

2022 Annual Report



HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI ARCHIVES

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Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives in Martin House (Former Church Guest House)

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHIVIST



Dear Friends,



This has been an important year for us, in difficult times. Especially in the first half of 2022, we continued to be affected by disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Then, in July we moved lock, stock and barrel from Bishop's House to our new premises in Martin House on Upper Albert Road. Bishop's House is now being renovated. Sorting out boxes after the move took most of the next few months, but we have been back at our regular work since the end of the summer.

Annie Ernaux, this year's Nobel Prize laureate in Literature has written about the all-consuming power of the internet in locating information:

because the web was the royal road for the remembrance of things past. Archives and all the old things that we'd never even imagined being able to find again arrived with no delay. Memory became inexhaustible, but the depth of time, its sensation conveyed through the odor and yellowing of paper, bent-back pages, paragraphs underscored in an unknown hand, had disappeared. Here we live in the infinite present.

We have done our share of digitizing frequently used documents and periodicals at the HKSKH Archives. But we also give great attention to "the depth of time," our stacks still convey the sensation of the odor of time and the yellowing of paper, and paragraphs underscored in an unknown hand have not disappeared. In short, we are entrusted with carrying the HKSKH tradition forward in our indexing, our writing and our lectures and talks.

God came to us in Jesus of Nazareth more than two thousand years ago, and we celebrate this event through our history and in our faith today. Best wishes for the Christmas season and for the New Year.

Philip Z. Wicken

HKSKH Provincial Archivist

ABOUT THE ARCHIVES IN THE PAST DECADE

2010

- Archbishop Paul Kwong proposed to establish the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives.

2011

- Preparation for the Archives began.

2012

- The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives was set up with offices in the Bishop's House on Lower Albert Road in Central, Hong Kong.
- The Revd Professor Philip L. Wickeri was appointed by Archbishop Paul Kwong as the Provincial Archivist.
- To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui, an International Conference "Sheng Kung Hui - Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future: Anglican-Episcopal History in China and its impact on the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui" was held from 7-9 June.
- Ms. Martha Lund Smalley, head of Special Collections and Curator of the Day Missions Collection at the Yale University Divinity School Library, was invited to conduct a Workshop on Archives Management for the Archives in June after the International Conference.



2013



- Organizing and indexing of Archives records and photos was begun.
- Our Internship Program started and also collaboration with overseas Anglian bodies and local universities.
- Publication of Book: *Imperial to International: A History of St. John's Cathedral, Hong Kong*, Stuart Wolfendale, was published in May by Hong Kong University Press (HKU Press).

2014

- Visited local, overseas and Mainland China Archives to acquire materials on Hong Kong Anglican Church and Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hui.
- Publication of book: 《萬代要稱妳有福 — 香港聖公會聖馬利亞堂史(1912-2012)》, 魏克利 (Philip L. Wickeri) / 陳睿文 (Chen Ruiwen), was published in December by Christian Study Centre on Chinese Religion & Culture (CSCCRC).

2015

- The Archives Advisory Committee was established and held its 1st Meeting on 16 January.
- Publication of Book: *Christian Encounters with Chinese Culture: Essays on Anglican and Episcopal History in China*, Philip L. Wickeri, was published in May by HKU Press.



International Archives Day 2015

- Participation in outreach program organized by the Hong Kong Archives Society on 13 June to celebrate the International Archives Day. There were exhibitions from local archives and lectures from prominent archivists, historians and academics.

- Organized Paper and Book Conservation Course for archives staff and members from SKH units from October to December.
- Publication of Book: *The Practical Prophet: Bishop Ronald O. Hall of Hong Kong and His Legacies*, Moira M.W. Chan-Yeung, was published in December by HKU Press.

2016

- The Archives 1st Open Day was held on 2 April 2016.
- Conducted archival lecture and workshop with HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College. Ms. Martha Lund Smalley was invited as guest speaker to share on topics of “Archives in a Digital Age” and “Developing a School or Parish Archive” in April.
- In July, the Archives staff went on a historical tour of Guangzhou with SKH Bishop Mok Sau Tseng Secondary School. We met with the grandsons of Bishop Mok Shau Tsang. Visited The Church of Our Saviour and the Protestant Cemetery where Bishop and Mrs. Mok were buried.
- Renovated fireproof room in the Bishop's House as repository for storage of historical documents and rare books.

2017

- HKSKH Archives Website launched on 22 March.
- 2017 Archives Open Day (“The Prayer Book in the History of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui”) was held on 25 March.
- The History Advisory Committee and the Archives Advisory Committee held their respective last meetings on 21 June and 19 July and the two committees were later combined into one in 2018
- Publication of Book: 《華北地區的聖公會》, 左芙蓉, was published in July by 宗教文化出版社.

2018

- The History and Archives Advisory Committee (combination of the History Advisory Committee and the Archives Advisory Committee) was formed and held its 1st meeting on 7 March.
- 2018 Archives Open Day (“Towards the Formation of the Province, 1849-1998”) was held on 24 March.
- Publication of book: *A Short Biography of John Shaw Burdon, Bishop of Hong Kong*, and the Chinese version 《包爾騰主教傳略》, Ruiwen Chen, was published in May by Religious Education Resource Centre.
- The Archives organized a one-day seminar on archival management for two interns from Rikkyo University in Japan, for an exchange program organized by HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College.
- Dr. Ruiwen Chen was invited to undertake a research trip to the U.K. and more than 4000 photos of documents were obtained from Lambeth Palace Library and Birmingham University Library (CMS Publication).
- Publication of book: *Christian Women in Chinese Society*, Wai Ching Angela Wong & Patricia P.K. Chiu, HKU Press together with a Chinese book about Anglican women 《聖公會敘事: 基督教婦女與華人會》陳睿文,周舒燕, The Commercial Press (HK) Ltd. were published in 2018 and a book launch for the two books was held in October.

Book Publications in 2018 and 2019



2019

- The Archives team had exchange visit to the Roman Catholic Archives in Macau on 12 February.
- 2019 Archives Open Day (“Education for A Better Society: Historical Contributions of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Schools”) was held on 30 March.
- An additional column “Photo of the Week” and a new searchable function for online resources was added to the Archives website in June.
- The Provincial Archivist and Dr. Chen Ruiwen were invited to visit the Vatican Library after attending a Conference in Germany in 2019. They spent three days there.
- Publication of Book: *Thy Kingdom Come: A Photographic History of Anglicanism in Hong Kong, Macau, and Mainland China*, Philip L. Wickeri and Ruiwen Chen, was published in July by HKU Press and a book launch was held on 18 September.

2020

- The Archives were closed for visitors and researchers in February due to the pandemic and re-opened for research on 4 May 2020 on a limited basis.
- An 8-session Paper and Book Conservation Course together with a one-day practical workshop was conducted from July to November.



Conservation Class & Workshop

2021

- Archives Facebook Page was launched in January.
- Volunteer Work Program commenced in March. The volunteers were recruited via SKH churches or internal referral to assist in the Archives work.
- Virtual Tour of HKSKH Archives, in co-operation with Ming Hua Theological College, Japanese universities and Charles Sturt University of Australia, was conducted on 12 June.
- Rubbing work to the stone signage of St. Paul's College school motto “聖保羅書院 恭敬天主 愛人如己” in the Bishop's House garden was carried out by a conservation specialist appointed by St. Paul's College in July.
- The Archivist was invited to join the Advisory Committee of St. John's College Archives in August.
- Publication of book: *Hong Kong's Last English Bishop: The Life and Times of John Gilbert Hindley Baker*, Philip L. Wickeri, was published in October by HKU Press and a book launch was held on 16 October.
- Happy Valley Cemetery Historical Tour with a group of 30 people was organized on 23 October.
- Publication of book: *A Short Biography of Charles Ridley Duppy, Bishop of Hong Kong*, in English by Tim Yung and its translated version 《杜培義主教略傳》 by Florence Leong, were published in November by the Religious Education and Resource Centre.



Hong Kong Cemetery Tour

A YEAR FULL OF CHALLENGES

In 2022, the Archives went through the 5th wave of the Covid pandemic and office relocation. Although our work arrangement, office setting and plans for events and activities need to be adjusted, everything went smooth and turned to be on the right tract gradually.



Office Relocation



Because of the renovation of the Bishop's House, our Archives was relocated to 1A Martin House (former Church Guest House) on Upper Albert Road, Hong Kong since July 2022.



Packing up documents in Bishop's House



Martin House Archives Entrance



Repository

Visitors & Researchers

Due to the Covid pandemic in early 2022 and later the office relocation, the Archives could only able to receive limited number of visitors and researchers. Up till mid December, the Archives had more than 80 guests and researchers.



The Archivist and our guest, the Revd Duncan Dormor, Chief Executive / General Secretary of USPG

This year seven researchers made use of our records for research on different tops. They were professors, university students writing graduating papers or Ph.D. dissertations, SKH schools, and church members for writing history book, and research materials for publication.



Researcher

New Acquisitions

The Archives was enriched by a number of new acquisition, via donation, internal transfer and purchase in 2022, including historical photo, artefact, liturgical pamphlets and books.



Historical Photo

"Hong Kong - Upper College Road", c.1869.

Upper College Road is now known as Upper Albert Road. The building in the distance is the Upper College and was an annex of St. Paul's College.



Stone Scroll

A Scroll presented to Bishop R.O. Hall by the CHSKH and the Anglican Churches in Hong Kong in commemoration of the conferring upon him of the Decoration of the Red Precious Stone with Collar by the Central Government of China on its National Day, 10 October 1939.



Chinese Liturgy Pamphlets

- Morning Prayer and Eucharist Liturgy books used for the Mandarin Service of Christ Church in 1930s.
- Liturgy book with hymns for the Mandarin Service of the Church of the Good Shepherd and a special publication regarding the consecration of the Church in 1955.

Books



Biography of Canon Lee Shiu Keung

by Chou I-Fu, 1974

And three books written by Canon Lee:

- *A History of the Early and Medieval Church*, 1964
- *Into the Vineyard*, 1970
- *Spiritual Light - A Collection of Sermons & Essays*, 1976

Interns

Since the commencement of our internship program, more than 30 interns have been trained in our Archives. In the summer of 2022 we had two church members who participated in our internship program, Mr. Alex Lo, from St. Philip's Church and Miss Eileen Yim from All Saints' Cathedral. In line with their placement, a series of visits, seminars and practical workshops regarding Archives related work were arranged for them.



The Archivist presented a certificate of appreciation to Alex and Eileen at the end of their internship

Volunteers

Our volunteer program was suspended for a year since last November and resumed in October 2022. Two volunteers, Mr. Martin Ellison and Mrs. Rosanna Mak from the St. John's Cathedral came every Friday afternoon to continue with the indexing project of the Cathedral Archives. Another volunteer Megan Ho also helped our Archives work during her Christmas break in Hong Kong.



Rosanna and Martin with the Archivist



Megan with the Archivist

Rotation of Board Members

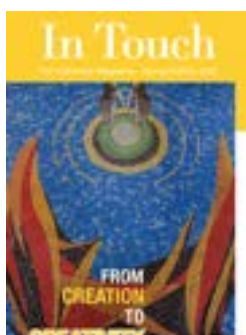


Board Meeting in the Bishop's House in May

The Archives work progressed well with the guidance and expertise advice from the Archives and History Advisory Committee. Two meetings were held in 2022. With the rotation off of several members in 2022, two new members were co-opted and two or three additional new members will be co-opted in 2023 .

In Touch Interview

The Archivist was interviewed by Mr. Michael Gibb, Editor of "In Touch" on 8 February 2022. "In Touch" is a quarterly periodical published by St. John's Cathedral. The Archivist shared with Mr. Gibb about the Archives work and our collections. "A Song of Eternal Ties" written by Dr. Ruiwen Chen was published on *In Touch* Winter Edition 2022.



Exchange Visits

The Archives visited St. Stephens Girls' College Archives with our summer interns and we were warmly received by the College. On 23 September, an exchange visit was coordinated by HKSXH Ming Hua Theological College to the Education University in Taipo to learn about their work in the Archives and Library.



Visit to St. Stephen's Girls' College Archives



Visit to Education University

Book Publication



《辦好教會》丁光訓與他的時代 (*Reconstructing Christianity in China: K.H. Ting and the Chinese Church*)

Author : Philip L. Wickeri

Translated by: Shirley Ni, Ren Xiu Zhe and Chen Ruiwen

Publisher: Logos & Pneuma Press

The book will be published at the end of December and will be available at all major Christian bookstores in Hong Kong for HK\$260.



《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)

Author: Chen Ruiwen

The book consists of seven chapters, covering the period from 1865 to 2015 and will be published in early 2023.

Archives Donations Wanted

Our Archives welcomes donations of historical photos, documents, publications and artefacts relating to the history of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui or more broadly, the Anglican tradition. We also welcome donations on the history of Christianity in Hong Kong and Mainland China. We are particularly interested in various editions of the Chinese Book of Common Prayer, in both original and digitized formats. If you would like to donate materials to our Archives, please contact us either by email (archives@hkskh.org) or by phone ((852) 2526-5221).

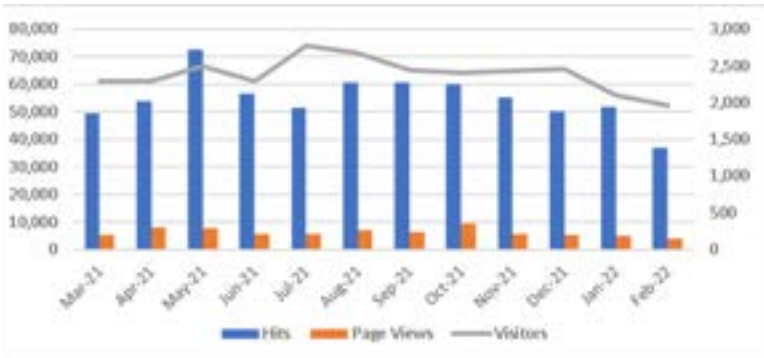


Website Statistics

Compared to 2021, the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui website had a general increase in terms of the number of visitors, hits and page views with respectively at the rates of 1.31%, 1.52% and 1.18%.

2021 Mar - 2022 Feb

Website Monthly Activities

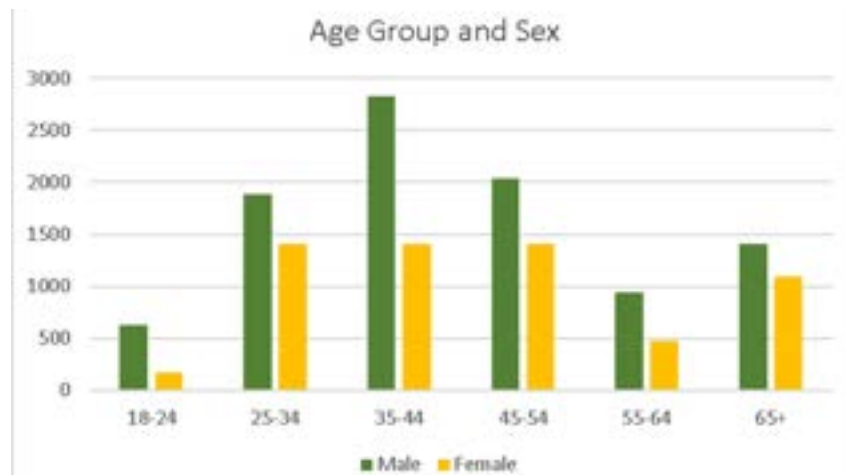


Visitors (Most Active Countries & Regions)



Facebook Page Statistics

The Archives Facebook Page currently has 679 followers. The following chart and table are general statistics conducted on the second week of December.



Facebook Page (Most Active Countries & Areas)

Rankings	Country / Region	Rankings	Country / Region
1	Hong Kong SAR	6	Singapore
2	Shanghai, Chinese Mainland	7	London, U.K.
3	Macau SAR	8	Tao Yuan City, Taiwan
4	Taipei City, Taiwan	9	Leeds, U.K.
5	New Taipei City, Taiwan	10	Toronto, Canada

Staff Training and Promotion

Congratulations to Ms. Tiffany Kong for completing a course on Archival Studies, for which she obtained a Postgraduate Diploma. Furthermore, upon graduation, she has been promoted to the position of Archives Assistant.



Ms. Tiffany Kong

Records Indexing & Digitization Work

The indexing and digitization work of the archives is still ongoing. We started the indexing of some of the CHSKH records and historical periodicals, including *St. John's Review* which was published from 1929 to 2012. Most of the Constitutions and Synod books have been digitized.



St. John's Review

Conservation Work



Our Archives conservation work includes preservation and restoration. We always try to preserve our records in good conditions in order to extend their life expectancy and avoid causing further damages. On the other hand, to restore damaged or fragile historical documents and important records to their original state or better state.



Map of Diocese of South China

Two historical maps in our Archives are now being repaired by conservation specialist and the maps will be the exhibits for our coming Map Exhibition in 2023.



Cathedral, Canton

Future Plans



- Establish online catalogue of our Archives and make more digitized materials available for research.
- In order to improve the management of records and retrieval capacity, the Archives are considering of using the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) System.
- In consideration of the increase rate of records and the limited storage space in our repository, part of our records will be stored off-site.

Coming Events

MAP EXHIBITION

The exhibition "Christianity And the Mapping of China" will be one of the events celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui in 2023. The exhibition will be held at St. John's Cathedral in April next year with exhibits of maps and some historical items.



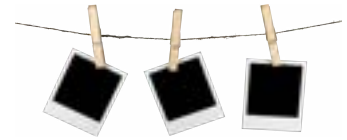
TALKS AND SEMINARS

In the coming year, talks about the importance of mapping will be conducted. The Archives will also co-operate with HKSKH Ming Hua Theological College for conducting talks and seminars about the history of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and some other topics related to the Archives work.

BOOK LAUNCH

Two publications are coming soon. The book launch for the two Chinese books 《辦好教會》丁光訓與他的時代 and 《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)*) will be held in 2023. Further announcements will be made in our Website and Facebook page.

The silhouette of time



CHSKH 100th Anniversary International Conference, 2012



Interns visited St. Stephen's Church Archives, 2013



Intern scanning photos, 2014



First Board Meeting of Archives Advisory Committee, 2015



Archives Seminar conducted by Ms. Martha Lund Smalley, 2016



Book Conservation Class, 2016



Opening Ceremony officiated by the then Bishop Andrew Chan on 2017 Archives Open Day



Open Day Volunteers, 2017



The Archivist showed Archbishop Paul Kwong our exhibits, Open Day, 2018



Guided Tour of the Bishop's House, 2018



Joint Choir from Alumni of St. Paul's College & St. Stephen's Girls' College, Open Day, 2019

The silhouette of time



The Archivist was awarded as "Distinguished Scholar", 2019



"Thy Kingdom Come" Book Launch, 2019



Archives Retreat at Tao Fong Shan, 2019



Visit to St. John's College Archives, 2020



Principals and teachers of Diocese of Eastern Kowloon visited the Archives, 2021



Archbishop Emeritus Peter Kwong visited the Archives, 2021



Researchers from Queen Elizabeth School, 2021



Study visit to the Archives with a group of students from the Chinese University of HK led by Professor Ying Fuk Tsang, 2021



Archives Christmas Gathering with Exhibits, 2022

Christmas & New Year Greetings from the Archives Team



The Archives Team (from Left to Right)

Dr. Chen Ruiwen (Researcher)

Ms. Michelle Lin (Executive Assistant)

The Revd Prof. Philip L. Wickeri (Archivist)

Ms. Tiffany Kong (Archives Assistant)

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