



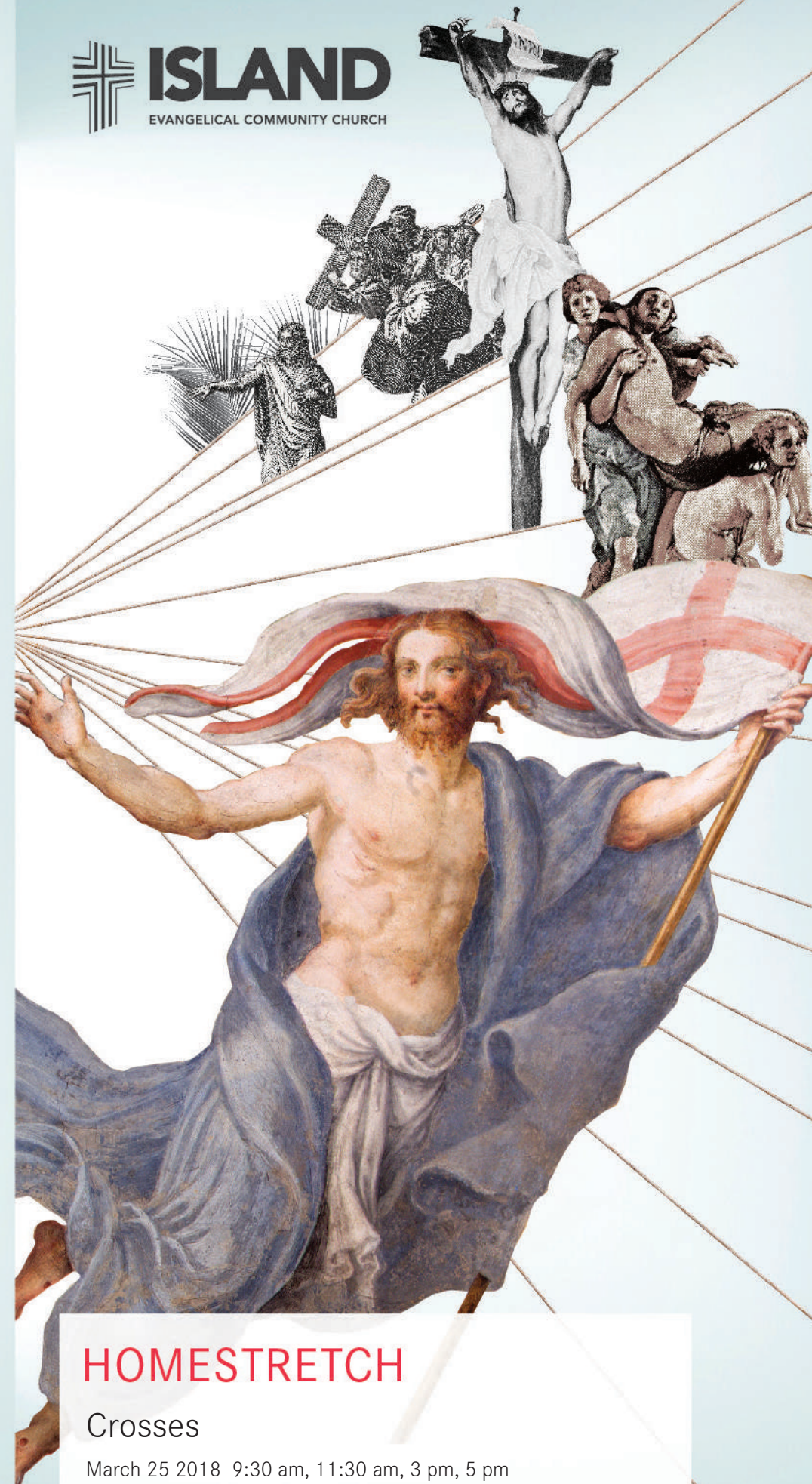
Welcome!

In the Christian calendar, today is celebrated as Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, where Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is remembered. All of the gospels record how Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem as people laid down their cloaks and palm branches to celebrate His life, singing part of Psalm 118:26: *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

We are so glad you chose to be in worship on this great day when we celebrate Jesus' life and what He has done for us.

This is the fourth week in our Homestretch series, where we are looking at five key events in Jesus' life that led to His resurrection, which we will celebrate as a church next week. Today, we look at the crucifixion of Christ which is of first importance to the Christian faith. I hope what you learn and experience will be meaningful.

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
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$139.2 M

GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (29 WEEKS)

4.3% surplus on giving

Budget	\$42.3M
Giving	\$44.1M
Variance	\$1.8M

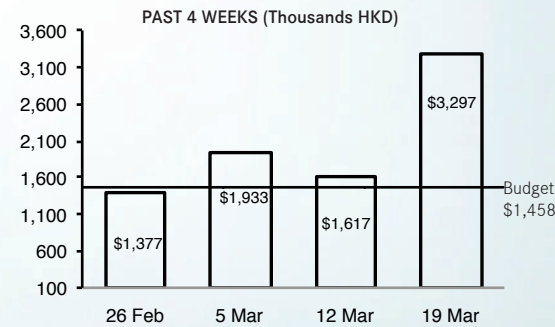
GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

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



WEEKLY

	26 Feb	5 Mar	12 Mar	19 Mar
Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	1,377	1,933	1,617	3,297
Variance	(81)	475	159	1,839

HOMESTRETCH

Crosses

March 25 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 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 address with us, email finance@islandecc.hk.

TODAY JOIN A NEW CARE GROUP

Care Groups are fun, safe places to connect with others and grow in your faith. We are excited to kick-off some new groups beginning after Easter Sunday with an exciting new series created by the pastors at Island ECC. Go to islandecc.hk/cgform now and we'd love to connect you.

TODAY 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. Today, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Please pick up free tickets from 9/F Welcome Desk.

MAR 30 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join us to 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.

MAR 30-APR 1 ISLAND YOUTH AND EASTER SERVICES

Island Youth will be worshipping alongside the adults in our Easter Sunday services. Youth are encouraged to worship with our church community 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.

APR 12 THRIVE WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Are you feeling lost, discouraged, empty, or anxious and would like to talk this over in a safe setting? Join other women for a seven-week Thursday evening support group led by two trained counsellors. Group discussion will take place in a confidential and safe space. Let's move from surviving to thriving. Thursdays, 12 April - 31 May, 7:30 - 9:30pm, 8/F Living Room.

APR 20 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Is your worship bold and seasoned? Are you praying as heirs with Christ in confidence, hope, faith and expectation? Come join us for a powerful night of worship featuring new songs. Doors open at 7 pm. Space is limited.

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. 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.

MAY 19 ORANGE TOUR HONG KONG

Join us for a one-day tour with family experts Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy. This tour aligns parents and the church, the two great influences in a child's life in a powerful partnership. For more information and tickets, visit orangetour.hk

CLASSES

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

APR 8 THE ART OF DATING

The differences between men and women lead to both joy and confusion. This class is for singles who want to explore the Biblical guidelines and learn practical tips for us to date in a manner that honours God. Sunday, 9 April, 3 - 4:30 pm, 11/F The Well.

APR 8 THE ART OF MARRIAGE

Every marriage is unique. Making marriage work can be demanding, but worth the effort to keep marriage vital. This class uses a small group structure with videos, guidebook, and discussion to help enrich any marriage. Sunday, 9 April, 11:30 am - 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

Kairos Philippines Mission Trip (Filipino Ministry)



OUTREACH

TODAY PRAY FOR JAPAN

We will be meeting again to pray for Japan. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, let us get together to pray at 11 am - 1 pm in 11/F Small Group Room. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

JUN 5-JUN 12 YUNNAN MISSION TRIP

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. For more information, visit islandecc.hk/info

JUL 21-JUL 28 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP

Information Session: Today / 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. Join our info session today, 2 - 4 pm, 10/F Living Room.

JUL 29-AUG 5 / AUG 5-12 MONGOLIA MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: 8 April

This year we will be returning to Mongolia for a week-long summer camp from 29 July to 5 August to serve 100 abandoned children. We will also spend a week in Ulaanbaatar from 5 - 12 August reaching impoverished groups. For more information, visit islandecc.hk/info

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 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

We are looking to hire a human resources professional with strong interpersonal skills, strategic leadership and solid experience in staff recruitment, remuneration and benefits, people development, and training. Excellent spoken and written English and Chinese is required.

FULL-TIME COORDINATOR OF EQUIPPING AND CARE GROUPS

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart to serve the church to provide administrative and logistical support for our classes and care groups. Strong administrative and communication skills, excellent spoken and written in English are required. Cantonese at daily communication level is beneficial. This position requires working on Sundays.

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.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC

- 1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER
- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](https://www.facebook.com/islandecc.hk) [t](https://www.instagram.com/islandecc.hk) [v](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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25 MARCH 2018

Crosses

If Jesus had never gone to the cross, you and I would have no hope - no hope for forgiveness, and no hope of ever being in God's presence forever. But because He died for us, we do have hope - hope for today, and hope for eternity. Billy Graham

I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

They brought Him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull)... And they crucified Him and divided His garments among them, casting lots for them... And it was the third hour when they crucified Him. And the inscription of the charge against Him read, "The King of the Jews"... And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"...

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"... And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed His last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:22-39 (see also Mt. 27:33-54, Lk. 23:33-47, Jn. 19:17-30)

✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG
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