

December 1, 2019

SEEK FIRST

Go Home!

Mark 5:1-20

“This is what the Lord says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from Me there is no God.

Who then is like Me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before Me

what has happened since I established My ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let them foretell what will come.

Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

Isaiah 44:6-8 (NIV)



Are you new here?

We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag



Name

Email

Phone

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

Every year Island ECC blesses and advances God's work in Hong Kong and around the world. We do this through the Christmas Love Offering, which is one way we partner with a wide variety of organisations and individuals involved in innovative, courageous and faithful ministry. Pray about what you will give this year; your offering can be placed in the envelope provided. For more info, visit islandecc.hk/lo2019

TODAY ISLAND ECC CALENDAR 2020

The 2020 Island ECC Calendar is now available for sale on 1/F, 2/F and 10/F at \$50 each.

TODAY QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Come pick up some Christmas gifts for your family and friends at the Quench Christmas Book Sale on Dec 1 and Dec 8. Special discounts on selected adult and children's titles while stocks last.

TODAY BUILD-A-CHRISTMAS-BAG

Spread Christ's love by assembling Christmas bags for women in our Filipino and Indonesian ministries. All materials are provided, so come help fill the bag with goodies and create a handwritten note. Walk-ins welcomed, hope to see you there! Join us Dec 1 or 15, 1:30 - 2:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Register at islandecc.hk/buildachristmasbag

DEC 8 BAPTISM CLASSES

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Dec 8 and 15, 9:30 am, 11/F Living Room A. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism

DEC 8 KIDS CLUB FX: CHRISTMAS

Come join us at Christmas Kids Club FX for the biggest family party of the year. We will be highlighting "Joy" - finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way. Bring your family and invite your friends to this Christmas party! 1:30 pm, 1/F Worship Hall. Invitations are available for at 9/F Welcome Desk.

DEC 17 FESTIVE, FUN AND FEAST AT MEN'S NIGHT

Want to start the festive season with a bang? We got your back! We have crazy amounts of food and drinks, and challenging games that test your strength. 7 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Cost is \$200 per person. Register at 1/F Connect Counter. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

DEC 30 DONATIONS VIA FRIENDS OF HONG KONG CHARITIES INC.

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. for 2019 should be dated and submitted no later than 30 December. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2020.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY PHOTOGRAPHY VOLUNTEERS

There's a lot happening around church on Sundays that we often miss and we'd love for you to capture these God-filled moments with your camera! Sunday photography could include worship, sermon, classes, baptisms, or anything fun that's happening at church. Sign up by email at serve@islandecc.hk

SUNDAY SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Serving is at the heart of everything we do at Island ECC. It reflects the heart of God as Jesus declared that even He came to serve. If you want to help us make Sunday services awesome by making church warm and welcoming, brewing coffee register at islandecc.hk/volunteer

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

DEC 1 CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas is a favourite festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in recovering the realities of the birth of Jesus to discover more of the amazing faith, humility, and obedience of those chosen to serve Him. 9:30 am, 10/F Classroom.

DEC 22 WORKSHOP: TRANSFORMING YOUR FEELINGS THROUGH ART

Are you experiencing stress or negativity? Do you want to explore your emotions with fellow brothers and sisters? Come express your feelings through art and engage in a collaborative creative process through this experiential workshop. No experience in art necessary. Limited to first 30 registered participants. 2:30 - 4:30 pm, 11/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

TODAY JAPAN OUTREACH PRAYER GATHERING

Japan ranks 11th as the most populous country in the world, yet 98% of its people is unreached. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, let's get together to pray. Join us at our prayer gathering, 1 - 3 pm, 8/F Living Room.

DEC 10 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

Trip Dates: 21-28 Mar / Registration Deadline: 31 Dec

Faith without action is dead. Men's Vietnam Mission Trip is a training ground to flex your faith muscles. You will join a band of brothers to sharpen and cover each other. Join us at our Info Session on 10 Dec, 7 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. For more info, email men@islandecc.hk

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

Generosity is at the heart of God, and it's our privilege and calling to imitate His generosity with all He's entrusted us. Every contribution goes to ministries which change lives in the church, the city and around the world.

To give electronically, or for information regarding Hong Kong or U.S. tax receipts, please refer to the QR code or visit islandecc.hk/giving.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk



GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (13 Weeks)	
	18 Nov	25 Nov		
Budget	1,585	1,585	Budget	\$20.6M
Giving	927	1,128	Giving	\$15.6M
Variance	(658)	(457)	Variance	-\$5.0M -24.3%

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$161.0 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.4 M
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