

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Women's Conference: Last Day For Early Bird Ticket!

Buy your ticket today for the Women's Conference "Half The Church", May 22-23. You don't want to miss this special price offer! Check out online registration at [www.islandecc.hk/womens-conference-2015/](http://www.islandecc.hk/womens-conference-2015/) if queue is long at Connect Counters.

## 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 at the front.

## TODAY Newcomers Lunch

If you're new to Island ECC and want to know more about the church, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch at 1.30pm, 10/F.

## TODAY New Class: The Rise of Radical Islam: Are You Ready?

ISIS, Al-Qaeda, Boko Haram . . . After all these years, many people are still clueless about Islam and unprepared for what lies ahead. This class answers two questions — Why get ready and how? Instructor: Lincoln Loo. 2-4pm, 10/F Classroom. For details and to register, go to [www.islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/).

## MAY 17 New Class: Living A Life Of True Worship

This 7 week study is led by Derek Chan, an experienced Precept Bible Study leader. You will learn a systematic method of studying the Bible, and also the true meaning of worship and how it relates to your daily life. Material costs \$70. Visit <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> for registration.

## MAY 17 Kids Club Graduation - Red Sea Sr. (Year 6/Grade 5)

For parents of Year 6/Grade 5 children. Look out for invitations and plan to join this special graduation celebration during the 9.30 & 11.30 services, for your children moving up to Youth/Middle School in August. Group Leaders, Kids Club Staff, Pastor Sherman Chau and Youth Middle School Director Eric Farmer will all be present. Enquiries, contact [kathy.sui@islandecc.hk](mailto:kathy.sui@islandecc.hk).

## JUN 12 Pure Desire Celebration Dinner: Regaining the Battle Ground

Save the date! If you have ever joined a Pure Desire Group, just once, or currently participating or have graduated; come celebrate with us. We will have a buffet meal together, a time of worship, and share God's goodness and vision of Pure Desire in HK and beyond! 7.30-10pm, 2/F. For more details, visit [www.islandecc.hk/men/](http://www.islandecc.hk/men/).

## Upcoming Mission Trips

Shanxi (Jul 1- 6)  
Taiwan (Jul 4 - 11) - Application deadline TODAY  
Mongolia (Jul 25 -Aug 2 / Aug 2 - Aug 9) - Application deadline TODAY  
Uganda (Aug 28 - Sep 8)  
For more information email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk)

## Upcoming Hope Of The City Service Opportunities

- May 7 Door-to-Door Visits in North Point — recruiting Cantonese-speaking volunteers.
- May 9 IDEAL Mother's Day Walkathon — recruiting volunteers to prepare for the Walkathon held by Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League.
- May 10 Reading Buddy Programme — partnering with Kids4Kids to share the love of reading to underprivileged children.

Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

[www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk)



## On The City

### Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- Senior Coordinator of Ministry Support — This is a full-time position providing a high level of administrative support for the operating functions of the church.
- Graphic Design Assistant — We are looking for a full-time Graphic Design assistant to make God's church beautiful. A serving heart is a must and portfolio is required.

### 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](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."

Children's Ministries' Rock n' Roll Easter Picnic at the Peak



May 3, 2015

## Time And Love

<sup>21</sup> Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Saviour.

<sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her

<sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

<sup>27</sup> and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

<sup>28</sup> In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:21-28

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

<sup>14</sup> But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth.

<sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

<sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, **submissive**, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

<sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 3:13-18

"There are two ways to think about kindness. You can think about it as a fixed trait: either you have it or you don't. Or you could think of kindness as a muscle. In some people, that muscle is much stronger than others, but it can grow strong in everyone with exercise."  
— Emily Esfahani Smith, *The Atlantic*, 9 Nov 2014