

# Welcome!

Crime stories have been a fascination for as long as there has been crime. Movies, TV dramas, and front-page news will provide us riveting details of the latest horror on the street. And the courtroom drama allows us to follow along an investigation and play sideline attorney as we make our decisions about the guilt or innocence of a suspect.

With carefully tuned skills, a criminal investigator will make accusations and conclusions based on carefully handled evidence, so that justice can prevail. Most of the time, our courts serve us well.

Today, we're going to apply some of the same investigative tools to the claim of Christianity. By collecting circumstantial evidence, we are going to put the disciples on trial. Are they reliable witnesses to the murder of Jesus Christ? Would their evidence withstand a courtroom?



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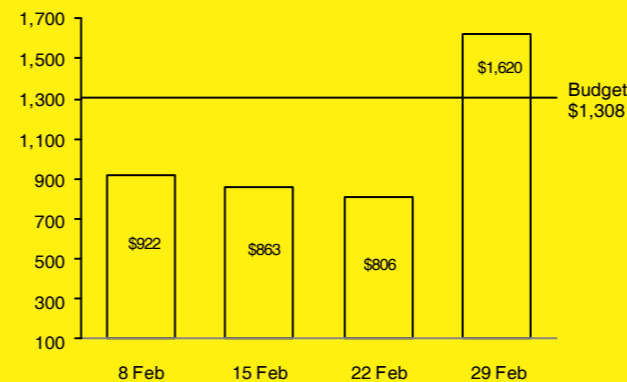
## FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016

### YEAR TO DATE (26 WEEKS)

-6.39% deficit on giving

YTD Budget \$ 34.000M  
YTD Giving \$ 31.829M  
YTD Variance \$ -2.171M

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	8 Feb	15 Feb	22 Feb	29 Feb
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	922	863	806	1,620
Weekly Variance	-386	-445	-502	312

**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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## EVIDENCE

### Investigating The Witnesses

March 6 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 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. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

## TODAY 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 at the orientation. 1.30-2.30, 10/F Living Room. Lunch will be provided.

## TODAY FUSE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

## TOMORROW 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 starting tomorrow. 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](http://islandecc.hk/summercamp2016) or inquire at [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

## MAR 18 & 19 REASONABLE FAITH CONFERENCE

In addition to the day-time equipping conference to be held at St Andrew's Church, there will be free outreach events at 7.30pm each night for attending along with a friend. Friday night will be on "Is faith reasonable in a world with ISIS?" and on Saturday night, "Finding real hope in life - the reality of Jesus' resurrection." More information on these and tickets for the day event are available at [www.standrews.org.hk/reasonable-faith-conference](http://www.standrews.org.hk/reasonable-faith-conference).

## MAR 25 GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER AND COMMUNION

Appreciate and celebrate God's perfect love for us on Good Friday - the day we remember Christ's death - with worship, reflection, prayer, and communion. 7.30pm, 1/F Auditorium.

## CLASSES

### REGISTER AT [ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES](http://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.

## MAR 18 THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND CHINESE ANCESTRAL PRACTICE SEMINAR

Chinese traditions such as funerals, Ching Ming Festival, incense burning, and even weddings can often be sources of conflicts for many Chinese Christians with their families. What are the beliefs behind these ancestral practices? How should Christians react in ways that are honouring to both God and their family? Come explore these questions at the seminar with guest speaker Rev. Dr Joseph Mak. 7.30-9.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Seminar is conducted in Cantonese.

## MAR 19 ISLAM: GOD'S STORY BEHIND THE MEDIA HEADLINES

Do the headlines of what is happening in Iraq and Syria confound and depress you? Does it appear like evil is winning? Far from it. Come and listen to Islam expert Georges Housney share what God really is doing in the Middle East today. Hear the story behind the headlines. "For what is seen is temporal; unseen, eternal". 10am-12pm, 10/F Worship Hall. No registration needed.

## OUTREACH

### TODAY ELDERLY REGULAR VISITS 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, come to our training today, 1.30-3pm, 10/F Classroom.

### MAR 13 GET TO KNOW HOPE

Hope of the City was founded by Island ECC in 2010 with the mission to transform the lives of the underprivileged in Hong Kong. Hope believes in each person's potential to succeed in life and seeks to provide them with access to equal opportunities. Learn more about their mission and what they do at the Get To Know Hope session. 1.15pm, 11/F Classroom. Lunch is provided.

### MAR 20 TAIWAN MISSION TRIP INFO SESSION

In Taiwan, Christianity is a minority religion while traditional values and religions hold a prominent place in the heart of the populace. Every summer we partner with local churches to bless an aboriginal village by caring for their children and finding opportunities to share the gospel. This year our trip will take place in early July. Learn more at our information session, 1.15-3pm, 11/F Classroom. Lunch is provided.

## 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. 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 ASSIMILATION

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person with good administrative skills to assist in connecting people to the church. The person will work with an existing team to provide practical and administrative support for volunteers on Sundays and ministry events, and provide some pastor support. The position is full time. Fluency in English and good attention to detail are required.

To apply for the above positions, email [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk) with a cover letter and CV.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR SHIRT AND DRESS SALE

We are looking for volunteers to cut shirt labels on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am-4pm from now until March 15. We are also looking for male volunteers to help move boxes in the morning of Saturday, March 19 & 26. Email [boldfaith@islandecc.hk](mailto:boldfaith@islandecc.hk) if you can help. More details to come on a Spring shirt and dress sale planned for April.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR 3PM KIDS CLUB

If you have a heart for serving young children, aged 3-10, we would love to hear from you! We are in need of volunteers for our 3pm Kids Club service. Training and orientation will be provided. Please contact us at [kidsclub@islandecc.hk](mailto:kidsclub@islandecc.hk) for more information.

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## Investigating The Witnesses

*Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.*

Acts 17:11-12

## NEW TO ISLAND ECC

### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER

1 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.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE

2 Check out [www.islandecc.hk](http://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.

Filipino Ministry's annual Beloved Conference over Chinese New Year

