

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Baby Dedication

We are delighted to join today with 3 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord:  
 - Isabel Sophie Fong, born 24 March 2013, to Frederick & Vivian (11.30am, 1/F)  
 - Nathanael Kevin Loh, born 28 March 2013, to Melvin and Julie (11.30am, 2/F)  
 - James Timothy Chen, born 26 July 2012, to Tim and Carrie (11.30am, 10/F)  
 We warmly welcome family and friends visiting for this special occasion.

## TODAY Newcomers Lunch

Everyone's been a newcomer at church at some point. If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch at **1.30pm, 2/F**. There is no cost for this lunch, but you do need a ticket to get in, so please pick one up today at the Connect Counter.

## NOV 17 Impact a Youth's Life

The Child Development Fund is looking for mentors to support youth from underprivileged families for a 3 year period. Many of these youth do not have positive role models in their lives. Information session will be held at **1.15-3pm, 8/F, Room A**. If interested, email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

## NOV 17 Christmas Orphanage Stockings Project - Collection

Share the joy and love of Christmas by taking a Christmas stocking home to fill for orphanage children and for Filipino workers! Stockings will be on all floors (1/F, 2/F and 10/F) for collection on November 17. Stockings need to be returned by December 1 in time for the Christmas party. Email [localoutreach@islandecc.hk](mailto:localoutreach@islandecc.hk) if you have any questions.

## NOV 22 A Time of Prayer

The prayer team is hosting a time dedicated to prayer at **7.30pm, 10/F**. Join us for this time when we will focus on three areas: (1) Prayers for our church; (2) The persecuted church; and (3) Personal prayers for one another.

## DEC 1 R. Paul Stevens Seminar: Integrating Work and Faith

Have you ever wondered how your faith relates to your work, and how you can serve God even in your workplace? Prof. Stevens, known internationally as the "Marketplace Theologian," will share his insight with us. He has taught classes and seminars worldwide. Seminar runs from **2.30-4.30pm, 8/F**. Check out <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for detail and registration.

## DEC 7 Bethlehem Bound - Tickets on Sale NOW!

Bring your kids and families to our musical Christmas outreach play starring your kids! Tickets available at the Connect Counter for 3 shows. \$100/child with accompanying adult and \$50/audience. Play is followed by Cast Party and Craft Sales for Global Outreach. Buy now as space is limited (see flier for show times and details). For more information contact [kidclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidclub@islandecc.hk).

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## New On The City

### MAX Volunteers

See the many opportunities for volunteers to serve at our Sunday services.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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#### 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.

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#### 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!

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#### CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting [www.islandecc.hk](http://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."

November 10, 2013

## Consider The Lilies

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup>Then He said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' <sup>18</sup>"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' <sup>21</sup>"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:13-21

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you - you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup>For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>But seek His kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12:22-31

<sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:32-34

### Signs of money sickness

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