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

"COME NEAR TO GOD AND HE WILL COME NEAR TO YOU."

(James 4:8 NIV11)

Today is the first Sunday in Lent and we begin a new sermon series. What is Lent? Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. It's the forty days before Easter. Lent excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter and Christians have to celebrate the Day of Resurrection! Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithe of time).

Our new sermon series aims to help us understand what the "good life" lived with God is like. Over these next few weeks we listen to the greatest sermon ever preached, by the greatest preacher who ever spoke (the sermon on the mount, as it is called, preached by Jesus). These words of Jesus will show us the best possible way to live; Jesus first words to us are "blessed" or "how happy" are those who... Christians realise that the happiest life is the life lived in tune with God's will and in step with His Spirit. Lent is the perfect time to take stock of your own life and listen to how Jesus will re-direct your lifestyle to serve His joyful and liberating Kingdom rather than our own small ambitions.

As we travel through the Sermon on the Mount this Lent, I invite you to read through chapters 5, 6 and 7 of Matthew's Gospel at least once, preferably a few times. Ask God to speak to you and draw close to you, He will do so.

This Sunday is also Valentine's Day. I suspect the news media will have lots of stories of over priced flower sellers and high restaurant prices but no mention of Lent!

With every good wish for a joyful and life transforming Lent.

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:

Time: 9:30am / 11:30am Venue: Life Centre, LG/F Topic: Following Jesus Ages 0 - under 3

Kidzone:

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

Topics: Unit Value: Faith + Prayerfullness Ages 3-6: Jesus Did Good Things

Topics: Unit Value: Creativity + Peace Ages 7-10: Jesus: His Miracles

YOUTH

youth@standrews.org.hk

Fusion Sunday Programme:

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

Ages: 11-18

Fusion Growth Groups:

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

Home4U

Time: 2:00pm-5:00pm, every Sunday

Venue: 1/F Old Vicarage

Join us today as we will continue our study in the book of Colossians.

Topic: Jesus our lifestyle -Colossians 3:1-4:1

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.

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.

Upcoming Events





Enquiries or Sign-ups?

Please go to the Hub or church website



St. Barnabas' Society and Home (SBSH) -Flag Day Volunteer Recruitment 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 TODAY (14 February).

Golden Flag is also available for sale.

Church News

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The church council has reviewed the 2014 electoral roll during their February meeting. A list of ER members were proposed to be deleted as they no longer worship with us, which is posted at the HUB.

If you are on the electoral roll, please check if your name is there. Please inform the church office if you know anyone on the ER that no longer attends St Andrew's Church. Thank you.

The electoral roll is opened until Sunday 6 March.

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



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.



(pthstudent@standrews.org.hk)

Recruitment of Cantonese Classes teachers/helpers. Further details please contact Jane Hu



Refreshments are available after each service. Please drop your used paper into the recycling box.



Induction Loop installed. Please switch your earpiece to T position.



Turn off your mobile whilst in church.

Keep your belongings with you at all times.

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 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:30-10:00pm

Venue: Auditorium, Life Centre

For more information or to sign up, please contact June

(june@standrews.org.hk).

Sermon

New Sermon Series - The Best Life - Freedom, Generosity & Simplicity

14 February

The Blessed Life Matthew 5:1-12

21 February

True Disciples Matthew 5:13-16



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

Love Jesus . Teach the Bible . Build Community . Share the Gospel . Love the City