

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Allison Dawn Li. Allison was born 20 February 2014 to Ross and June. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends (11.30am, 10/F).

TODAY **Christmas Love Offering**

Make your gift an act of worship, over and above your regular giving. This year's theme is Responding to a Wounded World. Giving will help the spiritually wounded and those in crisis areas. Put your gift in the enclosed special envelope into the offering bags. Thank you!

TODAY **Quench Christmas Book Sale**

Do you need to pick up some Christmas gifts or a new book to bring with you on your holiday travels? Save up to 40% on selected children's and adult titles. Today and next Sunday. While stock lasts.

TODAY **Prayer After Service**

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

TODAY **Christmas Gift Tags**

Christmas gift tags are now available at the 1/F Quench. This is a great way to share the Gospel and the Christmas fun! Each set costs \$20.

TODAY **Devotional Calendar 2015**

The Trailblazer Devotional Calendar is available this week on 1/F and 10/F. \$60 each.

DEC 24 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

We will be holding two special Christmas Eve services to which you can invite your family and friends. 5.30pm & 7.30pm. 1/F, 2/F, 10/F. Childcare will be provided at the 5.30pm service on 10/F.

DEC 31 **Deadline for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Donations**

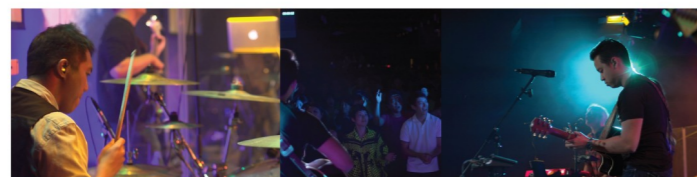
Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. to be accounted for in 2014 should be dated and handed in no later than December 31. Anything received after this date will be considered as a 2015 donation. Thank you.

JAN 4 **New Class: The Big Picture OT — From Genesis to Joshua**

We hear Bible stories about Adam, the Flood, Abraham, Joseph and the Exodus but how do these events link together to become the "big picture" of God's purpose with mankind? Join this class and learn the answers. **11.30am, Room A, 8/F.** Visit <http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for more info and registration.

RightNow Media

Island ECC's library has gone digital! With RightNow Media, there are many great discipleship videos for kids, students, families, small groups, leaders and more. You can view these videos from a TV, tablet, phone or computer - anytime and anywhere. Sign up today on our website: www.islandecc.hk/rightnow-media/.



New On The City

Look out for our Advent Devotional Thoughts every day through December 25 written by people from across the ministries.

St. Andrew's Family Ministry Day Conference with Dr Dave & Donalyn Currie on 10 January 2015.

NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counters are located on the 1/F, 2/F and 10/F. 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 3,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events and the chance to connect with others. Sign up now at the Connect Counter.

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."

ReNEW Live Album Recording



December 14, 2014

O Come Let Us Adore Him

¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world.

² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.)

³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born,

⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

¹¹ Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:1-12