



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.'*

26TH DECEMBER 2021 THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Robert Martin
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Communion Setting: Broken for You (Margaret Rizza)
Hymns: 24 (omit *), 40, 201, Joy to the world
Anthem: In the bleak mid-winter (Harold Darke)
Voluntary: Grand Dialogue in C major (Louis Marchand)
Readers: Frank Lang, Mary Szeto
Intercessor: Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader/Intercessor: Letty Awingan/Daniel Kong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

Officiant: The Revd Will Newman
Preacher: The Revd Mark Rogers
Reader: Saki Tsoi

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 27th December (Public Holiday)	9.00am	Said Eucharist
TUE 28th	8.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Bible Reading Fellowship (ZOOM)</i>
WED 29th	8.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm 6.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer <i>Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship (Chinese) (ZOOM/in person)</i> Said Eucharist
THU 30th	9.00am 1.00pm 1.15pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Said Eucharist
FRI 31st New Year's Eve	8.00am 1.00pm 11.00pm	Said Eucharist One o'clock Prayer Watchnight Eucharist
SAT 1st January 2022 New Year's Day (Public Holiday)	9.00am 10.30am 6.00pm	Said Eucharist (Filipino) Said Eucharist (Filipino) Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 2nd January <i>Isaiah 60.1-6</i> <i>Psalms 72</i> <i>Ephesians 3.1-12</i> <i>Matthew 2.1-12</i>	Epiphany Sunday 8.00am 9.00am 10.30am 11.45am 1.30pm 5.00pm	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Will Newman Sung Eucharist Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Dean Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Revd Amos Poon Preacher: The Dean Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre Diocesan Choral Evensong— New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service Officiant: The Dean Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der

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<https://www.stjohnscathedral.org.hk/Donation/default.aspx?lang=1>



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 AND READINGS

COLLECT

Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him: grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 7.51-end

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Stephen said to the high priest and the council: 'You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are for ever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it.' When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

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

SECOND READING Galatians 2.16b-20

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

We have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10.17-22

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: 'Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.'

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Lord, we thank you for the signs of your mercy revealed in birth and death: save us by the coming of your Son, and give us joy in honouring Stephen, first martyr of the new Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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 Stephen's Church, the Revd Ip Kam Fai, the Revd Canon Ian Lam and the Revd Lorraine Choi; for the parish's evangelical activities and pastoral care in all SKH kindergartens, primary and secondary schools; for the spiritual life of parishioners; for the parental ministry and all nurture programmes; for the Deanery of Southern and Western Districts, its mission and service programmes.

Within the Cathedral Parish we pray for the Cathedral Church and its various congregations, for the Dean Church, Pokfulam; and their Priests in Charge. We also remember in our prayers 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; 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:

Ronald William Brierly, Yvonne Fong, Val Rice, 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, Alice Wright, Lo Yuk Wah, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Christina Leong, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Tiew Siew Lee, Christina Poon, Raymond Yuen, John Cavid, Fr Tommy Murphy, Lene Bille Hoegh, George Fong, Catherine Chan, Averil Ashley, Wong Lai King, Sanson Lau, Evelena Mathias, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Toung Ming, Rebecca Crawford, Kasper Buist, Donna Gail Willis, Wanda Clay, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, and Michael Chang.

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

Please pray for the recently departed: Willie Woo, Cheng Mei Hing, Lau Ying Wai, Agnes Fast. We also remember all those who died in the super Typhoon Rai in the Philippines.

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.**



PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL

In response to the devastation caused in the Philippines by the recent super typhoon, there will be a retiring collection at the end of all services today. Please use the dedicated envelopes provided if you wish to donate.

NOTICES

SJC CLARES/CASTAWAYS SCHEDULE during the Festive Season

29th December 2021
(Wednesday)

Castaways OPEN

12.00noon - 2.30pm

30th December 2021 (Thursday) -
4th January 2022 (Tuesday)
Castaways CLOSED

5th January 2022
(Wednesday)

Castaways resumes as normal.

12.00noon - 2.30pm

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS during the Festive Season

26th – 27th December 2021
(Sunday & Monday)

10.00am - 2.00pm

28th – 31st December 2021
(Tuesday to Friday) -

9.00am - 6.00pm

1st – 2nd January 2022
(Saturday & Sunday)

10.00am - 2.00pm

3rd & 4th January 2022
(Monday & Tuesday)

CLOSED for stock taking



NEW YEAR'S THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SERVICE

In the beginning of 2022, let us gather and offer our thanksgiving and dedication to our Lord. The Rt Revd Matthias Der, Bishop of the Diocese Hong Kong Island cordially invites you to join the New Year's Thanksgiving and Dedication Service to be held on the first Sunday in 2022.

Bishop Matthias Der shall preach at the Service. A reception will be held before the Service, in which Bishop Matthias Der shall meet and share with all participants. All are welcome. Details are as follows:

Date: Sunday, 2nd January 2022

Time: 4.00pm – Reception *
5.00pm – Thanksgiving and Dedication Service

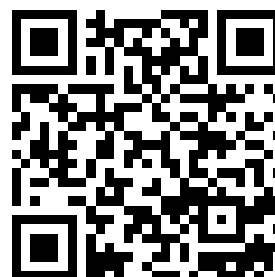
Venue: St John's Cathedral

**Remarks: Due to the pandemic, no food or drinks will be provided at the reception.*

On-line broadcast will be available on Diocesan website.

For enquiries, please contact Ms Yeung of the Diocesan Office (Tel: 2526 5366).

Please browse the Diocesan Website:
<http://dhk.hkskh.org>.





St John's Cathedral
Life Enrichment Centre
聖約翰座堂生命啟進中心

PENCIL DRAWING CLASS

Every Monday 4.00-6.00pm
from 21st February 2022

Welcome **Primary 5** to **Tertiary students**

- Learn the techniques & composition
- Life sketching in the church area
- Artists sharing and artwork appreciation

\$400 for 4 classes (materials not included)

Enquiry: 6083 9391 (WhatsApp/ Signal)



Scan the QR code to enroll now!

In Touch

The Cathedral Magazine - Winter Edition 2021



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NOTICE

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Recruitment for Degree Programmes

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

(in partnership with Charles Stuart University, Australia)

Bachelor of Theology Subject Fee: HK\$5,875	
Subject Code & Name	Lecturer
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

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

*****Early Bird Offer (Until 21st 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: 21st 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



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.

Other questions / information: _____

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