

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY Baby Dedications

We are delighted to join today with 2 families in the dedication of their children to the Lord:
 - Sisters Claire Wai Yin and Ella Wai Yan CHENG, born 17 December 2011 and 13 November 2013 respectively to Jonathan and Ling (9.30am, 2/F)
 - Twins Gretel Charley and Elliot Robert YANG, born 12 February 2014, to Stanley and Genevieve (11.30am, 10/F)
 We warmly welcome family and friends visiting for this special occasion.

APR 13 Global Outreach Core Meeting

The GO Core is a community for all who are interested in missions. Come hear Steve Richardson, President of Pioneers Int'l, share about the context of his father's book "Peace Child: An Unforgettable Story of Primitive Jungle Treachery in the 20th Century." **9/F Worship Hall, 1.30pm.** Light lunch provided.

APR 14 Uganda Outreach Trip Application Deadline

Join the team from Aug 29-Sep 9 to serve this beautiful country and its people, through clinical care, outreach programmes to ex-child soldiers, and servicing the baby orphanages. Visit islandecc.hk/ministries/missions to find out more.

APR 26 Sportsfellowship — Muay Thai

Hello sport lovers, feel like trying one of the most calorie-burning exercises? Join us for 2 hours of Muay Thai kickboxing. All levels welcome! **9-11am at A Gym, Fortress Hill.** Get your tickets today and April 20, \$160, at the Connect Counters.

APR 27 Philippines Missions Sharing

A team from Island ECC visited Bohol to help share God's assurance and love to the destitute and disaster survivors through manual labour projects, education programmes, testimonies and encouragements. Join us at **Room A, 8/F, 2-4 pm** to hear how lives were impacted.

MAY 3 Women's Ministries — Year End Celebration!

Miltinnie Yih, author and veteran mentor from Boston, will speak at this season's final Women's Celebration. Join us and see how Lifestyle Mentoring impacts many generations. Our Women's Director, Amy Low, will also be challenging you as women to desire the best for your lives. **10am-1pm, 2/F.** Free lunch, fun and fellowship. Register: www.islandecc.hk/ministries/women.

MAY 16-17 Men's Conference — Early Bird Tickets Today

Island ECC Men's Conference — HEAVYWEIGHTS: Becoming Men of Substance (Fri 7.30-9.30pm, Sat 9.30am-5.30pm) is about men journeying with other men to be inspired in becoming men of substance. Get your early bird tickets today (up to April 27), \$250, at the Connect Counters. For more information, visit islandecc.hk/mensconference.

VBS Volunteer Recruitment

VBS is around the corner again and Children's Ministries are now recruiting volunteers for this event. VBS will be running from May 11-June 8 (five Sundays) and we need over 100 volunteers to make this event happen. For more information, please email kidsclub@islandecc.hk.



New On The City

Job Vacancy - Part-time Facility Caretaker

We are looking for a part-time Facility Caretaker to work as a member of the Ministry Support team to provide site maintenance services. If you are interested, please contact Evonne Chong on The City/Marketplace.

Volunteers Needed for Summer Programme

Hope of the City is recruiting volunteers to help with the Temple Street Summer Programme for low-income children in July and August. Contact Hope of The City on The City/Marketplace.

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."

Silence and Solitude Retreat at Tao Fong Shan



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He Is Dead

³³At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.
³⁴And 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?").
³⁵When some of those standing near heard this, they said, "Listen, He's calling Elijah."
³⁶Someone 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.
³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed His last.
³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
³⁹And 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

Physical darkness during the day

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Mark 15:33

Spiritual darkness for the Saviour

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Mark 15:34

Removing personal darkness

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 15:39

What did the centurion see?

1. _____
2. _____

Applications:

1. _____ is only found in Jesus' death.
2. _____ is found through Jesus' death.
3. _____ is only found in daily death.

Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

John 12:24