

December 22, 2019

THE GREAT EXPECTATION

The Gift That Keeps on Giving

Remain in Me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commands and remain in His love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do what I command.

¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you.
John 15:4-5, 9-14, 16 (NIV)

Joy is:



X

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We have special candlelight services planned family and friends for Tuesday at 4 pm and 6 pm with nursery care at both times on the 10/F. If you do not have a ticket and would like to attend, please scan this QR code to request your desired service time. We will do our best to accommodate you and get back to you by Dec 24, Tuesday morning at the latest.



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

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.

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 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

JAN 19 PARENT TALK: THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Deuteronomy 6 casts a vision for family life that aligns with God's design. In it, the family is seen naturally chatting about godly things throughout the day and creating physical reminders of God. Wherever you are with your family, whether God doesn't often come up or you can't stop talking about Him, come learn creative ways to engage as a family. Register at islandecc.hk/parentalk

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

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

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, 10/F Worship Hall. New season starts on Feb 2.

OUTREACH

TODAY JAPAN OUTREACH PRAYER GATHERING

Japan ranks 11th in the world's country population, yet 98% of the population there is unreached. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, come join us at our prayer meeting to hear testimony from a native speaker and pray for the nation on Dec 22, 12 - 3 pm, 8/F Living Room.

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

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
- Associate Director of Children's Ministry
- Coordinator of Children's 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 (16 Weeks)	
	9 Dec	16 Dec		
Budget	1,663	1,663	Budget	\$25.6M
Giving	1,156	924	Giving	\$18.8M
Variance	(507)	(739)	Variance	-\$6.8M -26.6%

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$162.7 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.1 M
----------	-----------	------------------------	----------