

#### 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.'

## 27TH MARCH 2022 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

#### 9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean

Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

Communion Setting: The Book of Common Prayer Noted (John Merbecke)

Hymns: 184, 323, 185, 475

#### 26th March Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese)

https://youtu.be/eomKM9833Ak

#### 27th March Sunday Eucharist and Evening Prayer

9.00am Sung Eucharist (English)

https://youtu.be/6e5cjk8ygg8

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin)

https://youtu.be/y\_wJWiG2NCs

10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino)

https://youtu.be/aYprd-gDs8s

5.00pm Evening Prayer in Taizé style

https://youtu.be/jS4hFO4agdo

ONLINE DONATION



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

#### **COLLECT**

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 2 Corinthians 1.3-7

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

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

#### GOSPEL READING John 19.25b-27

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

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

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

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK



In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

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 Mary's Church, for the ministries of the Revd Tsui Yuk Fan and the Revd Kenneth Lo; for their project 'Health, Joy and Hope' to strengthen the well-being of the parishioners in body, mind and spirit amid the difficult times, and to spread the seed of gospel in the community; for the parish's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, may God continue to guide their ministries so that they may glorify God, spread the gospel and share the love to people.

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 Christians in Central, In Touch Magazine, Cathedral Bookstore, Mission For Migrant Workers, SJC Life Enrichment Centre, and St John's Counselling Service.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

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

In Memoriam:

Leslie Cheung Kwok Wing

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

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 t he 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 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://uso6web.zoom.us/j/85334679522?pwd=STZpQzNpMUlld1BHWDFNaop6Q1FKUTo9

A PRAYER FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN CONFLICT

Lord God, remember Christ, your Son, who is peace itself, and who has washed away our hatred with his blood. Because you love all men and women, look with mercy on all who are engaged in aggression and conflict. Banish the violence and evil within all combatants so that one day, they may realise that they are all called your sons and your daughters. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022



#### 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Very Revd Kwok-keung Chan

K.K. W.

Dean

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022

#### 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> 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 10<sup>th</sup> February 2022 until further notice.

### 'FAITH BEGINS' The Christian Faith explored, discussed and enjoyed!



Wednesday evenings from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022

'Faith Begins' is a course for adult baptism and confirmation at St John's Cathedral. The course is for people who have been worshipping for at least three months in the cathedral parish.

The course is by Zoom, and explores the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere with a talk and informal discussion. 'Faith Begins' is rooted in the Anglican tradition which values the bible, tradition, and reason, and interprets them in the light of a modern understanding about life and the world we live in.

**How do I enrol?** Just send your contact details to the Revd Amos Poon at amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

Registration deadline: 27th March 2022 (TODAY)

#### 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/UCvoQNAlJ5a8aoo4Plgxn\_ow/featured

#### **LENT COURSES 2022**



This Lent, the Province of HKSKH encourages all parishes and missionary churches to study together the book '**Turn**', from a series called 'The Way of Love'. The book encourages Christians to follow Jesus' Way of Love by turning towards God: pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus in our daily life.

You can join one of the courses with the Cathedral clergy, in different languages. Let us journey spiritually together in this Lent. (Course material will be available at the Cathedral Bookstore.)

**COURSES ON ZOOM** \*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022.

**Tuesdays** (Starting on 8th March)

8.00pm (English)

Zoom Link:

https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/89496426367?pwd=dnNnZm9sbVJKU3dSMDR6YjhiVkJadzo9

Wednesdays (Starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March) **2.30pm (Cantonese)** 

Please contact the Revd Amos Poon at amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

*Fridays* (Starting on 4<sup>th</sup> March)

**3.00pm** (*English*)

Please contact the Revd Amos Poon at amospoon@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

**Sundays** (Starting on 13<sup>th</sup> March)

3.00pm (Filipino)

Please contact the Revd Sharon Langbis at sharonlangbis@stjohnscathedral.org.hk

#### ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

#### **OPENING HOURS DURING COVID-19**



Monday—Saturday 10.30am to 4.00pm

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

Greeting Cards for Mothering Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> March 2022) Are now available in the Bookstore.





# Online PARENT TALK



FREE EVENT

#### **COVID-19 & SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION**

Details: 31 March, 2022 (Thursday) 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on zoom

ADOLESCENT
WELL-BEING &
MENTAL HEALTH IN
THE PANDEMIC

MAINTAINING POSITIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP

HOW TO DETECT
CANNABIS & OTHER
SUBSTANCE USE IN
ADOLESCENTS

RISKS OF CANNABIS USE ON THE DEVELOPING MIND & BODY



#### **JACQUELYN TRYDE**

Youth Counsellor & Drug Prevention Officer



To sign up, follow the QR code or use link: shorturl.at/kuC69

#### A ZOOM LINK WILL BE SHARED BEFORE THE EVENT

St John's Cathedral Life Enrichment Centre Tel: (852) 2523 0531/ WhatsApp: (852) 6083 9391 jacquelyntryde@sjclec.org Narcotics Division, Security Bureau Seek Help / Enquiries









#### 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: 31st March 2022

For enquiries, please contact Mrs June Li at Tel: 2849 6057 or Mr Thomas Li at Tel: 2523 4157.



## 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

**T**el: 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/aolsupport\_volunteer">https://bit.ly/aolsupport\_volunteer</a>



Online Donation in support of "Act of Love"

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

#### 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

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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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