

March 3, 2019

MAN ON THE STREET

Man Born Blind

As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

⁶ Having said these things, He spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man."

¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?"

¹¹ He answered, "The Man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

John 9:1-12

Takeaways for dealing with pain:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you new here?
We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch.

Let's get to know each other!

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

✂ TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND
PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG



HIGHLIGHTS

ONE LENT DEVOTIONAL

Island ECC is joining with churches across all Hong Kong in using a uniquely designed online devotional guide that leads up to Easter Day. Each day you'll get one scripture, one testimony of life change, one devotion, and one prayer that you can easily listen to. Please consider downloading the free app for this.



TODAY BABY DEDICATIONS

We are delighted today to join with 3 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord: Asher Hung, born 19 June 2018, to parents Brian & Kary & Zachariah Hung, born 20 May 2017, to parents Andreas & Anna (9:30am, 2/F); Moses Wong, born 23 March 2018, to parents Stephen & Anita (11:30am, 2/F). We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

TODAY NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch today, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room.

MARCH 4 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: GOD'S ANSWER

How can we align our daily decisions with God's plan? This study offers fresh understanding of God's guidance and wisdom for everyday living. We will study the book of Proverbs - a book of practical truth and divine wisdom to explore how we can interpret and apply the truths of Proverbs. Mondays, 10 am - 1 pm, 11/F Classroom. For more info, email women@islandecc.hk

MAR 7-29 DATE NIGHT: THE MARRIAGE COURSE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

This Date Night is a 4-week course perfect for married couples who have never been through any marriage material or those who want a refresher! We will watch video material from the Alpha marriage course followed by discussion. Cost: \$200 per couple. Register at 1/F or 10/F Connect Counters. Thursdays, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium. For more info, email family@islandecc.hk

MAR 9 WALKING WITH GOD

God is everywhere and especially in nature, so join us for a special time with Him while cherishing His creation while walking to The Peak at 9:30am. Register at islandecc.hk/walkwithgod. For more info, email prayer@islandecc.hk.

MAR 15 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Have you noticed we're not yet perfect? This life I'm living is not mine. It's Him in me (Galatians 2). He is infinitely holy, perpetually good, endlessly faithful - and He is never not with us. Renew Worship Night is a special evening of worship and on 15 March, we're honoured to have special guest speaker Skye Jethani join us. North Point KFWA Building, 210 Java Road. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets available at islandecc.hk/renew at \$40.

MAR 17 BAPTISM CLASS

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 3 Sunday baptism classes on March 17, 24 & 31, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism

MAR 19 RETHINKING HEAVEN AND HELL WITH PROF. N.T. WRIGHT

We are so honoured to host Prof. N. T. Wright for a special evening in our church. Prof. Wright is an influential and world-class theologian, minister, and prolific writer. He will guide us to rethink our belief about heaven and hell, and how it is relevant to our lives today. 7:30 - 9 pm, 1/F & 2/F Auditorium. Limited seats. To sign up, visit islandecc.hk/classes.

MAR 30 FLOURISH: ONE DAY MOM'S EVENT

A unique event for moms to rest, refresh, and get ready to re-engage with their lives equipped with knowledge, inspiration and community. Motherhood changes all our relationships like marriage and friendships. How do we navigate these important relationships? How do we prioritise them in light of God's guidance in ways that bring out the good in them? Tickets available today online and at 1/F Connect Counter.

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

MAR 17 THEOLOGY 102

Theology 102 will let you have a deeper understanding of God and Christianity so that you may discern the world around you and walk a life that is faithful to God. Come join Pastor Eric Farmer in this 4-week class. 3 - 4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

MAR 24 MESSIAH

Christians know that "Christ" is a title but beyond that things get a bit fuzzy and the way He calls Himself Son of Man is confusing at best. Join Martin Radford for this 4-week class in preparation for Easter by unraveling the way Jesus talked about Himself. 11 am - 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

MAR 17 HOME VISITATION VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Regular home visitation is one of Hope of the City's focus area. 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 at 11/F Classroom, 1.30 - 3pm. To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

MAR 17 MISSION TRIP SHOWCASE

Planning for a trip in the summer? Why not join one of our summer mission trips to Yunnan, Mongolia, Taiwan or Jeju! We have invited our trip leaders to share more about each trip at the Mission Trip Showcase. Come join us to discover your next mission trip. 1:30 - 3:00 pm, 10/F Auditorium. Light lunch provided.

APR 19-22 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH

We will be visiting male and female inmates over Easter in 3 different prisons to share our faith through worship, testimony, and message. There will be mandatory training on 17 March, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, 11/F Small Group Room. For more info and registration, please email go@islandecc.hk before 15 March.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Web Developer
- Creative Video Producer
- Graphic Design Assistant

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

Budget	18 Feb	25 Feb
Giving	1,532	1,532
Variance	969	1,175
	(563)	(357)

YEAR TO DATE

(26 Weeks)

Budget	
Giving	\$39.8M
Variance	\$36.4M

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BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$139.8 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$18.6 M
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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 Hong Kong tax receipts or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk