

March 24, 2019

ELEVATOR PITCH

A Defensive Posture

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:13-16



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

MAR 30 FLOURISH: ONE DAY MOM'S EVENT

Men, bless your wife by encouraging her to come to Flourish. Have a daddy-kid(s) day so mommy can attend to her inner needs. Give her the gift of rest and connection to God – it works better than a bouquet of flowers! Moms, we have crafted a beautiful and restorative day for you; so come and don't miss this opportunity. 9:30 am – 5 pm. Get your tickets online and at the 1/F and 10/F Connect Counters today.

MAR 31 DONATIONS TO ISLAND ECC

Annual tax receipts will be issued in April for donations made to Island ECC from April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019. Donations should reach us by March 31, 2019. Anything received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address and other donor contact information, please email finance@islandecc.hk

MAR 31 AFTERNOON PRODUCTION VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Island ECC's Production Crew is looking for volunteers to serve during our 3 pm and 5 pm services to assist with our Sunday worship services. If you have an eye for detail and a passion to serve, please contact us at crew@islandecc.hk

APR 7 KIDS CLUB FX: HOPE

Come join us for Kids Club FX to learn all about hope – believing that something good can come out of something bad. 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Please pick up free event tickets from 9/F Welcome Desk.

APR 7 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

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

APR 14 LOVING THE CITY: SEMINAR (PART TWO)

Hope of the City is hosting our second part of poverty awareness Loving the City seminar. We have invited Ricky Yu, founder of an NGO called LightBe. He will share with us how the government, property owners and NGOs are working together to tackle Hong Kong's poverty issues. Join us 1:30 – 3 pm, 10/F Auditorium or email us at info@hopeofthecity.com to learn more

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

TODAY 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 unravelling the way Jesus talked about Himself. 11 am – 1 pm, 7/F Classroom.

MAR 31 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: CHRISTIANITY AND CHINESE ANCESTRAL PRACTICE

How can Christians honour both God and their ancestors or traditions? Chinese traditions such as funerals, Ching Ming Festival, incense burning, and even weddings can often be sources of conflicts for many Chinese Christians with their families. Come explore these topics in this seminar with Rev. Dr. Joseph Mak. 3 – 4:30 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

Cantonese only.

OUTREACH

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 today, 3:00 – 4:30 pm, 11/F Small Group Room. For more info and registration, please email go@islandecc.hk

- April 19 – Pik Uk Prison / 1 – 4 pm / priority given to men
- April 21 – Tung Tau Correctional Institution / 9:00 am – 12:30 pm / priority given to men
- April 22 – Lo Wu Correctional Institution / 1:30 – 4:30 pm / priority given to women

MAY 25 YUNNAN MISSION TRIP APPLICATION OPEN

Registration Deadline: 7 April

We are calling for a band of creatives to Yunnan where we'll travel deep into the mountains to use art to engage the community as we serve the left-behind children and visit their homes. For more information and to apply for this mission trip, please email go@islandecc.hk

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.

- Creative Video Producer
- Graphic Design Assistant
- Financial Operations Administrator
- Financial System Analyst
- Executive Assistant
- Church Database Administrator
- Nursery Assistant

GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)

	11 Mar	18 Mar
Budget	1,532	1,532
Giving	2,474	1,865
Variance	942	333

YEAR TO DATE (29 Weeks)

Budget	\$44.4M
Giving	\$42.6M
Variance	\$-1.8M (-4.1%)

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$141.7 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$17.2 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