

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

MAR 22 ReNEW — Night of Worship

And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5) Mark your calendars and join us for ReNEW: an all-church Night of Worship. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm, 2/F.

MAR 24 Communion

Please join us next Sunday for our monthly time of communion, when we conclude our service with a special time to pause and remember Christ's love and sacrifice for us.

MAR 29 Passover Celebration

We will have our first ever "Passover Celebration" on **Good Friday**, featuring special worship, prayers in Hebrew, a wonderful meal with special dishes, and pastors explaining the traditional Passover Seder and its relation to us as believers in Christ. Tickets are available on first come first served basis at the Connect Counter today for \$200 per person. 2/F, 7.30-9.30pm.

APR 7 Taiwan Info Session

Share the Joy, Love, Hope message of Christ to the ethnic minorities of Taiwan. Be a co-worker of God and experience His love. Lots of fun, games, teaching and sharing from June 29-July 6. Join us at 9/F, Kid's Worship Hall A at 2-4pm on April 7 for more information.

APR 7-21 The Book of Colossians

In a world where false teaching and wrong thinking abound, this class on the book of Colossians will be a great reminder for us to focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ, and we will be challenged to live out our faith in very practical ways. 11.30am-1pm, 8/F. For details and registration, visit www.islandecc.hk/classes.

APR 19-20 Shine Women's Conference

Discover all you're meant to be: content, confident, courageous and connected! Join us for our citywide Shine Women's Conference and invite your friends (for every 4 registrations purchased, get a 5th free to bring another friend along!). Register soon to take advantage of our Early Registration rates. Sign up at the Connect Counter, or at islandecc.hk/shine.

Donations to Island ECC

Annual tax receipts will be issued mid-April for contributions made to Island ECC from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Donations should reach us by March 31. Anything received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address with us, please email karen.kwok@islandecc.hk now.

Male Mentors Needed for Sports

Inner City Ministries is looking for English-speaking men who are interested in organising sports activities for at-risk boys on Saturday afternoons. Outreach will take place in the Jordan area and target Nepalese youth aged 11+. Please email martin@innercityministries.org for more information.

SIGN UP Japan Mission Trip

We are returning to Japan, **May 11-20**, to continue supporting the community development work in post-tsunami Tohoku region and in urban ministries in the big city. Less than 1% of the population know Jesus. Come join us if you have a heart to serve or a burden for the unreached. Applications close TODAY so sign up at www.islandecc.hk/ministries/missions/.



WATCH FOR... ON THE CITY

Did You Know?

Service opportunities are listed on The City every week – a great way for you to get involved at Island ECC!

In addition to the weekly Devotional Thought from the pastors, look out for the new prayer devotionals from the elders on Living with God, starting this week.

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: Filipino Ministries Christmas Celebration, featuring performance by iGlee



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My God, My God

³³ At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

³⁴ And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

³⁵ When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, he's calling Elijah."

³⁶ Someone ran, filled a sponge with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. "Now leave him alone. Let's see if Elijah comes to take him down," he said.

³⁷ With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

³⁸ The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

³⁹ And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:33-39

The darkness

The curtain

The guard