December 15, 2019

THE GREAT EXPECTATION

# **Prince of Peace**

For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. These will be His royal titles: "Wonderful," "Counsellor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," "The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (TLB)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB)

#### **Understanding Peace**

**Experiencing Peace** 



### 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







# HIGHLIGHTS CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to worship with us during our special Christmas Eve Services. These special candlelight services will be held at 4 pm and 6 pm, with nursery care (3 and under) for both services provided on 10/F. Scan the QR or visit islandecc.hk/christmaseve to secure your free tickets!



#### CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

'Tis the season! For singing! Every year, we hold very special Christmas Eve Services and if you've ever wanted to be involved, now's your chance! We are looking for volunteers to participate in a special choral moment during both services on 24 December; one prior rehearsal is mandatory. All ages welcome! Register online at islandecc.hk/christmaschoir

### TODAY LOVE OFFERING

Every year, Island ECC blesses and advances God's work in Hong Kong and around the world. We do this through the 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 and place your offering in the envelope provided by 31 Dec. For more info, visit islandecc.hk/outreach/lo2019

#### $\mathsf{TODAY}$ 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 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! Today, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Register at islandecc.hk/ buildachristmasbag

### 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. Tuesday, 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 Dec 30. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2020.

#### JAN – FEB ISLAND YOUTH MISSION TRIPS Registration Deadline: Today

Island Youth students have the opportunity to grow in their faith, serve, and see what God is doing by going on a mission trip just after CNY. High school will be going to Bacolod with ICM and middle school will be going to Cebu with Agape. To sign up or for more information, email youth@islandecc.hk

### JAN 11 seminar: after six months, are you ok?

People in Hong Kong are suffering from the long-term impact of an unprecedented political conflict. Plan now to join with others to understand the dynamics of intense stress, how to deal with it, and how to keep relationships intact. Led by competent Christian counselors, this seminar will be held on Sat, Jan 11, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm in 10/F Worship Hall. Register at islandecc.hk/stressseminar

### FEB 21-22 global leadership summit (gls)

GLS is a two-day leadership training event featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. To take advantage of the early bird discount of \$350, please register at glshk.org

## **CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS**

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

### JAN 19 grow discipleship course info session

GROW deeper in your relationship with God by developing habits like quiet time, reading God's Word and being in fellowship. Sign up for the info session on Jan 19, 1:30 pm. New season starts on Feb 2.

# OUTREACH

### JAN 12 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 10/F Living Room, 1:30 – 3 pm. To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com

### **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, or baking, register at islandecc.hk/volunteer

# **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 islandeoc.hk/giving.



GENERAL C	FFERING		
LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (15 Weeks)
Budget Giving Variance	<b>2 Dec</b> 1,663 1,139 (524)	<b>9 Dec</b> 1,663 1,156 (507)	Budget \$23.9M GMing \$17.9M Variance -\$6.0M -25.3%

#### BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$161.5 M	Piedges to be received	\$16.2 M

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