

HYMNS

810 Thou, whose almighty word
702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
629iii Father, hear the prayer we offer
766 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

PRAYERS

- For the Church: in the Anglican Church of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui) we pray for The Kindly Light Church, Lam Tin, and the Revd Jonathan Lue.
- For our world.
- For the sick, especially Brittany, Brenda Cuyun, Tan Kok Neo, Dan Krupa.
- For the departed, Ena Mavity.

If you would like to include anyone by name in our prayers, please let Alison or Will know.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

VOLUNTEERS	TODAY	Next Sunday
Welcomers	Alison Harada	Alison Harada
Altar Server	Boris Lee	Philippa Goh
Readers	Clive Rough Shipporah Samarpitha	Barry Freeman <i>No 2nd Reading</i>
Intercessions	Chris Lawrence	Alison Harada
Offertory & Collection	Freeman's Family	Albert Goh Liz Goh
Chalice	Phoebe Lee Richard Lee	Alison Harada Phoebe Poon
Flowers	Anna Hui	
Refreshments	Andy Nye	Freeman's Family
Sunday School	'Year End Party' David Bradley Robin Fine	No Sunday School

Please welcome our visiting priest
the Revd John Chynchen
to preach for us this morning.

A 40-minute Organ Recital after church today
by visiting Organist Zoe Lei
from 11am – 11:40.
Donations to our Organ Fund.

Will & Dot are away in the UK
returning next Sunday 1 July.
Please contact the Cathedral clergy
if you need to. Call 2523 4157.

You may like to provide flowers in church
in celebration or in memory.
Please contact Fei Fei. The flowers are yours
if you want to take them home after church.

If you're not free one Sunday morning, try
Sunday 6pm at St John's Cathedral.
Tonight: Taizé Evening Prayer
Next Week: Choral Evensong

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St Stephen's Chapel Stanley Hong Kong

*The colour of the priest's stole and the veil covering
the chalice is White.*

Please join us for tea and coffee after church.

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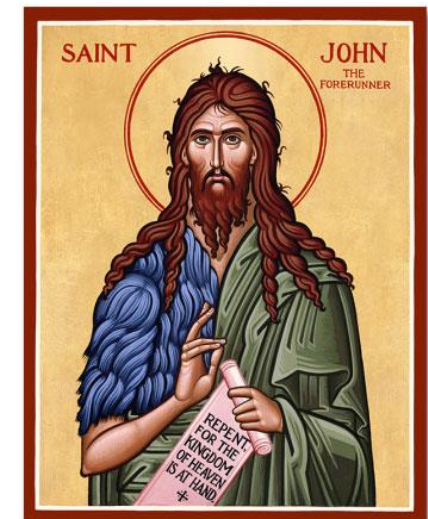
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24th June 2018

Birth of John the Baptist

9.30am Holy Eucharist

The Revd John Chynchen



St. John The Baptist

1st Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Isaiah 40.1-11

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

2nd Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the sabbath day Paul and Barnabas went into the synagogue and sat down. After the reading of the law and the prophets, the officials of the synagogue sent them a message, saying, 'Brothers, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, give it.' So Paul stood up and with a gesture began to speak: 'You Israelites, and others who fear God, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. For about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. After he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years. After that he gave them judges until the time of the prophet Samuel. Then they asked for a king; and God gave them Saul son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, who reigned for forty years. When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, "I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes." Of this man's posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised; before his coming John had already proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his work, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. No, but one is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of the sandals on his feet." 'My brothers, you descendants of Abraham's family, and others who fear God, to us the message of this salvation has been sent.

Acts 13. 14b-26

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

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THE GOSPEL

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Luke 1.57-66,80

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.