

# Welcome!

Riches. Who doesn't want that?

The apostle Paul, in his book to the church in Ephesus, used the word five times. He was insistent that these new believers understood how their newfound faith was full of riches. But he also realised that they had a great propensity to minimise, downplay, or outright forget the very riches that God wanted to give them.

And you and I have that same tendency. Being spiritually wealthy, we can live and act as if we are impoverished.

So, regardless of your income, you are incredibly rich if you live out the principles of your faith in God.

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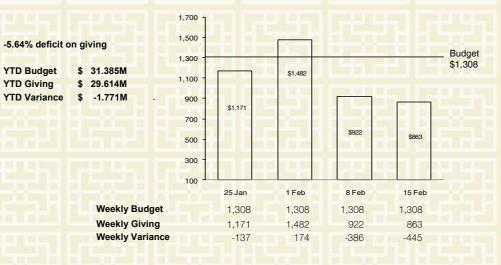
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#### YEAR TO DATE (24 WEEKS)

## FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016 PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



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 islandecc.hk/give. Enquiries to karen.kwok@islandecc.hk.

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# **RICHES**

# **Acting Rich**

February 21 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm 633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

# TODAY SUPPORTED PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

Island ECC partners with Helen Tijsterman, who has been serving in Mongolia since 2005 with Alpha Community, an international charitable organisation, looking after foster children and providing these homeless children a family who believes in them and in which they feel loved.

#### TODAY FUSE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Fuse, our young adult ministry, will be meeting today. 3pm, 11/F The Well. Come and join us for some great fellowship and discussion about relevant biblical topics!

### FEB 23 MEN'S FRATERNITY (MF) KICKOFF

Come to our MF kickoff, where you will be introduced to the six different tracks we are running this semester, all on how to be a man of God! MF meets every Tuesday starting Feb 23, 7pm, 10/F.

#### FEB 24 SPRING AT THE VILLAGE KICKOFF

Ladies, come to The Village where you can be yourself, do life with other women, and learn God's Word. Every Wednesday starting Feb 24, 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. We will have special speaker Rebecca Lau share her story with us at the kickoff night. Register at islandecc.hk/women.

#### FEB 27 BILL CHEW'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

In memory of our former elder Bill Chew, a Celebration of Life service will be held, 2pm, 1/F. Bill's family would appreciate it if you could send any photos of Bill that you have to Jessy at Jess14@gmail.com, and leave a message or story about Bill at www.rememberingbillchew.com.

#### FEB 27 SPORTS FELLOWSHIP KICKBOXING

Want an efficient way to spend that extra bit of energy? Join us to punch & kick away! 9-11am in a gym in Tin Hau. Tickets are \$150 each and available at the 1/F Connect Counter. For inquiries, email sportsfellowship@islandecc.hk.

#### MAR 4 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Join Renew Worship for a powerful and creative night of worship and original songs. 7.30pm on 1/F. Doors open at 7pm. "Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth."

#### MAR 6 **volunteer orientation**

Volunteering is love in motion! Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both a fun and rewarding way to help the church family. Come and hear about volunteer opportunities, 1.30-2.30, 10/F Living Room. Lunch will be provided. Sign up at the Connect Counter on your floor today!

#### MAR 7 ALPHA SPRING 2016

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday evening starting March 7. 7pm, 2/F Auditorium.

## MAR 13 KIDS CLUB FX (FAMILY EXPERIENCE)

Don't miss out on our first ever Kids Club FX for elementary kids (6-10 years old) and parents. It'll be a time of live worship, Easter skit, games and much more. 1.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Pick up your free tickets and lunch coupons (\$50) at the 9/F Welcome Desk or 10/F Connect Counter. Childcare available for kids aged 0-5. Space is limited.

## MAR 13 ISLAND YOUTH SUMMER CAMP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Island Youth is heading to Kenting, Taiwan to kick the summer off right! If you're 11-18, come join us for a life-changing experience of worship and community set in a stunning beach location. This trip is set for June 26 to 30. Register at islandecc.hk/summercamp2016 or inquire at youth@islandecc.hk.

### **CLASSES**

# MAR 13 the rise of radical islam: friday the 13th in paris

Why were 130 people killed in Paris last November? What has happened since and what's next? Join Lincoln Loo for this one-off presentation for an analysis that is not available in mainstream media outlets such as Al-Jazeera, BBC, and CNN. 11.30am, 8/F Classroom. Register at islandecc.hk/classes.



#### **OUTREACH**

### FEB 28 VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

This is our first ever family mission trip to Hanoi, Vietnam. We will host a Vacation Bible School for a local church and serve at a nearby orphanage. The trip runs from July 2 to 9. Intended for families with children aged 5 and above. Come hear more from the leaders at our info session, 11am or 1pm, 9/F. For more information, email kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

## $FEB\ 28$ Yunnan mission trip info session

Join us in beautiful Yunnan as we serve the local children with music, crafts, and teaching English. We will also visit local villages started through the legacy of a missionary over 100 years ago. The trip runs from May 23 to 29. Come to our info session, 1.30pm, 10/F Living Room. For more information, email go@islandecc.hk.

## MAR 6 ELDERLY REGULAR VISIT TRAINING

Monthly elderly home visits is one of Hope of the City's focus areas. Volunteers visit the same elderlies once a month in Shek Kip Mei and Ngau Tau Kok area. We are looking for new volunteers to join this ministry. If you are interested, a training will be provided at 1.30-3pm, 10/F Classroom. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

#### COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

We are looking to hire a full-time Coordinator in our Ministry Support team to help provide administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events, and pastor support. We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart to serve and an eye for detail, plus strong communication and administrative skills. Fluency in both English and Cantonese is needed.

#### **COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person with good administrative skills to provide administrative and practical help in supporting our teams of volunteers for all Sunday services and special events. Fluency in English, proficiency in Microsoft Office, and good attention to detail are required. This position is for six months (March 1 to August 31), 20 hours/week, including Sundays.

To apply for the above positions, email hr@islandecc.hk with a cover letter and CV.

#### FACILITATORS AND HOSTS NEEDED FOR CHURCH-WIDE SMALL GROUP STUDY

Small group facilitators needed to lead a six-week church-wide sermon study series in April and May. We are also looking for hosts to open up their homes during this period for small groups to meet. Email caregroup@islandecc.hk if you would like to serve or want more information.

#### **VOLUNTEERS FOR SHIRT LABEL CUTTING**

We are looking for volunteers to cut shirt labels on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am-4pm from now until March 15. Email boldfaith@islandecc.hk if interested. More details to come on a Spring shirt and dress sale planned for April.

# **NEW TO ISLAND ECC**

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#### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! Visit the Connect Counters on 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.

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#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE # 1

Check out www.islandecc.hk, where you'll have access to information about all our ministries and events, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including weekly blog posts and video podcasts of sermons.

Bi-monthly Shenzhen orphanage visit



#### 21 FEBRUARY 2016

# **Acting Rich**

<sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the **hope** to which He has called you, the **riches** of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, <sup>19</sup> and His incomparably great **power** for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 1:18-20

<sup>9</sup> For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. <sup>11</sup> For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:9-11