



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.'*

3RD APRIL 2022 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin
Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: The Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)
Hymns: Lift high the cross (omit *), 84, 439i (omit *),
461 (T.700)

2nd April Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)
<https://youtu.be/7qsERmEER44>

3rd April Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English)
<https://youtu.be/YkFxbL9WY4c>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)
<https://youtu.be/wzCaVaoQ8Io>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)
<https://youtu.be/eoEOJEF5XTQ>

5.00pm Choral Evensong
<https://youtu.be/uWexGGi47K8>

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COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

Philippians 3.4b-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize

of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

John 12.1-8

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**



FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of North India (United).

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Anglican Province of Hong Kong & Macau); for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, our archbishop and primate; for our Diocesan Bishop, the Rt Revd Matthias Der, and for all bishops, priests and deacons within our diocese and province.

We pray for the Missionary Area of Macau, for the Bishop of the Missionary Area, the Most Revd Andrew Chan and all clergy; for the ordained ministry and the training of lay leaders; for the mission, nurture and the development of the Youth Ministry and Women Ministry in the Missionary Area of Macau; for the work of the Preparatory Committee of the Inauguration of Missionary Diocese of 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; St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley, Discovery Bay Church and Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our prayers 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; for the Rt Revd Saw Sheesho, Bishop of Toungoo, and the people and parishes as they provide shelter and food for refugees escaping from villages destroyed in fighting.

NEWS FROM OUR LINK DIOCESE OF TOUNGOO, MYANMAR

Bishop Saw Sheesho and the people and parishes in Toungoo are providing housing, shelter and food for refugees from two villages in the diocese where

the people have fled to the city to escape from the ongoing conflict. These villagers have lost their homes, their livelihood, and everything.

St John's Cathedral has sent a donation of HK\$40,000 to help provide the basic needs of the refugees as well as buying supplies to help combat the spread of COVID-19. If you would like to donate to this cause, please send a cheque to 'St John's Cathedral'. As the world focuses on the war in Ukraine, and refugees escaping to neighbouring countries, please also remember in your prayers Bishop Sheesho and the clergy and people of Toungoo Diocese, and the refugees from war that they are caring for.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

Rocel-Ann Bucala, Leslie Tong, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Grace Yuen, Wong Dor Chun, Yvonne Fong, Kevin Marc Lee, Pekkle Cheng, Christina Leong, Dennis Chan, Daniel Colson, Val Rice, Brigitta Wheele, Lo Yuk Wah, Laurie Rooke, Marin Leong Kum Chee, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Lene Bille Hoegh, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Peggy Yu, Tsui Man Fong, JoAnne Sharlach, Sanson Lau, Leung Sze Man, Tiew Siew Lee, Wong Lai King, Victoria Kwan, Jane Pang Tong, Alice Wright, Joyce Chan, John Cavid, Raymond Yuen, Kasper Buist, Toun Ming, Christina Poon, Lee Sui Sung, Catherine Chan, Averil Ashley, Eva Sorrel, Rebecca Crawford, Tommy Hui, George Fong, Evelena Mathias, Michael Chang, and Heather Little.

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Paul Bishop and Tam Yuk Wei

In Memoriam:

Lo Wing Lung (7th Anniversary of death)

Please remember those named above in your private prayers. To include someone in this prayer list, please contact Elisa, **Tel: 2523 4157**.

PRAYERS

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of Peace and Justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all who fear tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen.

- Archbishops Justin Welby of Canterbury and Stephen Cottrell of York



PRAYERS FOR PEACE

The war in Ukraine is bringing destruction and death to a people who want to live in peace and security. Join us to pray for peace in Ukraine, and peace in ourselves, every Friday evening at 8.00pm on Zoom. You may like to have a candle, pen and paper, and maybe a handful of earth ready with you.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85334679522?pwd=STZpQzNpMUlld1BHWDFNaop6Q1FKUT09>



A PRAYER IN DIFFICULT TIMES

God of grace and mercy,
your son Jesus wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus.
Send your Holy Spirit on those who grieve, who struggle, and all who fear.
Meet us in our times of questioning, anger, and doubt.
Show us what we can do to enable one another
to overcome isolation, distress, and despair.
And make us a humbler people who know our need of you.
In Christ's name. **Amen.**



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NOTICE OF REVISION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

For over 170 years, St. John's Cathedral has been offering the love and hope of Jesus Christ to the people of Hong Kong. Through your prayers, support, attendance and ministry, you are upholding this fine Christian tradition and are making our community a blessing for many. To be part of the Electoral Roll is another way you demonstrate your sense of belonging which allows you to participate actively in the affairs of our common life and ministry.

If you wish to cast a vote at the forthcoming Annual Church Meeting, to be held on Sunday 24th April 2022, you must be on the electoral roll. If you are already on the electoral roll and we have your email address, you will receive a message from the Cathedral office by April 1 confirming that you do not need to re-register. If you are unsure about your status on the electoral roll, please phone the Cathedral office at 2523 4157.

All other qualified electors who wish their names to appear in the Electoral Roll must complete an "Electoral Roll Declaration". You may download it from the Cathedral website or pick it up from the Cathedral office. You are a qualified elector if you are (a) 18 years old and above; (b) are baptized and a member of the Anglican Church or a Church in communion therewith; (c) do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Anglican Church; and (d) are not entered upon the Electoral Roll of any other Church in the Diocese.

Completed forms must reach the Cathedral office, by 10th April 2022 for inclusion in the Electoral Roll for the purpose of the Annual Church Meeting 2022. Any inquiries may be directed to Mr Thomas Li, the Executive Administrator of the Cathedral.

Michael Spencer
Hon. Secretary
17th March 2022



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Church Meeting of St John's Cathedral will be held at the Cathedral Church on Sunday the 24th April 2022, at 3.30pm for the purposes following, namely -

- (a) receiving from the Church Council and considering-
 - (i) a copy or copies of the electoral roll;
 - (ii) an annual report on its proceedings;
 - (iii) a statement of the financial affairs of the church;
- (b) the election of the trustees of St John's Cathedral for the Church of England Trust;
- (c) the election of the Church Council;
- (d) the election of sidesmen;
- (e) the election of an auditor;
- (f) the transacting of any other business connected with the affairs of the church.

Please note that arrangements will be made to hold the meeting online if required by government regulation.

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The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan
Dean
17th March 2022

EXPECTATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNCIL MEMBER

At the Cathedral Annual Church Meeting on 24th April, we will be electing the 2022/23 Council Members. Council Members play a key leadership role in the life of the cathedral by leading and planning activities, assisting the Dean and clergy in the smooth running of the cathedral and its ministries, and setting an example for us in our common journey in faith. Below are some of the qualities that a church community would look for in their lay leaders. Please pray as we discern God's calling on this year's Council Members.

- Attend worship services regularly
- Passion for and commitment to the Cathedral's ongoing and developing ministries
- Leadership in Stewardship as evidenced by both active involvement in the ministries of the parish and making a Stewardship pledge
- Ability and willingness to communicate
- A sense of vision
- Sense of humour and patience
- Attend Council meetings as scheduled; send apologies to secretary if unable to attend
- Take responsibility for carrying out tasks and action items between council meetings
- Participate in special events and gatherings of the Cathedral.



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If you wish to receive our Cathedral notices by WhatsApp, please follow the steps below to subscribe '**St John's Updates**' - the channel which keeps you updated about our activities.

This channel keeps us updated with our Cathedral activities. If you wish to receive such messages 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 or SMS

By providing us with your mobile phone number, you consent to receive messages from the Cathedral office through WhatsApp or SMS.

For more information about the collection of personal information by the Cathedral, please check out our website (<https://t.ly/Eygy3>).

SJC HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2022 WEBCAST SERVICES

9th April – Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)

10th April – Palm Sunday

9.00am Liturgy of Palms & Sung Eucharist (English)

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)

5.00pm Tenebrae Service

11th April – Monday in Holy Week

6.00pm Stations of the Cross



14th April – Maundy Thursday

9.30am Solemn Liturgy for the Blessing of Oils & the Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service by the Clergy (*Diocesan service*)

The Bishop will preside and bless the three particular oils – of catechumens, of the sick, and of chrism in the Eucharist, and the clergy of the Diocese of Hong Kong Island will renew their commitments to priestly service. The Dean will preach at this service. All are welcome to join us online.

8.00pm Sung Eucharist with the Washing of Feet & Watch until Midnight

15th April – Good Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer

10.30am Good Friday Liturgy (Mandarin)

12.00noon All Age Worship

1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy



16th April – Holy Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer

8.00pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter

17th April – Easter Day

9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)

1.30pm Holy Eucharist (Filipino)

5.00pm Festal Evensong

WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SUSPENDED

In response to the latest announcement from the House of Bishops of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, public worship services and group activities of St John's Cathedral are suspended from the 7th January 2022 until further notice. This extraordinary measure is to minimize public gatherings for the health and safety of all.

St John's Cathedral services will be broadcast through the Cathedral website and on YouTube. Please join us.

By the order of the House of Bishops, the Cathedral is temporarily closed from 10th February 2022 until further notice.

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

OPENING HOURS DURING COVID-19

Monday—Saturday 10.30am to 4.00pm



*The Bookstore will be open as usual
on Tuesday 5th April, 2022 (Ching Ming Festival)*

Please send your Facebook message for enquiries and orders to the Bookstore during our non-operating hours.



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SUBSCRIPTION OF ‘THE DAILY WORD’ IN THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL

It is about a year since the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui launched ‘The Daily Word’ on Ash Wednesday in 2021, the Communication Team of the Steering Committee of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Church Policy Paper would like to invite all the church members again to subscribe ‘The Daily Word’ in the YouTube channel and make use of this resource for their daily devotion to strengthen their spiritual life. Please send the following YouTube link to your church members, inviting them to subscribe and press the bell, in order to receive the notification.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvoQNAlJ5a8a0o4Plgxn_ow/featured

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL DONATION TO THE ‘KEEP IT UP! FIGHTING AGAINST THE EPIDEMIC’ DONATION PROGRAMME

Elderly and Rehabilitation Homes Urgently need Your Support

With the severe epidemic in the Territories, the 9 elderly homes and 3 rehabilitation homes under the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Welfare Council, with over 1,200 workers and 2,000+ residents, are in dire straits. We urgently need donations to meet the following special expenses.

1. The manpower market for the Homes is very tight. The Homes need to hire temporary workers at 2-3 times the salary together with additional hardship allowances for staff working in the infected areas and accommodation subsidies, resulting in a significant increase in frontline labour costs.
2. To protect our staff and residents, we need a wide range of anti-epidemic supplies on an ongoing basis, including the Rapid Test Kits, Oximeters, disposable gowns, eye protection, protective caps, face masks, surgical masks, disinfectants, etc. We also have to pay for expensive disposal costs of the medical wastes.
3. To ensure the sanitation and cleanliness of the service units, there is an ongoing need for funding to hire qualified suppliers to disinfect the units thoroughly.

Please donate to support us: https://bit.ly/support_skhwc

For enquiries

☎ Tel: 2533 1296

✉ Email: donation@skhwc.org.hk

HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI WELFARE COUNCIL ACT OF LOVE EPIDEMIC HOTLINE

The Covid-19 outbreak has been going on for more than two years and has affected the livelihood of the Hong Kong community. In February this year, the fifth wave of the epidemic began with a raging fury. Recently, the public's use of rapid antigen tests has led to a record number of confirmed cases and a surge in the number of people staying at home for quarantine, who are often at a loss for immediate support.

Given this, the Welfare Council, with the support of the Archbishop, has launched the 'Act of Love Epidemic Hotline' to provide financial assistance, social support, emotional counselling, spiritual support, in-kind donation and information to parishes and the Sheng Kung Hui communities in need. If you need help, please call 8203 9072 or log on to the online platform with the QR code to make an appointment. Our social workers will follow up on the cases.

We also appeal to all brothers and sisters to join us as volunteers to support those affected by the epidemic. Please use the QR code below to register as a volunteer.

Last but not least, we hope that you would support the work of Act of Love by making a generous donation using the QR code below. If you have any enquiries, please contact our social worker, Ms Ami Ying, at 2533 1214.



Online Platform for Making
Appointment

https://bit.ly/aolsupport_skh



Volunteer Registration Form

https://bit.ly/aolsupport_volunteer



Online Donation in support of
"Act of Love"

<https://donation.skhwc.org.hk/hk/fund-donation/Act-of-Love>

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

Dean

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

Clergy Ministry Co-ordinators:

Chinese Ministry —

The Revd Canon Peter Koon

The Revd Amos Poon

Christian Education — The Revd Will Newman

(Priest-In-Charge of St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley)

Filipino Ministry —

The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

The Revd Sharon Langbis

Liturgy and Spirituality — The Revd Robert Martin

(Priest-In-Charge of Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam)

Mission and Ministry — The Revd Amos Poon

Outreach — The Revd Mark Rogers

(Priest-In-Charge of Discovery Bay Church)

Youth Ministry — The Revd Amos Poon

Honorary Chaplain:

The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

Executive Administrator:

Mr Thomas Li

Serving the wider community:

SJC Counselling Service

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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