

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedications**

We are delighted to celebrate with two families today in the dedication of their children to the Lord:
- Aurelie Alice Lloyd-Wong, daughter of Matthew and Rachel, born 19 March 2013. (9.30am, 2/F)
- Madeleine, Mathilde and Harrison Yan, children of Bryan and Victoria, born respectively on 21 Dec 2007, 9 May 2011 and 25 Oct 2012. (9.30am, 9/F)
We warmly welcome relatives and friends visiting for this special occasion.

TODAY **Baptism Class**

Our next baptism will be held on 17 November. If you would like to participate in this ceremony, please plan to attend the 3-Sunday baptism class starting TODAY at **9.30am, 8/F**. You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

TODAY **Women's Fall Bible Study**

Summer is over and we are all ready to dig and soak deeper into God's Word. Don't miss joining a group! Grab a Women's Fall Bible Study flyer at the Connect Counter or check us out at <http://www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women/>

SEP 13 **Eye On China**

An evening focused on praying for China. Hear about trends in China and how you can be part of what God is doing in and through Hong Kong for China. Featuring the iGlee choir. Post-event care group discussion guide will also be available. Doors open at **7pm, 2/F**.

SEP 14 **Teaching Lab — Connecting Kids to Christ**

Come join us for a special day of fun and learning on September 14 from **9.30am-4.30pm** on **2/F**. To RSVP, please email Jacquie at jacqueline@islandecc.hk.

SEP 15 **Membership Class**

Find out how you can BELONG to Island ECC by joining us for the Membership Classes. It will run for two Sundays (September 15 & 22) at **3.30pm, 8/F**. Registration is required. Please email membership@islandecc.hk to register.

SEP 15 **Cambodia Mission Trip Info Session**

This fall (Nov 23 to Dec 2), a team is returning to Cambodia to serve and deepen relationships they have built over the years. Come find out more at **2pm, 8/F, Room B**.

SEP 16 **Fall Alpha Course Launch**

Looking for answers to life? The Alpha Course is a ten week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and small group discussion. **Mondays, 7pm, 2/F**. Visit www.islandecc.hk/alpha for details and to sign up.

SEP 22 **Cambodia Anti-Human Trafficking Mission Trip Sharing**

This July, 32 brothers and sisters went to Phnom Penh and Siem Reap to learn about the anti-human trafficking issue. Come and listen to the stories about God turning ashes to beauty, and despair to hope. **2pm, 9/F**.

SEP 26 **Improv and Drama Class**

Drama! Acting! Improv! Join us for a 12-week Drama Course with Martin Radford on Thursdays, **7.30pm**. It's guaranteed to be a blast, won't cost you anything besides your time and no previous experience is necessary!

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New On The City

New Classes starting on September 29

- Integrating Your Faith and Work
- 2:7 Discipleship Course

FUSE Singles Conference — Early Bird Registration

This will be a diverse conference, October 25 & 26, featuring international and local guest speakers.

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: Mission trip to Rwanda



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- ³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with Him to be executed.
³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified Him there, along with the criminals—one on His right, the other on His left.
³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up His clothes by casting lots.
³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at Him. They said, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."
³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked Him. They offered Him wine vinegar
³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."
³⁸ There was a written notice above Him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.
³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"
⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked Him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?
⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."
⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
⁴³ Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."
⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,
⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.
⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When He had said this, He breathed His last.

Luke 23:32-46