



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.'*

28TH NOVEMBER 2021 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00am Said Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Amos Poon
Reader: Will Clay

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant: The Dean
Deacon: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Preacher: The Most Revd Dr Paul Kwong
Communion Setting: St Anne's Mass (James MacMillan)
Hymns: 11, 15, 16, 9
Anthem: A tender shoot (Paul Hayward)
Voluntary: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, Op. 65 No. 33
(Sigfrid Karg-Elert)
Readers/Intercessor: Julianne Doe, Martin Hills/Kevin She

10.30am Sung Eucharist (in Mandarin)

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

11.45am Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II)

Celebrant: The Dean
Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis
Reader/Intercessor: TY Wong/Daniel Kong

1.30pm Sung Eucharist (in Filipino)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

5.00pm The King and his kingdom—A Service for the beginning of Advent

Officiant: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
Readers: Jeannie Chan, The Revd Mark Rogers,
Letty Awingan, Alison Harada, Joseph Yeung,
Wallace Lai, The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre

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 29th November	8.00am	Said Eucharist
	12.25pm	<i>Meditation Group</i>
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
TUE 30th	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>
WED 1st December	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
THU 2nd	9.00am	Said Eucharist
	1.00pm	One o'clock Prayer
	1.15pm	Said Eucharist
FRI 3rd	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>
SAT 4th	8.30am	Said Eucharist
	12.00noon	Said Eucharist (Filipino)
	6.00pm	Sung Eucharist (Cantonese) (Anticipated Sunday Service)
SUN 5th December	The Second Sunday of Advent	
<i>Baruch 5</i>	8.00am	Said Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Dean
<i>Canticle Benedictus</i>	9.00am	Sung Eucharist Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt Revd Matthias Der
<i>Philippians 1.3-11</i>	10.30am	Sung Eucharist (Mandarin) Celebrant: The Dean Preacher: The Revd Dr Philip Wickeri
<i>Luke 3.1-6</i>	11.45am	Responsorial Eucharist—Provincial (Rite II) Celebrant: The Revd Sharon Langbis Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	1.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Filipino) Celebrant and Preacher: The Revd Canon Dwight dela Torre
	5.00pm	Choral Evensong Officiant: The Revd Robert Martin Preacher: The Revd Sharon Langbis

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THEFT PREVENTION

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COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33.14-16

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3.9-end

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so

strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21.25-36

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

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 Andrew's Church, give thanks for what they have learnt from God's word, growth in goodness, and supported one another in faith; Pray that they would be a community that seeks to love Jesus, share the gospel, build community, read the bible and serve our city.

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, 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:

Peggy Yu, Laurie Rooke, Marin Leong Kum Chee, JoAnne Sharlach, Jane Pang Tong, Richard Yeung and family, Joyce Chan, Roberta Dee Asis Ulberio, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Priscilla Chen, Ng Wat Choy Ying, 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, John Cavid, Lene Bille Hoegh, Tounng Ming, Audrey Bullock, Sanson Lau, Kasper Buist, Donna Gail Willis, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, Rebecca Crawford, Evelena Mathias, Wong Lai King, Francesca Lorenzi, Wanda Clay, Richard Jones, Meena Tsui, Fr Tommy Murphy, Michael Chang, Leslie Henderson, and Monica Cornelius.

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

Please pray for the recently departed:

Michael Joseph Ryan, Augustus Searle Leach, Clare Elizabeth Heaton and Violet Whitmore.

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**.

REMARKS: Unless Elisa is contacted (deanssec@stjohnscathedral.org.hk) with advice to the contrary, names will be removed from the Prayer Request list after one month.



ANGLICAN COMMUNION DAY OF PRAYER

In light of the pain and challenges brought by the COVID pandemic, the United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG) has instituted the first Communion Day of Prayer throughout the Anglican Communion on this year's St Andrew's Day (30th November). It is hoped that Christians around the world will unite on the day in prayer for those who have been impacted by the pandemic.

A 24-hour long broadcast will be made on the day (00.00-24.00 UTC) consisting of videos contributed from provinces all over the Anglican Communion, available on both Zoom and Facebook Live. Within the round the clock prayers, **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui's video will be broadcast at 11.30-12.30 HKT.** English and Chinese versions of the video will also be available on the province's and Echo's websites.

We encourage all our brothers and sisters in Christ to join in on the day. Links to the broadcast will be available on the province's and Echo's website and Facebook pages.

Official website of Communion Day of Prayer



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TIME!

Time for your final shopping rush!

Mrs June Li's famous handicrafts will be on sale this coming

4th December (Saturday) 5.00pm -6.30pm and
5th December (Sunday) 9.30am -11.00am

in the Cathedral grounds.

There will also be fruit cake, banana cake,
and shortbread cookies on offer.

Make sure you get your perfect gifts for this Christmas!

**St John's Cathedral
& Daughter Churches**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
SERVICES 2021**



28th November (TODAY)

The First Sunday of Advent

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

5th December (Sun)

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am Nine Lessons and Carols

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 (Fri)

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

NOTICES

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.

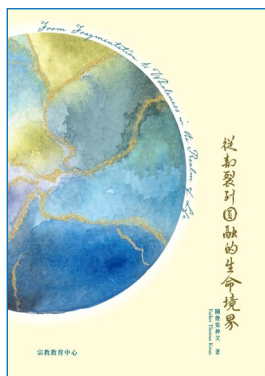
Please refer to the description of the online form for further details.

We cannot guarantee the success of all applications.
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The link for the Google Application Form:
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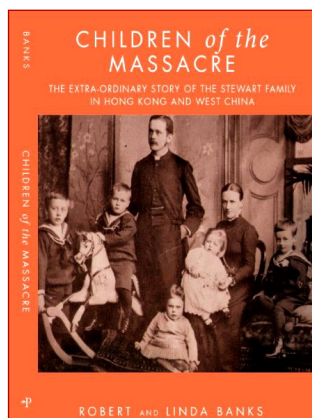


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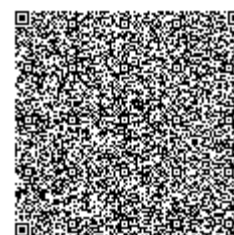
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Dean

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

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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

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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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