

Welcome!

Have you failed recently? Said something you regretted? Forgot an appointment? Hurt someone's feelings?

Or maybe your failure has been even bigger. A moral failure or a shameful event that you still can't believe is part of your story.

Wherever you are in life, chances are you have recent failure. We are broken, flawed, forgetful and self-absorbed.

The good news? We are in good company. The Bible is filled with stories that resonate with our lives. And Jonah's story is as contemporary and relevant as any. As we look into chapter 3 today, we'll see Jonah's "recovery", his "second chance".

God gives us all second chances, too. In case you need one today, or anticipate needing one soon, the story today will be your guide.

Brett

MINISTRIES

MEN

men@islandecc.hk

WOMEN

women@islandecc.hk

YOUNG ADULTS

youngadults@islandecc.hk

YOUTH

youth@islandecc.hk

CHILDREN

kidsclub@islandecc.hk

WORSHIP

worship@islandecc.hk

VOLUNTEER

serve@islandecc.hk

PRAYER

prayer@islandecc.hk

CARE GROUPS

caregroup@islandecc.hk

CLASSES

classes@islandecc.hk

OUTREACH

GLOBAL

go@islandecc.hk

HONG KONG

info@hopeofthecity.com

FILIPINO

filipino@islandecc.hk

INDONESIAN

indonesian@islandecc.hk

For other questions,
please contact
info@islandecc.hk

PASTORS AND ELDERS

ELDER BOARD

elders@islandecc.hk

Rick Bates
Brett Hilliard
Brad Jordan

Charles Kim
Ramon Maronilla
Joseph Mohan

Gary Morris
Ka Wong

SENIOR PASTOR

Brett Hilliard
brett.hilliard@islandecc.hk

EXECUTIVE PASTOR

Rick Bates
rick.bates@islandecc.hk

PASTORS

Sherman Chau
sherman.chau@islandecc.hk

Albert Ng
albert.ng@islandecc.hk

Executive Assistant
Gina Charsley
gina.charsley@islandecc.hk

Tim LaTour
tim.latour@islandecc.hk

Didi Wong
didi.wong@islandecc.hk

GENERAL OFFERING

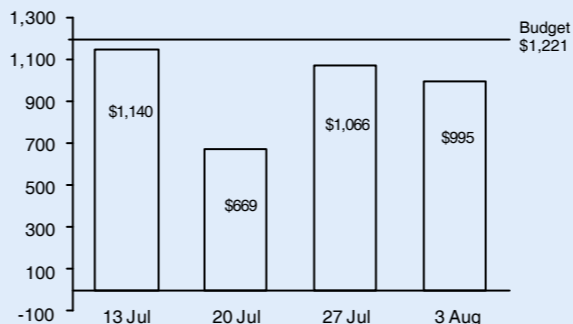
YEAR TO DATE (49 WEEKS)

-1.70% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 59.837M
YTD Giving \$ 58.817M
YTD Variance \$ -1.020M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2014-AUG 2015

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



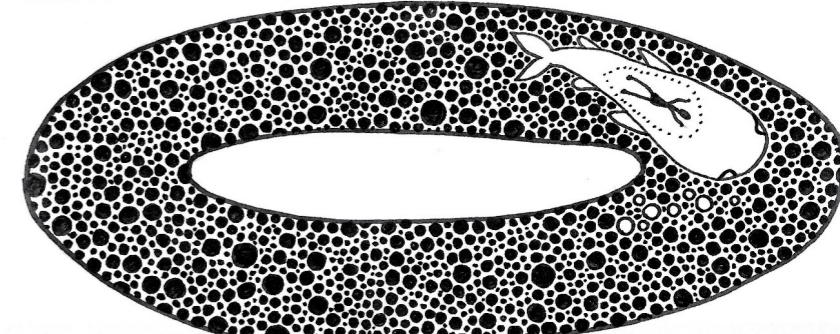
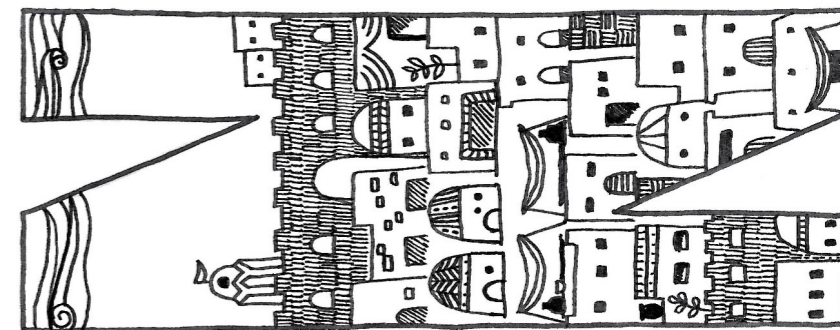
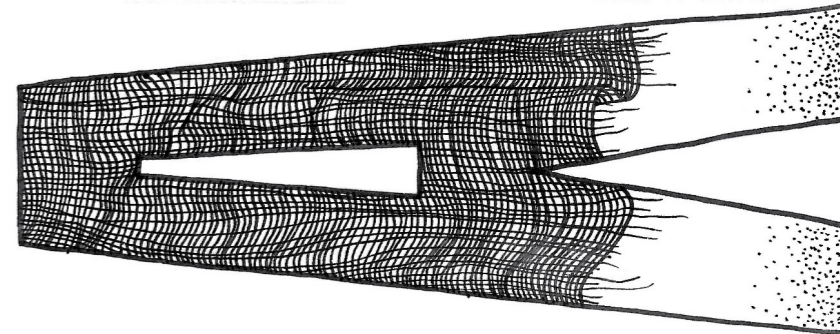
	13 Jul	20 Jul	27 Jul	3 Aug
Weekly Budget	1,221	1,221	1,221	1,221
Weekly Giving	1,140	669	1,066	995
Weekly Variance	-81	-552	-155	-226

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable to 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts or to 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens. More info at www.islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

ISLAND ECC

8/F 633 King's Road, Quarry Bay, Hong Kong T 2864 9360 info@islandecc.hk www.islandecc.hk



JONAH

Second Chances

Aug 9, 2015 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

TODAY **Baby Dedication**

It is our joy today to witness the dedication to the Lord of Jasmine Hui-Dong Ma. Jasmine was born 27 January 2015 to Ronny and Vivian. We warmly welcome visiting family and friends (11.30am, 10/F).

TODAY **Outreach Ministry Supported Partner Prayer Focus**

Island ECC partners with Aaron & Tabitha Lee to support their ministry to Third Culture Kids in East Asia. They provide education resources, support, and options for families to meet the education needs of their children while on the field.

AUG 16 **Workshop: Preparing for Your Helper's Arrival**

Are you at the early stages of hiring a helper? Join Melanie Leung-Shea for a workshop that will help you start off well: practical tips, knowing what to provide, how to prepare and what you need to know. **3pm, 8/F Living Room.** Visit <https://www.islandecc.hk/classes/> to register.

AUG 16 **The Well — 11/F Youth Launch**

Say goodbye to The Studio and hello to The Well, because Island Youth is moving to the 11/F! Our official launch date is August 16. We are so excited about this new venue and look forward to serving students and their families in our new location. Services start at 9.30am and 11.30am.

AUG 23 **Baptism Class**

Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class starting on Sunday, August 23, **3pm** (both classes required). You can register by emailing baptism@islandecc.hk.

AUG 29 **Sports Fellowship Junk Trip**

The Sports Fellowship Junk trip is here again!! Come and spend time in the sun and meet a few new friends (9am-6pm). Cost is \$350 each for wakeboarding, food & snacks. Pick up point at Central Pier. Tickets are on sale now at 1/F Connect Counter after services. Tickets are transferable but not refundable.

SEP 4 **RZIM Apologetics Conference — Early Bird Tickets**

RZIM in Asia aims to equip Christian leaders as they endeavour to effectively give the reason for the hope that they have in Christ. Conference runs Sept 4-5, speakers include top apologists: Michael Ramsden, John Dickson, etc. Early bird tickets at \$300 are available at the Connect Counters. For details, please visit: <https://www.islandecc.hk/RZIM/>.

VBS Kids Club Volunteer Recruitment

We are now recruiting Kids Club volunteers for VBS (30 Aug-27 Sept). Positions are open for Preschool and Elementary leaders to launch the school year with a fantastic Vacation Bible School Programme. For more information, stop by our 9/F Welcome Desk or contact kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

Upcoming Mission Sharing Sessions and Trip

Indonesia Mission Trip Info Session, Today, 1.30pm, 10/F Living Room A
Shanxi Mission Trip Sharing Session, Aug 16, 1.30pm, 10/F Classroom
Taiwan Mission Trip Sharing Session, Aug 23, 2pm, 8/F Classroom

Donation Drive for Uganda Mission Trip

The mission team is looking for donations of laptop computers, soccer balls, baby clothes/shoes, children's sports jerseys, unused make-up items and costume jewelry. Please drop them off at 8/F Reception (Aug 16 & 23) marked for 'Uganda'. Enquiries: go@islandecc.hk.



On The City

Staff Vacancies on the Marketplace

- **Executive Assistant** — As the church is growing and we embark on our Bold Faith Initiative in September, the needs of our Senior Pastor and Executive Team require someone with energy and dedicated commitment to support the expanding work. We are looking for a mature Christian professional with outstanding communication and interpersonal skills; church experience preferred.
- **Part-time Coordinator of Children's Ministries** — to help prepare for Kids Club and other related events. 20 hours per week including Sundays.

For details on the above go to the Marketplace/Jobs.

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.

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."

Worship and small groups at Children's Ministries



Aug 9, 2015

Second Chances

¹ Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

² "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah's warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

"By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. ⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. ⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from His fierce anger so that we will not perish."

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, He relented and did not bring on them the destruction He had threatened.

Jonah 3:1-10