (English) (ZOOM)</i>
WED 2nd	8.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Midday Prayer <i>Lunchtime Recital (suspended)</i> <i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM)</i> Said Eucharist
THU 3rd	8.30am 1.00pm 1.15pm 2.30pm	Said Eucharist Midday Prayer Said Eucharist <i>Parents and Toddlers (suspended)</i>
FRI 4th	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm	Said Eucharist Midday Prayer <i>Friday Fellowship Group (ZOOM)</i>
SAT 5th	8.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Filipino) Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)

SUN 6th December The Second Sunday of Advent

<i>Isaiah 40.1-11</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
<i>Psalms 85.1-2, 8-13</i>		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
<i>2 Peter 3.8-15a</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist
<i>Mark 1.1-8</i>		Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
		Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)
		Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
		Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist
		Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
		Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino)
		Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong
		Officiant: The Revd Franklin Lee
		Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

LINKS TO ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL WEBCAST SERVICES

28th November Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) https://youtu.be/EYQL_y2YnBY

29th November Sunday Eucharist

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

1.30pm Holy Eucharist (Filipino) <https://youtu.be/RzjCbqHZ18w>

5.00pm Looking for the Light— <https://youtu.be/e2P1KlQpjqE>
A service for the beginning of Advent

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 1.3-9

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

My brothers and sisters:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 13.24-end

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be

falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Lusitanian Church and The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church.

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 Andrew's Church, giving thanks for their clergy and staff team. Praise God for a growing church where the number of their members is increasing and new ministries are starting. Pray for new people to be quickly incorporated into the church family. Pray for more leaders for their small groups to help members grow in their love for Christ and his world.

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 also remember Christians in Central, InTouch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, HELP For Domestic Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

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

Yvonne Fong, Liew Kam Lin, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Peter Lau, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Kathryn Lewis, Bruce McPhee, CJ Verdejo, Tai Yu Hei, John

Charman, Gareth Williams, Raymond Yuen, Tia McPhee, Richard Jones, Tai Choi Yeng, Christina Poon, Nie Shi Fa, Shirley Nie, Tiew Siew Lee, Daniel Lee, Toungh Ming, Francesca Lorenzi, John David, Leung Siu Tim, Robert Chan, Catherine Chan, Susan Westlake, Lene Bille Hoegh, Luke Inkin, Margaret Pini, Daisy Tai, Jeshu Yau, John Banigan, Jake Pitts, Michael Banyard, Tsui Man Fong, Irene Lo Oi Lin, Wong Lai King, Donna Gail Willis, John McIntosh, Chong Yuk Lau, David Holme, Geoff Walsh, Anthony Chan, Heather Little, Christina Chan, John Butcher, Cath Dalton, Evelina Mathias, Meena Tsui Monica Cornelius, Leslie Henderson and Elaine Cogan.

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

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**.



WE BRING YOUR LOVE

Loving God,

Help us

to focus on what we have,
not on what is removed or changed.

Strengthen us

when we feel discouraged or overwhelmed.

Embrace us

so that we know your loving presence
within us and among us.

Walk with us

as we bring your love, and carry your
light, into our world.

Amen.

Sandra Lucas, MDiv., BCC



NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE NEW DEAN

To fill the post of Dean of St John's Cathedral, the mother church and Cathedral of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island, a Board of Patronage of the Church of England Trustees was convened in February this year. The Trustees are pleased to announce that the Board of Patronage has recommended the appointment of the Very Revd Kwok Keung Chan, effective 1st May 2021. The Archbishop has given his consent to this appointment.



The Very Revd Kwok Keung Chan is currently the Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral, Diocese of Eastern Kowloon. Ordained in 2008, Dean KK Chan has served at Holy Carpenter Church, St Augustine's Chapel and Holy Trinity Cathedral. He was named Sub-dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in 2019 and Dean in 2020. Before attending Ming Hua Theological College for his Master of Divinity, he taught at SKH Good Shepherd Primary School from 1993-2004. Dean KK Chan, a gifted preacher and visionary leader, is heavily involved in education, congregational development, ecumenical partnership and social welfare ministry. He brings a wealth of experience as a priest, pastor, teacher and administrator to St John's Cathedral.

During the interim, The Revd Mark Rogers, will be the Acting Dean from 1st January to 30th April 2021.

The Rt Revd Timothy Kwok will act as Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral and The Revd Franklin Lee On Yip, Chaplain at St John's Cathedral, will be appointed as Sub-dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral both effective 1st May 2021.

Please pray for Dean KK Chan, The Revd Franklin Lee and both cathedrals at this time of transition.

Martin Matsui and John Li
Trustees

**Responsorial Eucharist
with Children's Baptism
at 11.45am
TODAY**

*Celebrant: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
Preacher: The Revd Franklin Lee*

During the service, 23 children will be baptized. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

**PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL
on Sunday 29th November 2020**

Since the start of October 2020, the Philippines have been slammed by eight different severe weather conditions or typhoons. The latest typhoons (specially Vamco/Ulysses) have caused at least 75 deaths and more than 400,000 families are affected. Many people are running out of food, shelter and clean water.

We are therefore appealing for your donations to help the victims of those typhoons that have ravaged the Philippines, especially the island of Luzon which was severely hit. Special envelopes will be available in the pew sheet when you come to church. You may also make online donation through the cathedral website.

**TICKETS ARRANGEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES
AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL**

Due to government pandemic restrictions on gathering, please apply for tickets **online** in order to attend the following services at the cathedral:

24th December (Thursday)

3.00pm Carols for Kids
4.30pm Carols for Kids
6.30pm Carols for Christmas Eve
11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity

25th December (Friday)

9.00am Christmas Service

The application period will begin from the 1st December 2020 and close on the 13th December 2020. The Cathedral Office will contact successful applicants to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between the 17th and 23rd December during office hours.

Please refer to the form description for further details.

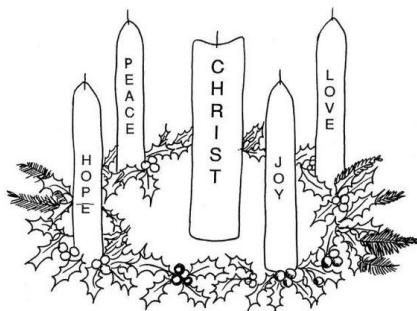
We cannot guarantee the success of all applications. All rights and decisions are reserved to St John's Cathedral.

The link for the Google Application Form:
<https://forms.gle/pA2zavKjeAqd41h7A>



**Due to the current situation in Hong Kong,
the service schedule is subject to change.*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S



The First Sunday of Advent

29th November 2020

5.00pm A Service for the beginning of Advent



The Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020

5.00pm 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist

A Eucharist for those mourning a loss this Christmas season.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

20th December 2020

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols



Christmas Eve

24th December 2020

3.00pm Carols for Kids *

** By tickets -*

4.30pm Carols for Kids *

6.30pm Carols for Christmas Eve *

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity *



Christmas Day

25th December 2020

8.00am Said Eucharist

9.00am Sung Eucharist *

** By tickets -*

10.30am Sung Eucharist

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist with Carols

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

NO EVENING SERVICE

Dear All,

With the suspension of fellowship activities including the Praise Dance and Michaelmas Fair, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Women's League (香港聖公會婦女總團) has decided to proceed with the plan of sending gifts and festive blessings to elderly centres of HKSKH at Christmas. We also hope to continue supporting churches with poverty alleviation, evangelism and pastoral work, especially in aid of the growing number of citizens who have been affected by the pandemic. Hence, we need to raise funds for these ministries.

Your support would be very much appreciated. Please send your donation in one of the following ways to the Women's League by 10th December 2020.

- 1) Mail the cheque, payable to 'HK Sheng Kung Hui Women's League', to the Women's League (Address: Room 5-6, G/F, 1 Upper Albert Road, Central, HK). Please mark the name of your church, address and telephone number at the back of the cheque for the receipt of your donation.
- 2) Pass the cheque to a member of the executive committee of the Women's League, including Caren Chan, May Ho, Amy Hau, T. Y. Wong or Alice Ip.
- 3) You may also choose to donate in cash. Please pass your donation to the executive committee members. Please provide your name and address for sending the official receipts.

Sincerely,
Chairman and Executive Committee
Women's League of St John's Cathedral

Mental Health Support Group

Are you between the ages of 18 and 24?
Would you like to join a community of
supportive individuals facing similar
struggles?

**This group will meet for 4 sessions to share strategies,
lend mutual support, participate in emotional wellness
activities, and engage in open discussion**

Dates and Time:

November 25th
December 2nd, 9th, 16th
@ 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For Questions and Registration:

Call +852 2525 7207
Email kimh@sjcshk.com

Hosted by
the St John's Cathedral Counselling Service



GOD AND THE PANDEMIC

Pandemic, Panic, Pangolin...

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

‘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.