Welcome!

I didn't even go to church last week. I actually can't remember the last time I missed church but I was with my son in Singapore for a wrestling tournament. And of course, it was held on a Sunday.

One of my favourite things to do when out of Hong Kong is to go to other churches and learn from them. But last week I couldn't even do that! All that to say: I missed being with you and am thrilled to be back today.

This series looks at 5 key events leading to the resurrection of Jesus and today we look at the event when Mary (as in Lazarus' and Martha's sister) pours oil on Jesus' feet. It's been captured in art and the story is familiar to many. Hopefully, today we will learn something more about this time when Jesus was anointed.

Brett

Are you new here?
Come to our Newcomers Lunch
Sunday, 6 May
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room

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BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.

BRING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP JESUS

OPTIMISE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

LOVE THE CITY

DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY

Bold Faith Fund [Target $1 Billion] Through February 2018

Received	$114.3 M	Outstanding Pledged	$24.9 M

Total Fund Received and Pledged $139.2 M

GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (27 WEEKS)

-0.3% deficit on giving

Budget	$39.3M
Giving	$39.2M
Variance	-$0.1M

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

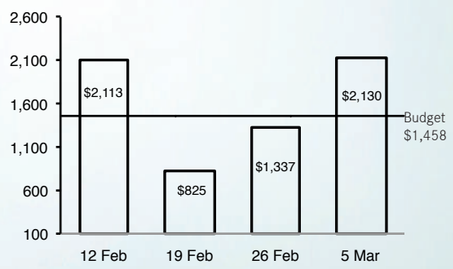
We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable:
- 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
- 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:
giving@islandecc.hk

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 – AUG 2018

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



WEEKLY

Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	2,113	825	1,337	2,130
Variance	655	(633)	(121)	672

ISLAND
EVANGELICAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

HOMESTRETCH

Anointed

March 11 2018 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY **DONATIONS TO ISLAND ECC**

Annual tax receipts will be issued mid-April for donations made to Island ECC from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. Donations should reach us by 31 March. Anything received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address with us, please email finance@islandecc.hk as soon as possible.

TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join the Tan family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Zachariah Seng-Kee Tan, born 28 Dec 2017, to parents Fred & Veronica (11:30am, 10/F).

MAR 18 **"WELCOME HOME" VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE**

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find out more about how you can serve! Please get a free ticket at the Connect Counter. Light lunch provided. Next Sunday, 18 March, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 11/F The Well. For more information, email serve@islandecc.hk.

MAR 18 **NURSERY PARENT TALK (EXPECTING AND AGE 0–1)**

Your family's ministry begins at birth and you have approximately 936 weeks from the time your child is born until they go to college. Come join our staff and other parents for fellowship and equipping as you begin the journey ahead. Next Sunday, 18 March, 9:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

MAR 23-24 **MOVEMENT DAY HONG KONG**

Registration Deadline: 18 March

Join with other Hong Kong churches for the first ever Movement Day, an event with a vision to unite and empower Christian leaders to change our city through the Gospel. It is a bilingual event held at EFCC Kong Fok Church in Admiralty and features great plenary sessions and specialised tracks on addressing pressing urban issues. Register for free at movementday.hk.

MAR 25 **KIDS CLUB FX: PEACE**

Come join us for Kids Club FX to learn all about peace, which is proving we care more about each other than winning arguments. Sunday, 25 March, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Please pick up free tickets from 9/F Welcome Desk.

MAR 30 **GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION**

Appreciate and celebrate God's amazing grace and love for us on Good Friday, the day we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross with worship, devotionals, reflection, and Communion together. Friday, 30 March, 7:30 pm on 1/F, 2/F, 10/F and 11/F.

APR 9 **ALPHA COURSE SPRING 2018**

Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxed setting. Starts Monday, 9 April, 7 pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha.

MAY 4-5 **MEN'S CONFERENCE: THE FIGHT**

What do men fight for? How do men overcome? These are questions every man faces at one point in their lives. Make a decision to fight passivity, be intentional and take courage. Join the Men's Conference to experience God's grace as a man. 4 - 5 May, Friday, 7 – 9:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 – 5 pm on 1/F. Register at islandecc.hk/mensconference.

CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes

MAR 11,18 **BAPTISM CLASS**

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend Sunday classes starting this week on 11 and 18 March, 3 – 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. If you can't make Sundays, please attend Wednesday classes, 14 and 21 March, 7 - 9 pm, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

MAR 18 **ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: SHAME AND RELATIONSHIPS**

Shame contaminates and destroys our relationships. Hear Dr David Allen explore the dynamics between the two to eliminate shame and improve our relationships. Next Sunday, 18 March, 3 – 4:30 pm 10/F Auditorium.

Kairos Philippines Mission Trip (Filipino Ministry)

OUTREACH

TODAY **GO OPEN HOUSE**

Do you feel intimidated or avoid conversation when your Muslim friends ask about your faith? Georges Houssney will share on how to answer Muslim's tough questions. He is known for supervising the translation of the Bible into Arabic and has a deep love for Muslims. Today, 2:30 – 4 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/go-open-house.

TODAY **HOME VISITATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus areas. We believe the needs in our city can only be met through consistent and healthy relationship building. Join us in a training to learn how to care for the physical, mental and spiritual needs of the deprived. Today, 1:15 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom. To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

MAR 28 **LOW-INCOME FAMILIES REGULAR HOME VISITS**

Sham Shui Po has the highest poverty rate of 24.7% in Hong Kong where many families' homes are no larger than 200 sq. ft. Hope of the City is looking for volunteers to care for these families on a monthly basis to show Christ's love. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

JUN 5-JUN 12 **YUNNAN MISSION TRIP**

Information Session: 18 March / Registration Deadline: 3 April

Because of natural disasters and poverty, parents from the poorest villages in Yunnan are forced to find jobs in the city and leave their children in mountain homes. Join us into these mountains to witness God's unchanging love. Info session on 18 March, 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Classroom or email go@islandecc.hk

JUL 21-JUL 28 **TAIWAN MISSION TRIP**

Information Session: 25 March / Registration Deadline: 14 April

Taiwanese aborigines are often characterised by their lack of resources and opportunities. In the past 5 years, we see God uniting various churches in Taitung to empower the Christian community on the east coast and are invited to be part of this mission again. Info session, Sunday, 25 March, 2 – 4 pm, 10/F Living Room.

JUL 27-AUG 5 / AUG 5-12 **MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP**

Information Session: 18 March / Registration Deadline: 8 April

This year we will be returning to Mongolia for a week-long summer camp from 27 July to 5 August in the countryside serving a hundred abandoned children. We will also spend a week in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar from 5 - 12 August reaching impoverished groups in the slum districts. Come to our info session, 1:30 – 3 pm, 11/F Classroom or email mongoliaiecc@gmail.com to find out more.

OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. Go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities for more information.

FULL-TIME VIDEO PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

We are looking for a creative individual with a passion for video to provide support in the creation of videos from beginning to end. Experience with basic film-making tools and with Adobe Premiere Pro, After Effects, and Photoshop is required. If you have a passion for the visual arts and a desire to learn more, we'd love to hear from you.

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2. VISIT OUR WEBSITE
3. CONNECT WITH US!

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FILIPINO *filipino@islandecc.hk*

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For other questions, please contact info@islandecc.hk

11 MARCH 2018

Anointed

3 While He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on His head.

4 Some of those present were saying indignantly to one another, "Why this waste of perfume? 5 It could have been sold for more than a year's wages and the money given to the poor." And they rebuked her harshly.

6 "Leave her alone," said Jesus. "Why are you bothering her? She has done a beautiful thing to Me. 7 The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have Me. 8 She did what she could. She poured perfume on My body beforehand to prepare for My burial. 9 Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her."

Mark 14:3-9

TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG

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