

Council Report

DISCOVERY BAY
CHURCH

8 January 2026



COSTUME BLESSING



PET BLESSING



SRI LANKAN



BETHUNE HOUSE DONATIONS



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY AND CHRISTINGLE

Bountiful Blessings

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We've had a great fourth quarter at DBC.

In October we held two Blessings—"of the Animals" on the 4th and "of the Costumes" on the 26th. We also donated nine boxes of rice and other pantry staples to Bethune House and joined the Michaelmas Fair.

The first three Sundays in November we launched our Stewardship Campaign with a handout and parishoner testimonials about giving to DBC. Praise the Lord we exceeded both numerical goals! Many people also stepped up to give their time and talents including a new member who is now singing most Sundays. (This has greatly improved the congregational singing!)

DBC expanded its language-based fellowship groups with a new Sri Lankan Fellowship. The group meets for additional prayer and song after Refreshments time. They also

meet on Friday nights for prayer and fellowship outside. We've been able to support this new group of women and they have blessed the church with their heart and faith.

Advent and Christmas were also wonderful. The past two years, a family has invited the congregation over for mulled wine and minced pies after our Lessons and Carols. This year, we were so big we moved it to church and changed it to minced pies and hot chocolate. We ran out of hot chocolate! Dean KK's visit on 21 Dec was well received to round out a faithful Advent.

Finally, on Christmas Eve, we had 240 people with over 50 children in the Nativity Pageant. And then 80(!) came on Christmas morning!

And... 29 Dec marked one full year since our arrival to Hong Kong. There's so much to be thankful for and so much to look forward to!

Drew+

Highlights:

QIV ASA = 95
Low = 52 (28 Dec)
High = 128 (All Saints)
2025 ASA = 80

Stewardship
Success! 13 new
pledges (up 92%);
Avg. Annual Pledge
up 100%

Blessing of the
Animals; Blessing of
the Costumes

New Sri Lankan
Fellowship

New cantor each
Sunday (with plans
to add more singers
for causal choir)

Harvest for Bethune
House; Michaelmas
Fair Support