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ANNUAL REPORT



Rubbing of St. Paul's College Stone Signage
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MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHIVIST



The last two years have been difficult for people all over the world. Although we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, we remain very concerned about COVID-19 here in Hong Kong as we carry on with our daily work. We consider ourselves fortunate to be in Hong Kong where the pandemic situation has been well monitored and controlled.

For the archives, the necessary social precautions have enabled us to continue with much of our work that requires individual attention: research and writing, indexing and cataloguing, reaching out to the wider world, new acquisitions, conservation and document repair. As you will see in this annual report, we have also been able to welcome more visitors, including researchers, interns and volunteers, and small groups. It is important for archives such as ours to reach out to the Church, academic institutions and the broader community for the mutual enrichment that helps us to grow and develop.

This year, I would like to make special mention of our internship program, which has become widely recognized in Hong Kong and abroad. This past summer we had four interns from three institutions, all of whom are continuing their advanced studies in history and related fields. Each member of our staff taught them, trained them and supervised their work, and in so doing, we were helping with the education of a new generation of women and men who are conscious of the importance of archival preservation and local history. You can read more about the interns in the pages that follow, and you might consider recommending students you know to apply for an internship through their institutions.

On behalf of our Archives staff, we extend to each of you our best wishes for Christmas. May 2022 be a year of renewal and new beginnings.

Philip Z. Wickie

HKSKH Provincial Archivist

TRANSITIONS



INSTALLATION SERVICE OF ARCHBISHOP ANDREW CHAN

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui held the Installation Service of Archbishop and Primate on 3 January 2021 at St. John's Cathedral for the Most Revd Andrew Chan, formerly bishop of Western Kowloon. He was elected archbishop in October 2020.



ARCHBISHOP PAUL KWONG RETIRES

The Most Revd Dr. Paul Kwong retired on 1 January 2021. A Thanksgiving Service on the occasion of His Grace's retirement was held on 27 December 2020 at St. John's Cathedral. In the sermon, then Archbishop-elect of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Andrew Chan, praised Archbishop Kwong for his leadership and his initiative in engaging the church with the community over the years.

ENTHRONMENT OF THE RT. REVD MATTHIAS CLEMENT DER

The Rt. Revd Matthias Der was enthroned as the third Bishop of Hong Kong Island on 2 January 2021 (Saturday, the Feast of SS Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus). The enthronement service took place during a morning prayer. The photo shows Bishop Der following the long tradition of knocking on the door of St. John's with his staff, seeking entry into the Cathedral.



NEW ACQUISITIONS

A vote of thanks to our parishes and church members for their support for our Archives work. In 2021, the HSKK Archives was enriched by a number of acquisitions, including personal records, historical documents, photos and artefacts. We have also added books to our library.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL RECORDS



THE REVD JAMES CHIEN PAPERS



THE REVD CHIU LIN CHUN MATERIALS



PRAYER BOOK



SCHOOL DOCUMENTS



HISTORICAL PHOTOS



INTERNS & VOLUNTEERS



Crystal CHOI



Phailin LEESIRICHAKUL



Daisy SZE



Daniel JONES

Welcome to our interns! There were four interns joining us this summer. They came respectively from SOAS, University of London, Hong Kong Baptist University, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a local international high school. The interns worked on indexing and arranging the Archives records, conducted research, and produced a finders' guide. One intern also worked on a special project comparing Prayer Books. A series of visits and workshops were organized for them.



Paper Conservation Workshop



Tung Lin Kwok Yuen Archives Visit



FLASH BACK ON OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

by Michelle Lin, Executive Assistant of HKSKH Archives



Our Archives has collaborated with local universities through our internship program since 2013. Over the years we have received over 30 interns. Occasionally, a face from the past drifts into my mind. I recalled that a summer intern phoned me up one day many years ago to say that she was very interested in Archives work and hoped to further her studies in Archives or Library records management overseas. Our Archivist, Professor Wickeri, agreed to write a reference letter for her university application. We also arranged a consultation for her with a professional working in a library archives. A few years later, I received an email from her, telling me she had graduated with a degree in Library Management. Her new job will be working in the library of a SKH secondary school. How nice—and what a coincidence!

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Three volunteers were recruited through St. John's Cathedral to work on indexing and arrangement of the Cathedral records. In addition, Ms. Cher Kwong worked with a colleague on the Dr. James Chien Collection. We appreciate their participation and their contribution to our Archives work.



Volunteers recruited from St. John's Cathedral: Rosana, the Archivist, Martin and Naomi from left to right



The Archivist and Ms. Kwong

ARCHIVES ACTIVITIES

VIRTUAL TOUR OF HKSKH ARCHIVES



HKSKH Archives was invited by SKH Ming Hua Theological College to take part in a "Worldwide-live tours" project. The Archives co-operated with Rapidswide Company & The Library Fair Committee, Japan and the Libraries Research Group of Charles Sturt University, Australia, to present a 40-minute introduction and tour of our work online on 12 June 2021.

BOOK LAUNCH & RECITAL

A Book Launch for *Hong Kong's Last English Bishop The Life and Times of John Gilbert Hindley Baker* by Philip L. Wickeri, our Archivist, was held in the Archives on 16 October. The Launch was followed by a recital featuring performances by Mr. Adam Mok on the Guqin and Dr. Chen Ruiwen on the piano.



HAPPY VALLEY CEMETERY TOUR

A historical tour to the Happy Valley Cemetery was organized by the Archives on 23 October 2021. Thirty participants toured the Chapel of the Resurrection located there, which served as a chapel-of-ease for St. John's Cathedral prior to the Second World War. The group also visited the graves of various well-known Hong Kong and SKH-related figures.



RESEARCHERS & VISITORS

The HKSKH Archives closed 4 December 2020 and reopened for research and visits on 22 February 2021. Since the reopening we have received about 20 researchers working on a variety of topics involving areas of SKH history. Most are doctoral students, while others are church members, local students, or persons with an interest in local history.



Our Archives had 41 guests in 2020 and so far more than 260 guests in 2021. We also received several groups of visitors during this year. These included principals and religious teachers at SKH schools, the youth group of St. Matthias' Church, the Hong Kong Methodist Church Archives Committee, a Chung Chi College group and a student group from the University of Hong Kong.



Visit of St. Paul's College

Presentation of a framed rubbing
of its stone signage



The Bishop's House, which now houses the Archives, originally also housed St. Paul's College. To celebrate its 170th anniversary, the College invited a conservation expert, Dr. Karen Fong, who is also the parent of a St. Paul's student, to make a rubbing of the original stone signage of that institution, which includes an accompanying couplet (聖保羅書院 恭敬天主 愛人如己), in the Bishop's House, in July. St. Paul's College representatives and Dr. Fong visited our Archives on 24 November to present a framed rubbing of the signage. Archbishop Andrew Chan, Bishop Matthias Der and Bishop Emeritus Thomas Soo were invited by the College to share and witness to this meaningful moment. The College principal, Mr. Dennis Yuen, noted that the project was a collaboration between the Church, the College, teachers and parents, thus renewing the historical ties between the Church and the College.



RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

HISTORICAL RESEARCH CENTRE

The Centre for Historical Research of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives conducts research on the history of Anglicanism and Christianity in Greater China. We are compiling a listing of Anglican clergy from the early nineteenth century to the present; preparing a series of booklets on HKSKH bishops; and identifying Chinese Christians and foreign missionaries who have been related to Anglican history. Some of this is reflected in our book series “Sheng Kung Hui: Historical Studies of Anglican Christianity in China” published by the Hong Kong University Press. We are also publishing histories of selected Hong Kong parishes in Chinese, as well as essays in Chinese and in English for peer reviewed journals and other publications.

BOOK PUBLICATIONS

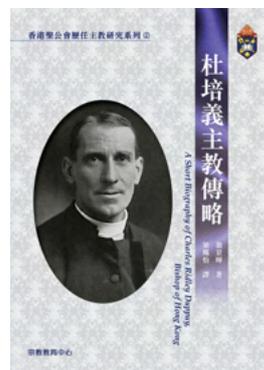
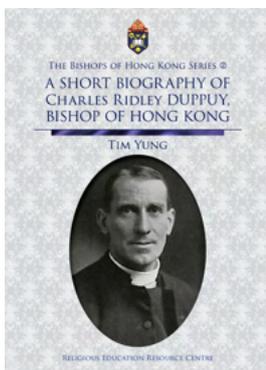
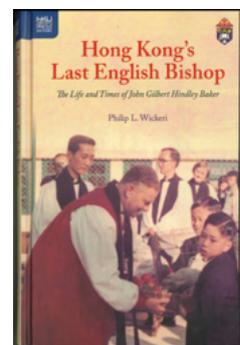
Hong Kong's Last English Bishop

The Life and Times of John Gilbert Hindley Baker

Author: Philip L. Wickeri

Series: Sheng Kung Hui: Historical Studies of Anglican Christianity in China

Publisher: HKU Press (published in October 2021)



A SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF CHARLES RIDLEY DUPPUY, BISHOP OF HONG KONG

with Chinese translation 《杜培義主教傳略》

Author: Tim Yung

Series: The Bishops of Hong Kong Series 2

Publisher: HKSKH Religious Education Resource Centre

(Published in November 2021)

**More
Publications
are Coming!**



《福音永流：香港聖公會聖士提反堂史（1865-2015）》
THE EVERFLOWING GOSPEL: THE HISTORY OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH (1865-2015)
(in Chinese)

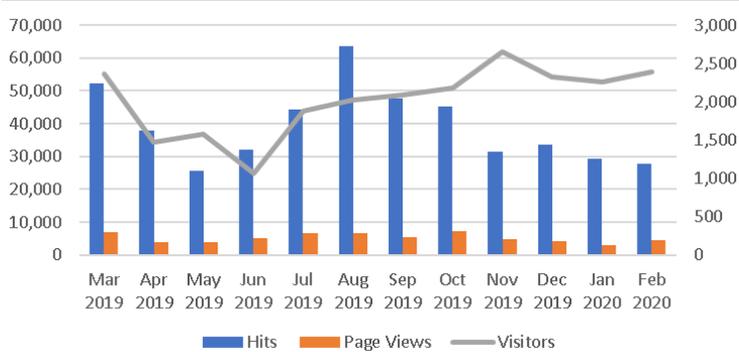
Dr Chen Ruiwen has finished writing a history of St. Stephen's Church. The book consists of six chapters, covering the period from 1865 to 2020 and will be published in 2022.

WEBSITE & FACEBOOK

GENERAL WEBSITE STATISTICS

2019 Mar - 2020 Feb

Website Monthly Activities

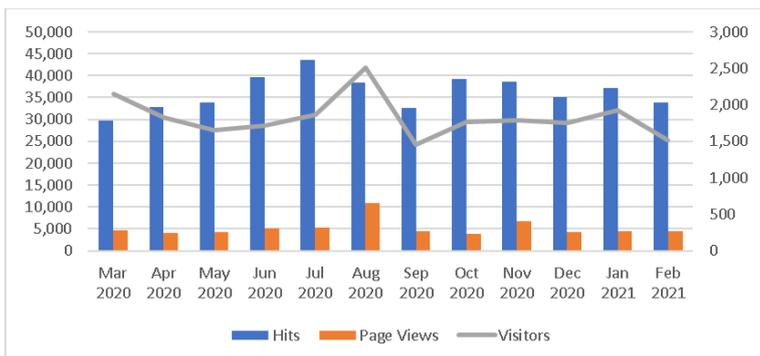


Visitors (Most Active Countries & Regions)



2020 Mar - 2021 Feb

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ARCHIVES FACEBOOK PAGE

The Archives Facebook Page was launched in January 2021. It is updated two to three times a week with historical photographs of churches and schools, announcements and sharing about our Archives work, activities and updated news. Currently we have about 380 followers.



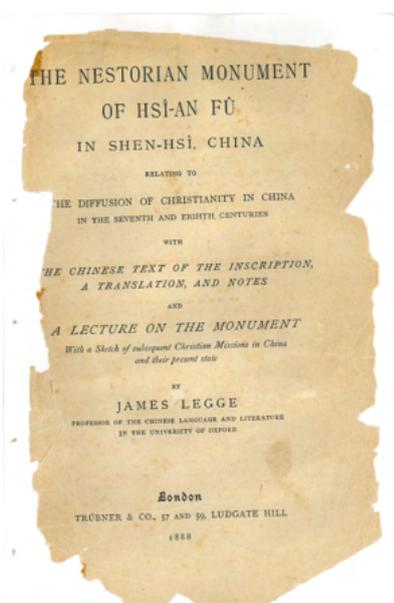
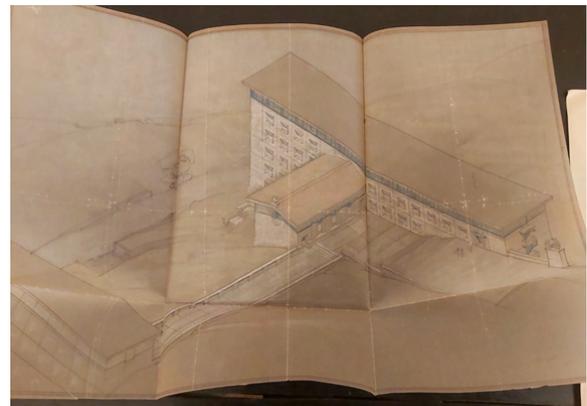
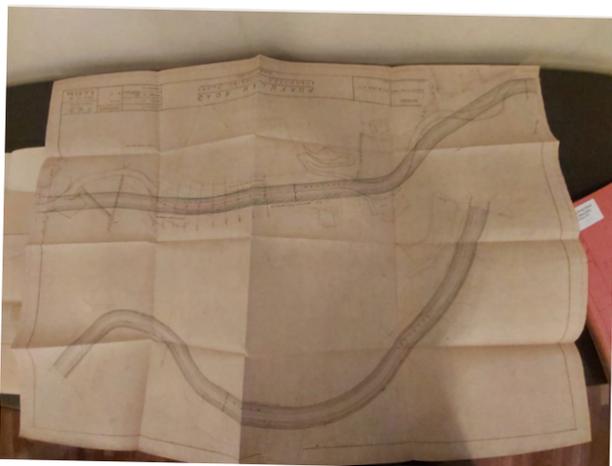
RECORDS ARRANGEMENT & CONSERVATION

RECORDS ARRANGEMENT, INDEXING AND SCANNING



The Archives conducts ongoing work in records arrangement, indexing and scanning. Bishop Gilbert Baker's correspondence has been properly indexed. Finding aids have also been made for materials on some of our Bishops.

CONSERVATION WORK



In the course of our daily Archives work, we encounter paper documents and records that are fragile or damaged. If possible, and within our abilities, our staff tries to apply what we have learned in our Conservation Course to repair these documents. For example, we applied these repair techniques to flatten the folded plans shown above and mount them on cardboard for preservation.



SHARING OUR WORK

BY TIFFANY KONG, HKSCH ARCHIVES

This year I had the honour of handling and establishing a special collection of Dr. Chien Ming Nian (James Chien). Our Archives acquired these materials through generous donations from Holy Carpenter Church and built a special collection from them.

Dr. Chien was an Anglican priest in Hong Kong and a social worker who made remarkable achievements in the local and international drug rehabilitation field. He was ordained a deacon in the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui by Bishop Baker in 1980 and ordained as non-stipendiary clergy by Bishop Peter Kong-kit Kwong in 1985. After that, he served in St. John's Cathedral and Holy Carpenter Church.

In reading his life, I was deeply impressed by his talent, efforts, passion and dedication to service. He continued to study and research various ways to improve drug rehabilitation and treatment work in response to changes in society. Although I have never met Dr. Chien, I can still be touched by his lifelong love for God and people and his passion for serving the community.

I believe that one of the missions of our Archives is to give thanks for the achievements of our predecessors and to pass on the spirit of their dedication.

SHARING OUR WORK

BY DR. CHEN RUIWEN
RESEARCHER, HKSCH ARCHIVES

One of the things that has brought me great satisfaction this year is the completion of my book: *The Everflowing Gospel: The History of St. Stephen's Church (1865-2015)*. Many people helped me in my task, and I am very grateful to all of them. St. Stephen's may be regarded as the mother church for Chinese Anglicanism in Hong Kong. Its parish history is, therefore, a microcosm of the Hong Kong Anglican church as a whole. St. Stephen's is a church family, but it is part of an extended family. The extended family in the case of St. Stephen's includes other churches, the diocese and the province. Elements in the history of a parish are unique, but the parish is also part of a broader picture. This is especially the case for churches with an episcopal system of church order, such as the Sheng Kung Hui. In the parish histories of the HKSCH, especially those of the five oldest Chinese churches, of which St. Stephen's was the first, we can continually find parallels and make linkages. A parish history provides the detail that cannot easily be duplicated in more general histories. It is a particular history that is related to the regional, the national and the universal.



FUTURE PLANS

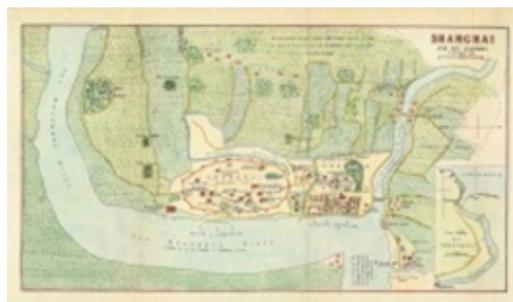
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The Archives has begun conducting oral histories with Anglican clergy and church members. More details will be available later.



EXHIBITION OF “CHRISTIANITY AND THE MAPPING OF CHINA”

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, there was no Open Day in 2021. The Archives is planning to hold an exhibition of “Christianity and the Mapping of China” in the spring of 2022. Exhibits will be mainly selected from the Archives collection.



A HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI

The Archives has been asked by Archbishop Andrew Chan to write a short history of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. The Revd Professor Philip L. Wickeri and Dr. Chen Ruiwen have taken up the project.



OUTREACH PROGRAM & COLLABORATION WITH OTHER INSTITUTIONS



Holy Trinity Cathedral Archives Gallery

Our Archivist, the Revd Professor Philip L. Wickeri, was invited by St. John's College Archives to serve their Archives Board as advisor in August. He was also invited to visit the new Holy Trinity Cathedral Archives Gallery in November. We plan to arrange for more exchange visits with our existing parish and school archives and to explore the possibility of future cooperation through an outreach program to promote the awareness of preservation and conservation of Anglican archives records.