



# 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.'*

## 12TH DECEMBER 2021 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon  
Reader: Dolores Dayao

### 9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre  
Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin  
Deacon: The Revd Amos Poon  
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)  
Hymns: 12, 499, 7, Hark, what a sound  
Anthem: Gaude et laetare (Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck)  
Voluntary: Echo Fantasia in A Aeolian (Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck)  
Readers/Intercessor: Martin Hills, Susan King/Tom Bispham

### 10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

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

### 11.45am Choral Mattins

Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin  
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis  
Reader: John Breen

### 1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

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

Celebrant: The Dean  
Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers  
Reader/Intercessor: William Cheng/Saki Tsoi



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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.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

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<b>MON 13th December</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
<b>TUE 14th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	7.00pm	<i>Bible Reading Fellowship (ZOOM/in person)</i>
	7.30pm	<i>Education for Ministry (EfM)</i>
<b>WED 15th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	2.30pm	<i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM/in person)</i>
	6.00pm	Said Eucharist
<b>THU 16th</b>	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
<b>FRI 17th</b>	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	3.00pm	<i>Friday Fellowship Group (ZOOM)</i>
	8.00pm	<i>'Among Us' Fellowship</i>
<b>SAT 18th</b>	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
<b>SUN 19th December      The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		
<i>Micah 5.2-5a</i> <i>Magnificat</i> <i>Hebrews 10.5-10</i> <i>Luke 1.39-45(46-55)</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
	9.00am	Worship for All with Sunday School Nativity Play Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Dean
	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Dean
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Blessing: The Dean

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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 Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Zephaniah 3.14-end**

A reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**

**Philippians 4.4-7**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3.7-18**

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' 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.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

**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 St Thomas' Church,** for the Revd Arthur Ho, the Revd Harwood Fung, the Revd Paul Tsang and staff members, pray for vestry members, members of all committees and departments, all parishioners and newcomers; pray for the worship, fellowship gatherings, nourishing and evangelizing meetings and the operation of the Pastoral Centre under the pandemic; pray for the follow-up of the completed extension of the church building, and the fund-raising for the church extension; pray for St Thomas' Primary School, St Clement's Primary School, St Thomas' Kindergarten, St

Thomas' Child Care Centre, Li Ka Shing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly in the parish.

**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 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:*

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

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

*In Memoriam:* Godofreda Taasin Ursua

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**



**12<sup>th</sup> December (TODAY)**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*  
(Sunday Services as normal)

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

**18<sup>th</sup> December (Sat)**

6.00pm Cantonese Carol Service  
with Eucharist

**19<sup>th</sup> December (Sun)**

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
(Sunday Services as normal)

5.00pm Festival of Nine Lessons  
and Carols

**24<sup>th</sup> 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*)

**25<sup>th</sup> 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**

**24<sup>th</sup> December (Fri)**

*Christmas Eve*

6.00pm Nativity Play

**25<sup>th</sup> December (Sat)**

*Christmas Day*

10.00am Christmas Day Family  
Eucharist



**Emmanuel Church**

**24<sup>th</sup> December (Fri)**

*Christmas Eve*

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

**25<sup>th</sup> December (Sat)**

*Christmas Day*

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

**26<sup>th</sup> December (Sun)**

*The First Sunday of Christmas*

10.15am Family Eucharist with Carols



**St Stephen's Chapel, Stanley**

**12<sup>th</sup> December (TODAY)**

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

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

**24<sup>th</sup> December (Fri)**

*Christmas Eve*

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

**25<sup>th</sup> December (Sat)**

*Christmas Day*

10.00am Christmas Eucharist with  
Carols

## NOTICES

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### CLERGY

This morning, the Dean is leading the worship at Emmanuel Church, Pokfulam. We welcome Fr Robert Martin to preach at our 9.00am Sung Eucharist and officiate our 11.45am Choral Mattins today.

### FLOWERS

The pedestal flowers this morning are donated by Mrs June Li in loving memory of Canon Li Fook Hing.

### TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MIDNIGHT MASS 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (Fri) at 11.00pm

Thanks be to God! This year, we will come together to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at St John's Cathedral for our Midnight Mass of the Nativity on Christmas Eve again. However, due to the social distancing requirements, only 50% of the Cathedral's seating capacity can be filled at our services.

As usual, admission to the Midnight Mass is by ticket only. However, no walk-in tickets would be available this year. **Please note that all tickets for the Midnight Mass have already been reserved for distribution.**

### **Ticket holders are reminded of the following:**

1. On the night of 24<sup>th</sup> December, ticket holders will be admitted from 10.15pm from the West Door of the Cathedral; entrance of Li Hall and the entry point of Garden seating area.
2. All ticket holders are requested to be seated by 10.30pm when the Devotion before Midnight Mass begins.
3. At 10.45pm any unoccupied seats will be released to non-ticket holders at the discretion of the sidesmen.
4. Body temperature will be taken, and hands will be sanitised before entering the seating areas.
5. Please complete and return the Access Record Form.
6. Please wear a mask throughout the service.

You are very welcome to worship with us online in case you are unable to attend the service at the Cathedral. Please join us from the URL or QR code below.

<https://youtu.be/CEJehEAoHfI>



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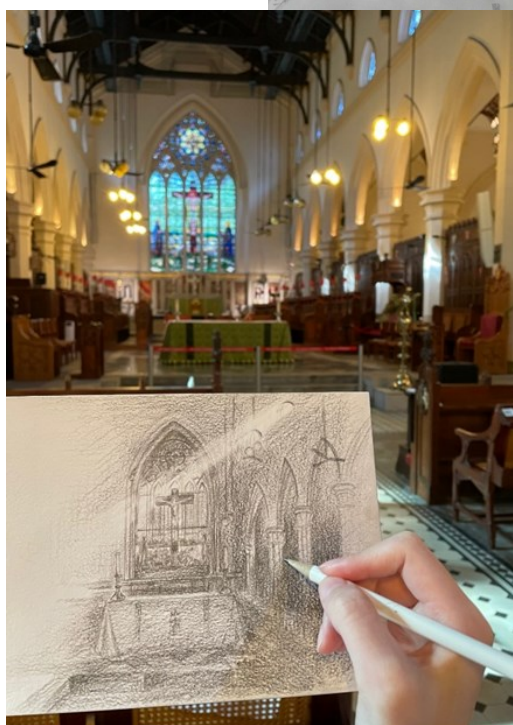
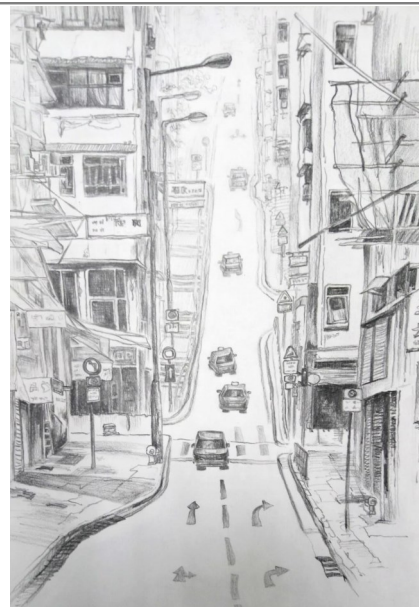
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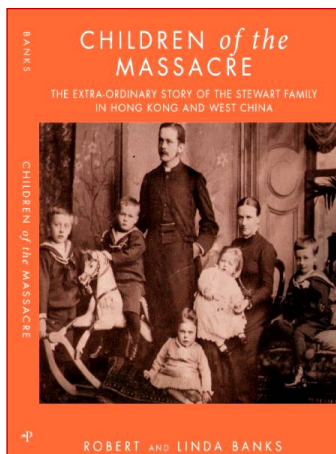


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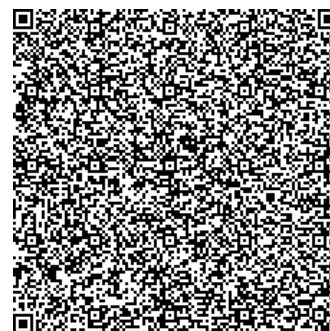
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## ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL MINISTRY TEAM

### 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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SJC Counselling Service

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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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