



Welcome!

Happy Easter!

Today we join with approximately 2.2 billion people scattered throughout every country in the world to celebrate the same, age-old truth: Jesus Christ rose from the grave.

Christianity is by far the world's biggest religion, and it's growing. But if the bones of Jesus Christ were ever discovered, it would completely cease to exist. The bedrock of our faith is the fact we celebrate today — Jesus Christ proved He was God by defeating death on the cross.

But the cross is not just a symbolic and historical event. The power of the cross elevates our own existence and speaks purpose and meaning into our contemporary lives.

I'm so glad you are here today. And I pray that God will touch you today in a way that is unique to your needs and station in life. Some will relish the sentimentality of Easter celebrated in church like it was when they were kids. Some will come today as curious outsiders, to see why Christians gather in such numbers on this day. Wherever you are in your journey, Happy Easter.

Brett

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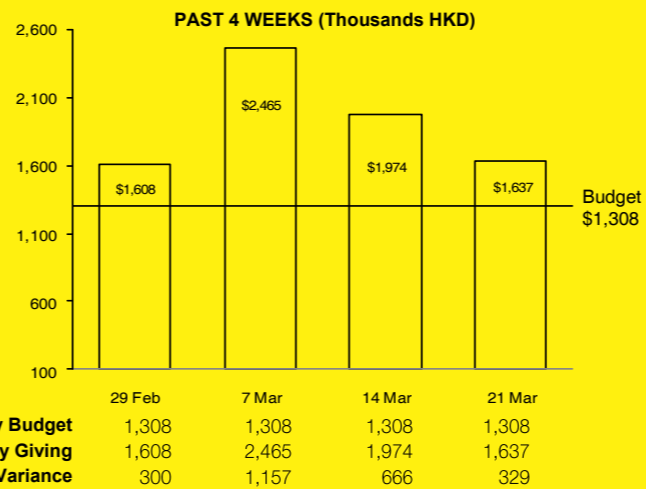
GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (29 WEEKS)

-0.4% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 37.9M
YTD Giving	\$ 37.8M
YTD Variance	\$ -0.1M

FISCAL YEAR SEPT 2015 - AUG 2016



Bold Faith Fund \$108M Received \$40.7M Outstanding Pledge \$67.3M

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

Cross Examination

March 27 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

MAR 31 DONATIONS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-16

Annual tax receipts will be issued mid-April for contributions made to Island ECC from April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Donations should reach us by March 31, 2016. Any donations received after this date will be included in next year's tax receipts. To update your correspondence address with us, please email finance@islandecc.hk.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

APR 8 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: BREAKING FREE FROM FEAR

In this study you will learn how to confront your circumstances with strength and courage as you live in the fear of the Lord – fear that conquers every other fear and sets you free to live in faith. The first class started on March 18, but you are more than welcome to join us for the rest of the course after we break for Easter. Fridays, April 8 to May 6. 10-11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

APR 10 BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism is the way we express our faith in Jesus Christ to our church family. If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class happening on Sunday, 10 & 24 April (both classes required). 5pm, 10/F Classroom. Register at islandecc.hk/baptism, or email baptism@islandecc.hk for more information.

APR 10 NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

Ever asked yourself these questions: How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money God has entrusted to me? How can I see money as a joy and blessing rather than a source of stress and worry? Come join Jeff Ryan and Ramon Maronilla for this 9-week course to explore biblical answers to these questions. 9.30am, 8/F Classroom. Material cost: \$500.

APR 10 PRECEPT STUDY: LIVING VICTORIOUSLY IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Have you wondered why life so often seems unfair? Has God turned His back on His children who are suffering, or is there a purpose in the pain? How can we face injustice and suffering of this world while having faith in an all-powerful God? Join experienced precept study instructor Derek Chan for this 6-week study that will address some of these questions. 3-4.30pm, 11/F Classroom. Material cost: \$70.

APR 10 1, 2 & 3 JOHN

Have you ever wondered "Do I (or others) really know God? Can I be sure about my relationship (or theirs) with Him?" Join Scott Ohman for this 6-week class to study the three letters of John which contain vital truths about the nature of God, knowing Him and how we know that our salvation is assured. 11.30am, 8/F Classroom.

APR 15 & 16 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING CERTIFICATE

In partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, we now offer a Seminary Certificate Programme in Biblical Counselling that includes 7 seminary level courses. Each course is taught by a seminary professor and is adapted to meet the needs of people in Hong Kong. The next course, 'Introduction to Biblical Counselling', will be conducted on April 15 and 16, 9am-5.30pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Register by April 8.

APR 17 CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM

How do you turn an everyday conversation into a meaningful dialogue on faith and the meaning of life? Join Patrick Rath for this 4-week class to learn the basic skills and applications of the "Conversational Evangelism" method by David Geisler. This method has been proven effective in many countries across different cultures. 9.30am, 10/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

APR 2 IDEAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

It's party time! The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a birthday party and is recruiting fun and passionate volunteers like you to host games for their members! Come join us at Sham Sui Po, 2-4pm. To register, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

OPPORTUNITY

SERVING ON THE BOLD FAITH CLOTHES SALES TEAM

Join the Bold Faith clothes sales team and get involved in the preparation for our Spring sale in April! Help is needed at the warehouse in Tai Kok Tsui on April 2, 9, and 16. If you are available to help on any of these dates, anytime between 9.30am and 5pm, please email boldfaith@islandecc.hk. We look forward to serving with you.

27 MARCH 2016

Cross Examination

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 17-19

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! 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.

2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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.

Youth Philippines mission trips: Middle school at Cebu / High school at Bohol



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