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Message from the Archivist

As we approach the end of Advent, let me take the opportunity to wish all of you our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. HKS KH clergy and laity, our Advisory Board members, friends and researchers near and far have helped to sustain us during this very difficult year .

As this newsletter shows, we have managed to accomplish quite a bit during this pandemic year. Much of the work of any archives goes on behind the scenes – indexing and cataloguing, conservation and book repair, research and writing. We have made good progress in all of these areas. However, we have had to limit the number of visitors, researchers, and interns, and we have not been able to visit other archives and historical sites as much as we would have liked.

We will continue in our work, and we look forward to welcoming you to visit us when this becomes possible. The poem below reminds us of the wonder of this season.

Yours,

Philip L. Wickeri

Philip L. Wickeri
Provincial Archivist

《天嬰》冰心 1921

我這時是在什麼世界呢？
看呵！繁星在天，夜色深深——
在萬千天使的歌聲裡，
和平聖潔的宇宙中，
有天嬰降生。

“Heavenly Child” (1921) Bing Xin

What world is this I've entered?
Behold! A myriad of stars shine in
the deep, dark night—
A host of angels sing, in a pure and
peaceful universe,
The heavenly child is born.

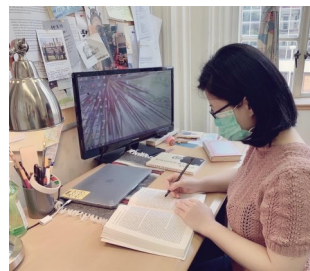
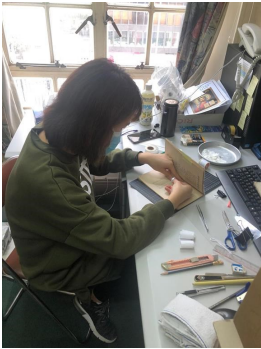


From the Bamberger Psalter
1200-1230

A Word of Thanks to Archbishop Paul

The Archives was established by Archbishop Paul Kwong in January 2010. Over the past decade, we formed our Archives Advisory Committee, indexed and catalogued records, collaborated with others in digitization projects and our internship program, set up our website, actively engaged in areas of acquisition, conservation, research and publications relating to the history of the Anglican Church and the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui. We are grateful to Archbishop Paul for his continuous support and guidance over the years. We would like to take this opportunity to send His Grace our best wishes for a blessed and fruitful retirement in January 2021. We have even heard that he hopes to come and work with us at the Archives in the future. This would be our delight.





How We Spend Our Time During Pandemic Closure

Under the COVID-19 pneumonia epidemic, the staff of our Archives were still hard at work in their respective positions. We work together to ensure that archives and research work, such as archive indexing and arrangement, historical research, book publishing and archives restoration can continue.

Visit to the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon



Visit the HKSKH Diocese of Eastern Kowloon

On the morning of 24th June, our Archives paid a visit to the HKSKH Diocese of Eastern Kowloon and Holy Trinity Cathedral. We were warmly received and had a pleasant conversation with Bishop Timothy Kwok and colleagues. In the afternoon, we visited the “Kwong Yat Sau Rock” (龐日修峰) and “Anglican Church Alms House” (廣蔭老人院) which are in Kowloon Walled City Park. By seeing these heritage sites, we all got a chance to recognize the contributions of the Revd Kwong Yat-sau (龐日修) through his missionary work among the poor in Kowloon City.

Image of the Week



St. Stephens Church (built in 1888)
Pokfulam Road, HK Island

Website Development

The Archives Website created a new column called “Image of The Week” in June 2020. Different historical images are uploaded once a week with simple captions in English and Chinese and can be downloaded in full size. The website (archives.hkskh.org) continues updating our news and recent developments.



Visit to St. John's College Archives ,
10 July 2020

Internship Program

Since 2011 our Archives has received twenty-eight interns, including twenty-four from Hong Kong, two from overseas and two from Mainland China. This past summer we had two young students, Jeffrey Ng and Tao Wai Kit from the Hong Kong Baptist University as interns. They helped on the indexing of Bishop Gilbert Baker's records, worked on a history book project and the production of videos introducing the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives. Apart from this, we organized visits and conservation workshops for the interns so they can better understand the nature of archival work.

Conservation Course 2020

A Paper and Book Conservation Course was conducted in July with seven lessons in the Bishop's House and a practical full-day workshop in Yuen Long. We invited Mr. Lai Chung Ying, a conservation expert and Miss Emma Lau, a conservation specialist to be our teachers. There were seven participants, including two staff from the Archives, colleagues from SKH Ming Hua Theological College Library and others respectively from local Church and universities' Archives. The course was very informative and we could apply what we have learned for simple book and paper conservation.

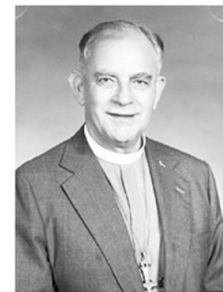


Learning how to repair paper document

Publications

The Archives was working on the publication of three books in 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a slight delay in publication. We hope these books will come out in 2021.

- (1) *A Short Biography of Bishop Duppy*
杜培義主教小傳
- (2) 香港聖公會聖士提反堂史 (1865-2020)
(Chinese Only)
- (3) *Hong Kong's Last English Bishop: The Life and Times of John Gilbert Hindley Baker*
(English Only)



The History of Chinese Christianity: An Intercultural Perspective

The History of Chinese Christianity: An Intercultural Perspective 《中國基督教史：一種跨文化的視野》，edited by the Revd Professor Philip L. Wickeri and Professor Tao Feiya includes eighteen chapters by scholars covering almost the entire history of Christianity in China from the Tang Dynasty to 1949. These include Ruiwen Chen, our HKSKH Researcher. The book will be published in Beijing. And English version will follow.





Annual Retreat 2020

The HKSKH Archives had a retreat at Tao Fung Shan Shatin Centre on 20th November. The theme of the retreat was “Beginning Again: The Future of the HKSKH Archives.” From left to right are Ms. Tiffany Kong, The Revd Professor Philip L. Wickeri, Ms. Michelle Lin and Dr. Ruiwen Chen. We shared about our work, reviewed progress over the past year and made plans for the coming year. All of us are very excited about future projects.



Future Plans

- ◇ Publication of books mentioned above
- ◇ Open Day in Spring 2021, in co-operation with the HKSKH Welfare Council & the Provincial Standing Commission on Social Service
- ◇ Organization of files after 1981
- ◇ Search for materials from individual Anglicans, churches and schools
- ◇ Continuation of the internship program
- ◇ New areas of writing and research

Appeal for Archives Donations

Our Archives welcomes donations of historical photos, documents, publications and artifacts relating to the history of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui or the Chinese Anglican tradition. We have particular interest in various editions of the Chinese Book of Common Prayer, in both original and digitized formats. You are welcome to contact our Archives either by email (archives@hkskh.org) or by phone (852) 25265221 if you would like to donate materials to our Archives.

Recent Acquisitions

Our Archives has been enriched by several new acquisitions in 2020:

- ◇ British and Foreign Bible Society, Shanghai, 1919 (Ed.1552) Mandarin Bible, Union Version (facsimile)
- ◇ Materials from the late Canon Luke Cheung
- ◇ Early hymn book of the Diocese of Hong Kong & Macao
- ◇ Canon Ho Sai Ming Publications
- ◇ St. Paul's Church historical photos and bound volumes of pew sheets

