Welcome to St Andrew's



"Thanks for coming along to church today. At St Andrew's, we want to welcome everyone; Christian believers, those seeking faith, skeptics, all who are looking for a spiritual home in Hong Kong. At each Sunday service we seek to learn more about the truths of God from the Bible, and encourage one another in our faith in Jesus.

If you're new, come along to the Hub (in the north entrance foyer) after the service. We'd love to be able to meet you, welcome you personally, and answer any of your questions."

The Story

THE GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS

The language of "New Year" always brings with it a sense of fresh hope and new possibilities. This is true whether we think of the "calendar" year with the date switching from 2015 to 2016 or the richer sense of Chinese New Year with its accompaniment of family celebrations and traditions. On behalf of the staff of St. Andrew's, let me take this chance to wish everyone God's fullest blessings for this New Year Season.

The good news for Christians is that we are not limited to one or two "new beginnings" in every twelve months or so. Christians are aware both of our need of a fresh start every day and that God provides the opportunity for us to begin again with Him any and every time we need to.

"Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22–23 NIV11).

We need to remember the context of this great affirmation of faith - this affirmation of the faithfulness and covenant love of God comes in the midst of trials and suffering.

At this New Year, whatever we are facing right now or will face in our as yet unknown future, it is good to remind ourselves of the unchanging love and unfailing promises of God, on whom we depend day by day.

The Revd. Dale R. Hanson Interim Vicar

Life at St Andrew's

FAMILY

family@standrews.org.hk Family Ministry seeks to enrich and support marriage, strengthen and equip parents and better connect families into the life of St Andrew's. Ultimately we strive to see God glorified and the gospel shared among the young families of HK. Stay tuned for upcoming events and courses!

CHILDREN

children@standrews.org.hk

Crèche and Kidzone on CNY break today. Children to join parents in church for normal services at 9:30am and 11:30am. Children's packs will be available for children. Crèche facilities will be open but no lesson. Normal classes will resume next week 14 February 2016.

Crèche:

Time: 9:30am / 11:30am Venue: Life Centre, LG/F

Kidzone:

Time: 9:30am / 11:30am Venue: Life Centre, LG/F

YOUTH

youth@standrews.org.hk

Fusion Sunday Programme: No Youth Today. We will meet back next

Sunday 14 February.

Time: 9:30am & 11:30am Venue: 1/F Hall, Christian Centre Ages: 11-18

Fusion Growth Groups:

No Youth this Friday 12 February. We will meet back on Friday 19 February.

Time: Every Friday, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Venue: YouthWorX, 1/F Christian Centre Ages: 11-18

For more information please email youth@ standrews.org.hk

PRAYER

pastoral@standrews.org.hk

Prayer ministry is available after church.

Pray for St Andrew's, follow the **Weekly Prayer Focus** on website: *LIFE @ ST ANDREW'S > Prayer*

MIGRANT WORKERS FELLOWSHIP zara@standrews.org.hk

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Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm, every Sunday Venue: 1/F Old Vicarage No fellowship meeting today - Study in Colossians will continue next week.

CHINESE MINISTRY

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Mandarin church meets every Sunday at 11:30am. Its ministries include Kidzone, youth, bible studies and Cantonese and English language classes for university students from the Mainland. Please refer to the Chinese ministry page in the church website for more details.

PASTORAL CARE

pastoral@standrews.org.hk

We aim to encourage everyone to grow to Christian maturity through life's varying circumstances. Please contact one of the pastoral staff to find out more about the support we offer.

MISSION

mission@standrews.org.hk

Check out the monthly Global Newsletter on the website. Send us an email if you would like to get involved.

GROWTH GROUPS

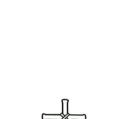
grow@standrews.org.hk

The best way to get connected and grow in your faith at St Andrew's is to join a Growth Group. These are small groups for bible study, prayer and fellowship. For more details please email us, or speak to Alex.



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St. Barnabas' Society and Home (SBSH) -Flag Day Volunteer Recruitment



Upcoming Events

Enquiries or Sign-ups? Please go to the Hub or church website



St. Barnabas' Society and Home is having a Flag Day and is calling for volunteers to help fund raise. It is one of our Global Partners and reaches out to homeless and poor through a drop-in center at Western District.

If you can give a couple of hours in the morning on this day to help them sell flags please sign up at the Hub. Why not consider doing this as a family? It will be a rewarding experience. If you can't participate this time, you can also consider buying a \$100 golden flag at the Hub.

Flag Selling Date & Time: Anytime during 7:30am to 12 noon, on the Saturday of 20 February 2016 **Location:** Anywhere on Hong Kong Island

Please come and pick up the flag bags and flags on the Sunday of 14 February.

Golden Flag will also be available for sale on the day.

Church News

Enquiries or Sign-ups? Please go to the Hub or church website



This is the time of year when the Church revises the electoral roll (ER).

The ER is our Church membership; those who are on the ER are eligible to vote at the Annual Church Meeting which will be held on Sunday 20 March this year.

A copy of the 2015 ER is on display at the HUB.

Play your part in the future of St Andrew's Church Join the electoral roll - enrolment deadline: 6 March 2016

Fill in the enrollment card at the HUB and return it to the Reception Counter. To join, you must be:

- 1. 18 years old or above
- 2. a baptised Christian
- 3. regularly worshipping at St Andrew's for three months or more
- 4. and not on the membership roll of another church in Hong Kong

Easter Choir Audition NEW

Easter is coming soon. A choir and ensemble will again be part of our Easter services. If you are keen to serve, you're gifted in singing, and can read music, you are welcome to join our choir. Choir numbers are limited, so auditions are necessary.

Auditions

Date: 21 February (Sunday) Time: 2:00-3:00pm Venue: 1/F Hall, Christian Centre

Rehearsals Date: 28 February, March 6, 13, 20 (Sundays) Time: 2:00-3:00pm Venue: 1/F Hall, Christian Centre

Mandatory dress rehearsal

Date: 23 March (Wednesdav) Time: 7:30-10:00pm Venue: Auditorium, Life Centre

For more information or to sign up, please contact June (june@standrews.org.hk).

Sermon

Sermon Series - Christ our Life: Colossians

7 February

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Speaking for the Kingdom

Colossians 4:2-18

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Turn off your mobile whilst in church. Keep your belongings with you at all times.

Please drop your used paper into the recycling box.

Induction Loop installed. Please switch your earpiece to T position. \mathcal{I}_{τ}

Refreshments are available after each service.

St Andrew's Church

Clergy **Dale HANSON**, Interim Vicar Alex McCOY, Associate Minister Sok Han YONG. Associate Minister

Sunday

St Andrew's Church Building 8:30am Early Morning Lord's Supper* 11:30am Mandarin Church

Life Centre - Auditorium **9:30am** Mid Morning Church 11:30am Late Morning Church 5:00pm Evening Chunch

*All other services - Lord's Supper 2nd & 4th Sundays

Building on our Heritage

Chinese **New Year Red Packet** for Sale

Chinese New Year is tomorrow. A great way to communicate the gospel at this time of year is through our red packets.

There are 7 designs to choose from, each with bible verses. Each set of 12 packets is \$25 and are available at the bookstall.

Last chance to get your red packets before Chinese New Year.



Lent devotional booklets

Lent is coming up! For the sixth year in a row, the Hong Kong international churches will do join together in a Lent initiative.

Through each of the 40 days of Lent, we will read through a few short verses from the Gospel of Matthew. We will also pray for both an international and a local church.

Pick up your free Lent devotional booklets from the Hub.



Recruitment of Cantonese Classes teachers/helpers. Further details please contact Jane Hu (pthstudent@standrews.org.hk)



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