

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.'

5TH DECEMBER 2021 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean

Reader: Jeanniee Chan

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der

Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)

Hymns: 10, 6, 169, 170i

Anthem: Kindle a light to lighten the darkness

(Richard Lloyd)

Voluntary: Rorate caeli (Jeanne Demessieux)

Readers/Intercessor: Frank Lang, Gordon Jones/Simon Fong

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean

Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis

Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

Reader/Intercessor: Karmen Kar/Saki Tsoi

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

5.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin

Reader: TY Wong

Welcome to all who worship here today. Please refrain from using your mobile phones during the Services. No unauthorized photography, video filming or sound recording in the Cathedral. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

MON 6th December	8.00am 12.25pm 1.00pm	Said Eucharist Meditation Group One o'clock Prayer
TUE 7th	8.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Bible Reading Fellowship (ZOOM/in person) Education for Ministry (EfM)
WED 8th	8.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM/in person) Said Eucharist
THU 9th	9.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist
FRI 10th	8.00am 1.00pm 3.00pm 8.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Friday Fellowship Group (ZOOM) 'Among Us' Fellowship
SAT 11th	8.30am 12.00noon 6.00pm	Said Eucharist Said Eucharist (Filipino) Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 12th December Zeph. 3.14-end	The Third Sunday of Advent 8.00am Said Eucharist	
Psalm 146.4-end Philippians 4.4-7	9.00am	Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon Sung Eucharist Celebrant The Poud Corner Purisht dela Torre
Luke 3.7-18	10.30am	Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Canon Peter Koon Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
	11.45am	Choral Mattins Celebrant: The Revd Robert Martin
	1.30pm	Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher:
	5.00pm	The Revd Sharon Langbis Blue Christmas Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: Revd Mark Rogers

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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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Baruch 5

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

SECOND READING Philippians 1.3-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 3.1-6

All

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet

Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

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 Morrison Chapel and the Revd Stephen Durie; for the growth in attendance of both services at Morrison Chapel Macau and Macau Anglican College Taipa, and for the newcomers to know the faith in Christ; for increased offertory of money, time and talent, and for increased commitment of the church members; for the ministry of children, teenagers and young adults, and for faithful gifted leaders of Sunday school and Youth Ministry.

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 '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. We pray for all who work for justice and peace—especially, those unjustly deprived of their freedom.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick: Goh Phiak Swan, Peggy Yu, Joyce Chan, Laurie Rooke, Marin Leong Kum Chee, JoAnne Sharlach, Jane Pang Tong, Ng Wat Choy Ying, Richard Yeung and family, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Priscilla Chen, Tiew Siew Lee, Tsui Man Fong, Christina Leong, Christina Poon, Daniel Colson, Lo Yuk Wah, Raymond Yuen, John Baumann, Heather Little, Yvonne Fong, Eva Sorrel, Alice Wright, Tommy Hui, Catherine Chan, George Fong, Tia McPhee, Averil Ashley, Wong Lai King, John Cavid, Lene Bille Hoegh, Audrey Bullock, Evelena Mathias, Sanson Lau, Michael Chang, Toung Ming, Rebecca Crawford, Kasper Buist, Donna Gail Willis, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Wanda Clay, Fr Tommy Murphy, Francesca Lorenzi, Meena Tsui, Richard Jones, Monica Cornelius and Leslie Henderson.

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

Please pray for the recently departed: Michael Joseph Ryan

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**.

St John's Cathedral & Daughter Churches

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021



12th December (Sun)

The Third Sunday of Advent (Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm 'Blue Christmas' Eucharist A service for those mourning a loss this Christmas season

18th December (Sat)

6.00pm Cantonese Carol Service with Eucharist

19th December (Sun)

The Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

3.00pm Nativity Service (ticketed) 4.30pm Nativity Service (ticketed) 11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib (ticketed)

25th **December (Sat)** Christmas Day

8.00am Said Eucharist 9.00am Sung Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist (Mandarin)

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist

with Carols

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (Filipino)

(No English evening service)

6.00pm Sung Eucharist (Cantonese)

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

Discovery Bay Church

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

6.00pm Nativity Play

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Day Family **Eucharist**



Emmanuel Church

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

10.30pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

9.30am Sung Eucharist with Carols 11.00am Sung Eucharist with Carols

26th December (Sun)

The First Sunday of Christmas 10.15am Family Eucharist with Carols



St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley

12th December (Sun)

The Third Sunday of Advent

6.00pm Christmas Lessons and Carols by Candlelight with St Stephen's Chorale

24th December (Fri)

Christmas Eve

5.00pm Christmas Crib Service for young families, with carols 11.00pm Christmas Midnight Mass

25th December (Sat)

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas Eucharist with Carols

TICKET ARRANGEMENT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

Due to government's pandemic restrictions on social gatherings, please apply for tickets online in order to attend the following services at St John's Cathedral:

24th December (Friday)

3.00pm Nativity Service 4.30pm Nativity Service

11.00pm Midnight Mass of the Nativity and Blessing of the Crib

Ticket application will begin at 10.00am on 6th December 2021 (Monday) and will close at 4.00pm on 10th December 2021 (Friday). Successful applicants will be contacted to collect tickets from the Cathedral Office between 11th and 21st December during office hours.

Please refer to the description of the online form 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/CsfyLjfAs8PGMNXs6



VEHICLE ACCESS TO THE CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY 5th December

There will be no vehicle access from Upper Albert Road to the Cathedral grounds from 9.00am to 12.00noon this Sunday due to some works being carried out at the Justice Place. Please use the Garden Road for vehicle entrance and exit during these three hours. Thanks.



A Eucharist for those Mourning a loss this Christmas season.

12th December (Sunday) The Third Sunday of Advent **5.00pm**

Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers



St. Christopher's Home Love Chocolate SALE

Sunday 12th December. Cathedral Garden after 9.00am Sung Eucharist



You have heard of Cursillo – but have you tried it?

Join us for a taste of Cursillo this Saturday 11th December, 1.30-3.30pm in the Harold Smyth Room at the cathedral.

Including Introduction to Cursillo, Songs, Origami, and Reflections.

Your chance to learn a bit about Cursillo. Come and see!

Call or WhatsApp Evelyn Chan 9266 5422



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

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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 Welcome Table.	and hand it to one of the Clergy, a Sidesman or the			
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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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