

TOP 10 AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Xiamen Mission Trip Sharing

Our medical volunteer team spent two days in a shoe factory in Xiamen, providing the workers with free medical consultations and dental care. By sharing God's love, they ministered to over 400 workers, and many people gave their lives to Jesus. Come and hear more. **Today, 2pm, 8/F, Classroom A.**

DEC 2 Return Christmas Stockings

If you have picked up a Christmas stocking or bag to fill, please RETURN it to 1/F Quench area by December 2. There are still 100 Christmas bags left to fill so if you have not taken one, please collect one TODAY and share the joy and love of Christmas with others.

ReNEW Christmas - Friday, December 7 - 7:30pm — SOLD OUT

Due to an exciting response to this event, all tickets have been claimed and this event is full. If you registered for a ticket but have not yet received it, please pick it up at the Connect Counter. If you took tickets that you do not plan to use, please bring those to the Connect Counter as well so we can make them available to others! Doors open at 7pm.

DEC 9 You Got Served

You Got Served is a special appreciation lunch and team building opportunity for volunteers. We will celebrate our existing volunteers and connect new volunteers (or those interested in learning more). Get your free ticket for entry from the Connect Counter. There will be a special raffle draw. Email serve@islandecc.hk for more details. **Sunday, December 9, 1.30pm, 2/F.**

DEC 14 FUSE: Bus Carolling

Fuse, our Young Adult ministry is hosting a great Christmas carolling event for the 20 and 30-somethings! We will be zooming through Causeway Bay and Central on an open top double-decker bus, singing carols! Tickets are on sale at the Connect Counter for \$20 only. **Friday, December 14, 7.30-10pm.** Contact youngadults@islandecc.hk for more details.

DEC 24 Christmas Eve Services

Christmas is just around the corner and we look forward to celebrating with you at our special Christmas Eve services on **Monday, December 24.** This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, friends and colleagues. Special music, creative features and a Christmas message will take place on all service floors at **6pm, 8pm and 10pm.**

Israel Study Trip 2013

The church is planning an Israel Study Trip for members from March 16 to 27, 2013. The trip will cover most of the important places in Israel and concludes with a visit to Petra and Mt. Nebo in Jordan. The cost is HK\$28,000 per person. Contact Pastor Rick at rick@islandecc.hk for enquiry and registration. Deadline is **Sunday, December 9, 2012.**

Sermon Podcasts Online

Video podcasts of weekly sermons are available online at www.islandecc.hk. Consequently, we will no longer be providing CDs of sermons.



WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Vacancies for staff on the Marketplace

- Caretakers and cleaners for our church facility.
- Staff for our 10/F Nursery on Sunday mornings.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

2 JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

3 CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting www.islandecc.hk, you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

HE LOVES God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

HE GAVE He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

WE BELIEVE We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

WE LIVE God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death, He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

photos: Mongolia Mission Trip



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Eloah Selichot

"To err is human; to forgive, divine." Alexander Pope
"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." Gandhi

Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord. And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness; maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished ..."

Exodus 34:5-7

They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a God of forgiveness, gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and abounding in love.

Nehemiah 9:17

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Psalms 103:6-8

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:13

To Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

Jonah 4:1-3