

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.'

30TH JANUARY 2022 THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS SUNDAY)

9.00am Sung Eucharist

Celebrant and Preacher:The DeanCommunion Setting:Festive Eucharist (Noel Rawsthorne)Hymns:234ii, 44, 157, 500

29th January Saturday Eucharist (Anticipated service)

6.00pm Holy Eucharist (Cantonese) https://youtu.be/VY-jmOX96YI

30th January Sunday Eucharist and Choral Evensong

- 9.00am Sung Eucharist (English) https://youtu.be/1K5PEHW3VIs
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Mandarin) https://youtu.be/u_RtzCxOJOA
- 10.30am Holy Eucharist (Filipino) https://youtu.be/fXObe4kIzTQ
- 5.00pm Choral Evensong https://youtu.be/xzZnm4_OcaE

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COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 Malachi 3.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

Thus says the LORD God:

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delightindeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.AllThanks be to God.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2.14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Since the children share flesh and blood. Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 2.22-40

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

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 Timothy's Church, for the Revd Christine Ho, the staff, congregation and their mission partners (including SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School, SKH Chi Fu Chi Nam Primary School, SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School, St Paul's College Primary School, YWCA Cheng Pon Hing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly and Hong Kong Christian Service Wah Hong Home for the Elderly). May God lead the parish to see His vision and walk in His path and be His salt and light in the community in their 30th Anniversary.

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 'Grace in a busy week', Bible Reading Fellowship, Chinese Bible Reading Prayer Fellowship, Andrew Fellowship, Friday Fellowship Group, Filipino Fellowship, and the IFI Fellowship.

We also pray for our link Diocese of Toungoo, Myanmar; pray for the Rt Revd Dr Saw Sheesho, Bishop, and for the parishes where people are suffering from COVID-19 and the lack of vaccines and adequate protective equipment.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who are sick:

May Wong, Leung Ping Chee, Pekkle Cheng, Kevin Marc Lee, Yvonne Fong, Bishop Thomas Soo, Edwin Yeo Thiam Lock, Brigitta Wheele, Lincoln Huang, Dennis Chan, Daniel Colson, Christina Leong, Lucita Villareal, Marin Leong Kum Ćhee, Peggy Yu, Ťsui Man Fong, Yee (Zoe) Szeto-Law, Tiew Siew Lee, Wong Lai King, Jane Pang Tong, Helen Chan Sui Lung, Laurie Rooke, Joyce Chan, Alice Wright, Raymond Yuen, Sanson Lau, JoĂnne Sharlach, John Cavid, Priscilla Chen, Lee Sui Sung, Lo Yuk Wah, Kasper Buist, Toung Ming, Averil Ashley, Eva Sorrel, Tommy Hui, Lene Bille Hoegh, Christina Poon, Val Rice, Therese Marie Gerarda Chan, George Fong, Catherine Chan, Evelena Mathias, Rebecca Crawford, Michael Chang and Heather Little.

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

In memoriam: Reynaldo Bagoba Lim

Please pray for the newlyweds:

Timothy Koo and Tabitha Wan were married at St John's Cathedral on Saturday 29th January 2022. May God bless them with heavenly love and grace.

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

SJC BOOKSTORE OPENING HOURS THIS WEEK

Monday 9.00am to 4.00pm

Tuesday to Thursday (Chinese New Year Public Holidays) 10.00am—1.30pm

Friday & Saturday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Sundays 10.00am–2.00pm

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 7th 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.

The Cathedral will be open for private prayers at the normal hours.

Sundays 10.30am to 6.00pm

Monday to Friday 7.00am to 6.00pm

Saturdays 7.00am to 3.00pm

Public Holidays 9.00am to 4.00pm



* On Monday 31st January, New Year's Eve in the Chinese lunar calendar, the Cathedral and admin office will be closed at 4.00pm * The Dean, clergy & Cathedral staff wish you a Blessed and Prosperous Year of the **Tiger** !



You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

Psalm 65.11 (NRSV)



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 (E*f*M) 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 E*f*M group (which meets at 7.30pm on Monday evenings) is now recruiting new members for the 2022 programme, which will start in February/March this year.

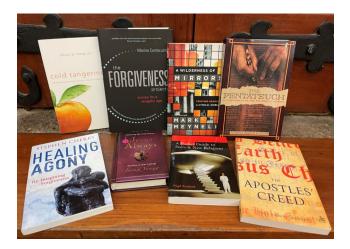
If you are interested to join, please contact the Revd Mark Rogers (email: <u>markjamesrogers@gmail.com</u>) or Evelyn Chan (email: <u>evelynchan@stjohnscathedral.org.hk</u>).

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



NOTICES

ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE



A variety of Chinese New Year Items are available to welcome the Year of the Tiger.





Please visit the Cathedral Bookstore to find out more !



Our new address for all future visits & correspondence Room 606, 299QRC, 287-299 Queen's Road Central, Sheung Wan

Selected Books and Gift Items for Clearance Sale

up to 40% Discount.

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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.

HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College

Recruitment for Degree Programmes

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

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Subject Code & Name	Lecturer
THL535 Seminar in Biblical and Theological Interpretation	Dr Stephen Lim
THL545 Classic Texts in Christian Theology	Dr Rowena Chen

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

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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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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.

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