



# 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.'*

## 9TH JANUARY 2022 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

### 9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean  
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)  
Hymns: 58 (T.191), AM109, Baptized in water,  
AM337, AM108

### 8th January Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)  
<https://youtu.be/w7JjUYLxhJw>

### 9th January Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English)  
<https://youtu.be/M3nO2W6GbXc>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)  
<https://youtu.be/8wSujwIBmds>

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)  
<https://youtu.be/s7Y-uVJRBvs>

5.00pm Choral Evensong  
<https://youtu.be/JgTA4DqFtao>

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**COLLECT**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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**

**Isaiah 43. 1-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Acts 8.14-17**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3.15-17, 21-22**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

**In the worldwide Anglican Communion** we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

**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 Church of St John the Baptist:** for the development of spiritual life through the spiritual garden and rooms; for the school and social service ministries in the Parish; for the physical and spiritual health of brothers and sisters serving God; for the financial challenges faced by the church.

**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 and 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 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:*

Brigitta Wheele, Ng Wat Choy Ying, Edwin Yeo Thiam Lock, Dennis Chan, Lucita Villareal, Yvonne Fong, Val Rice, Daniel Colson, Goh Phiak Swan, Marin Leong Kum Chee, Peggy Yu, Fr Tommy Murphy, Joyce Chan, Tsui Man Fong, Laurie Rooke, JoAnne Sharlach, Alice Wright, Priscilla Chen, Jane Pang Tong, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Wong Lai King, Lo Yuk Wah, Christina Leong, Wanda Clay, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Averil Ashley, Raymond Yuen, Tiew Siew Lee, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Christina Poon, Sanson Lau, John Cavid, George Fong, Rebecca Crawford, Evelena Mathias, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Lene Bille Hoegh, Catherine Chan, Toungh Ming, Donna Gail Willis, Kasper Buist, Heather Little and Michael Chang.

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

*Please pray for the recently departed:*

Lillian Li, Ronald William Brierly, Agnes Fast.

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.**

*Please pray for the newlyweds:*

Isaac Poon and Daphne Chan (member of the Cathedral Choir) were married at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022. May God bless them with heavenly love and grace.



### FLOWERS

The flowers today are donated in loving memory of Elizabeth Zinke, Richard D. Zinke, John B. Gallagher, Eleanor Gallagher and Lisa Zinke.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. 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.

The Cathedral will be open for private prayers at the normal hours, 7.00am to 6.00pm from Monday to Friday; from 7.00am to 3.00pm on Saturdays and from 10.30am to 6.00pm on Sundays. Sorry for the inconvenience caused.

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Episcopal Church of the Philippines and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente, The Revd Sharon Langbis and I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who responded to the Philippine Typhoon Appeal. Again, thank you so much!

*Fr Dwight Q. De la Torre*

### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MICHAELMAS FAIR 2022



You can order your **Christmas stockings** with names for Christmas times 2022.

Each stocking costs \$100. Order forms are available at the Cathedral office and on the shelves at the entrance of the Church.

Payments can be made in cash to Mr Thomas Li, our Executive Administrator, or by crossed cheque, payable to St John's Cathedral.

Order deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

For enquiries, please contact Mrs June Li at Tel 28496057 or Mr Thomas Li at Tel 2523 4157.

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- 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

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## DEDICATION PRAYER



Holy God, we thank you for your mercy, love and daily provision.

Teach us to have the humility to empty ourselves before you for your grace is truly sufficient for us. Praise be to you.

Grant us wisdom from above that we may learn the teaching of our Lord Jesus and be wise as serpents and as gentle as doves. Help us in all circumstances seek your kingdom and righteousness first, and never depart from glorifying you and loving your people.

Give us the dedication of Jesus that we may discern and fulfil your calling for us at this time in our lives.

Give us the love and generosity of Christ that we may walk alongside different people and care for those in need.

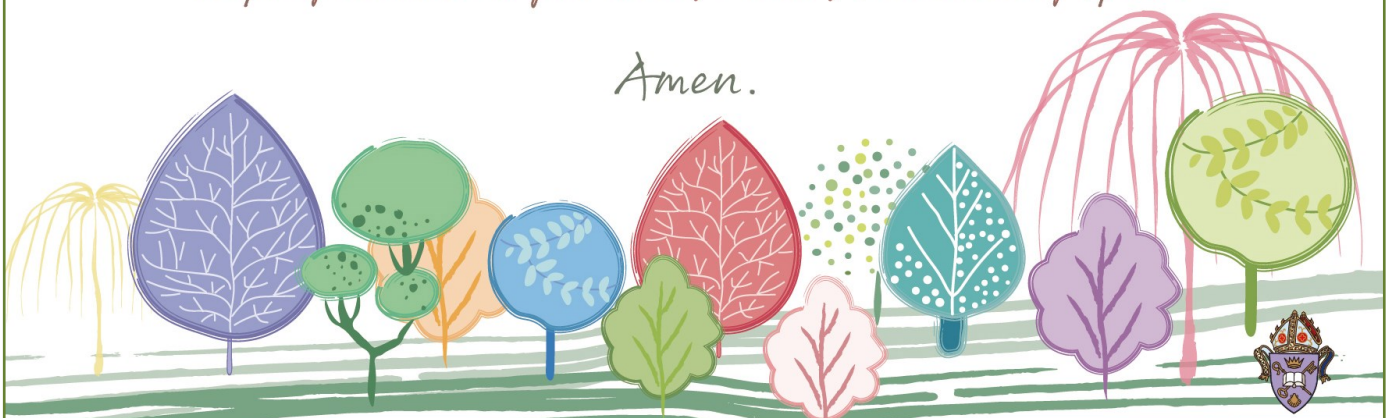
Give us a sense of peace as we walk with Christ that we may be able to live out his abiding hope.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, grant us the passion and creativity to strengthen your Church. Give us the joy to give generously, to equip new disciples and bring people to Christ. Help us, as the Body of Christ, strive to build up one another and foster a harmonious and just society.

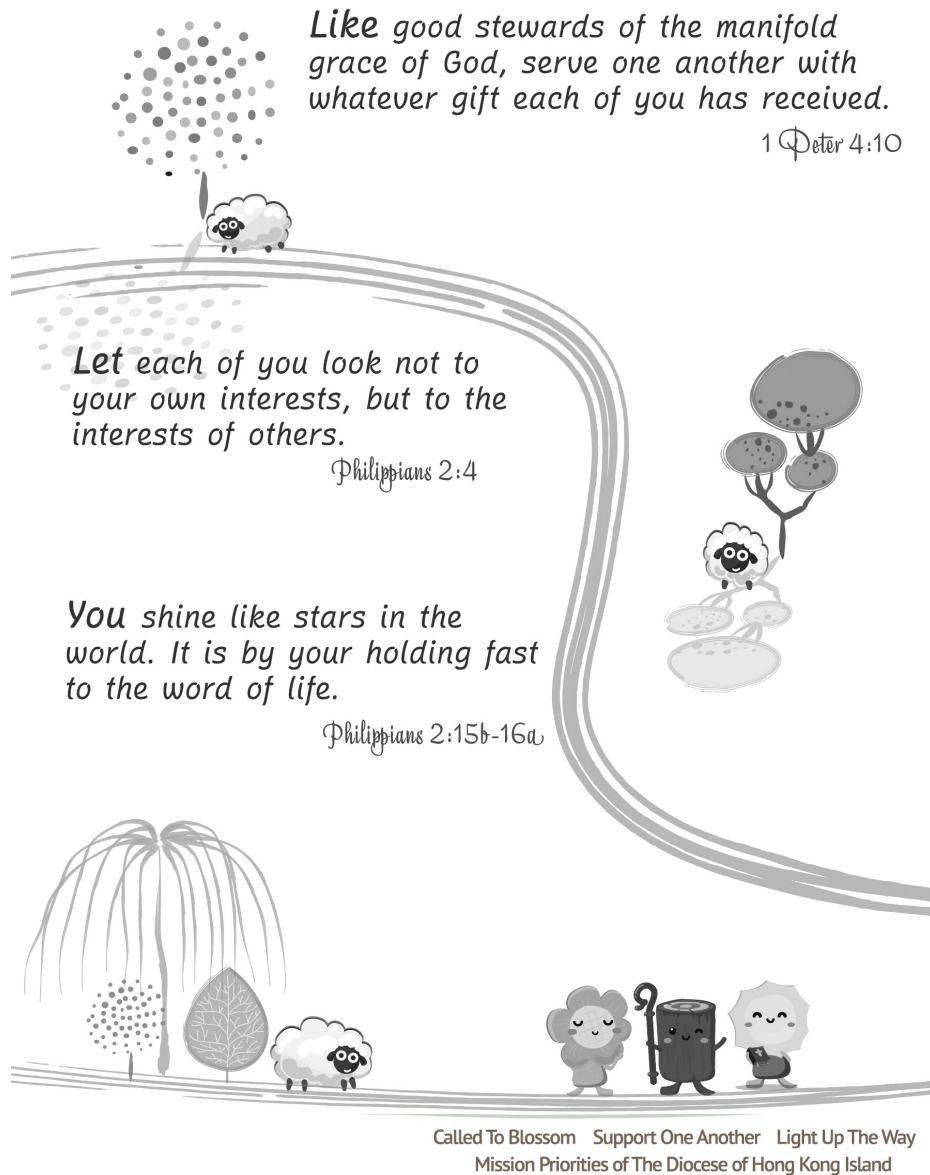
Bless Hong Kong and all who live here, for this is our home which you have prepared for us, and the place where God's love dwells.

*We pray all these in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



## NOTICES



### EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EfM) - Exploring Faith Matters

Are you interested in learning more about our Christian faith, the Bible, history of the Church...?

Involving intensive study of Christianity, Education for Ministry (EfM) is a 4-year programme for those who want to discover more about their faith and ministry as baptised Christians. Facilitated by accredited mentors in Cantonese and English, the seminar groups used to meet every week at St John's Cathedral for reflective learning and supportive fellowship.

The English-speaking EfM group (which meets at 7.30pm on Monday evenings) is now recruiting new members for the 2022 programme, which will start in February this year.

If you are interested to join, please contact the Revd Mark Rogers (email: [markjamesrogers@gmail.com](mailto:markjamesrogers@gmail.com)) or Evelyn Chan (email: [evelynchan@stjohnscathedral.org.hk](mailto:evelynchan@stjohnscathedral.org.hk)).

Information about EfM is also available on the Cathedral website (<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Page.aspx?lang=1&id=72>).



## HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

### Recruitment for Degree Programmes

**in Semester 2, 2021/22 (28<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**

*(in partnership with Charles Stuart University, Australia)*

<b>Bachelor of Theology      Subject Fee: HK\$5,875</b>	
<b>Subject Code &amp; Name</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
THL105 Introduction to Old Testament Studies	Dr Stephen Lim
THL111 Introduction to Christian Theology	Dr Matthew Jones
THL113 Being the Church	Dr Matthew Jones
THL132 The European Reformations	Revd Dr Jim West
THL203 Paul and His Letters	Revd Ross Royden
THL218 Christian Ministry	Revd Dr Chun-wai Lam
THL241 Biblical Hebrew 2	Dr Stephen Lim
THL308 The Prophetic Literature	Revd Canon Dr Eric Chong
THL326 Theological Ethics	Revd Prof John Kater
THL330 Global Christianity since 1700	Revd Prof Philip Wickeri

<b>Master of Theology      Subject Fee: HK\$14,500</b>	
<b>Subject Code &amp; Name</b>	<b>Lecturer</b>
THL535 Seminar in Biblical and Theological Interpretation	Dr Stephen Lim
THL545 Classic Texts in Christian Theology	Dr Rowena Chen

**\*\*\*Early Bird Offer (Until 21<sup>st</sup> January 2022)\*\*\***

New BTh Students: 5% off for 1 subject; 10% off for 2 Subjects;  
15% off for 3 subjects; 20% off for 4 subjects

New MTh Students: 10% off

Existing BTh & MTh Students: 5% off

The above courses are registered courses under the Non-local Higher and Professional Education (Regulation) Ordinance (Chapter 493). It is a matter of discretion for individual employers to recognize any qualification to which this course may lead.

*Registration Numbers:*

212741 (Master of Theology); 212740 (Bachelor of Theology)

*Application Deadline:* 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

*Enquiry and Application:*

admission@minghua.edu.hk / WhatsApp: +852 9530 7241

## 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

HELP for Domestic Workers

Mission for Migrant Workers

SJC Life Enrichment Centre

Cathedral Bookstore

CLARES/Castaways

Prison Ministry



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*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.*

*Other questions / information:* \_\_\_\_\_

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