

HERE'S MY
HEART LORD
TAKE IT +
SEAL IT!

Welcome!

Have you ever "raised your Ebenezer"? What the heck is an Ebenezer, anyway?

Many of our old, traditional hymns are filled with deep theology and great truth. If only we understood them!

Today we begin a new series called *Lyrics*, and we'll have a look at some of these familiar songs, both old and new, and seek to understand more fully what the words actually mean. Hopefully, it will allow us all to worship with a greater depth and understanding.

And first up: *Be Thou My Vision*. This Irish hymn dating back to the 8th century is remarkably contemporary once we unpack it. Speaking of the value of keeping Christ in focus, the writer then discusses various competitors to a Christ-first vision, including ambition, riches, and reputation. Could be written about our world today and be equally relevant.

I hope you enjoy this series, and in the end, I hope it helps you to worship well.

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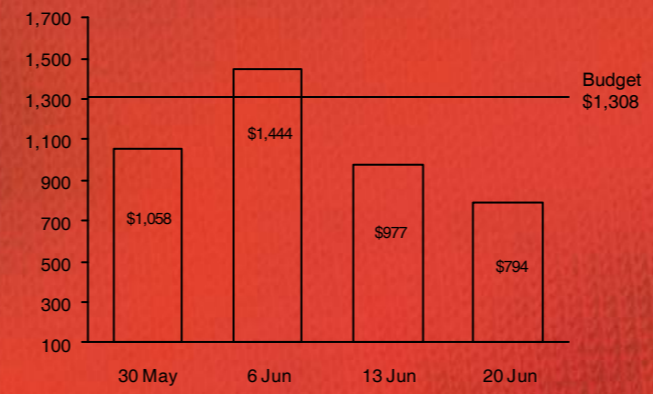
YEAR TO DATE (42 WEEKS)

4.3% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$ 54.9M
YTD Giving	\$ 52.6M
YTD Variance	\$ -2.3M

FISCAL YEAR SEP 2015 - AUG 2016

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



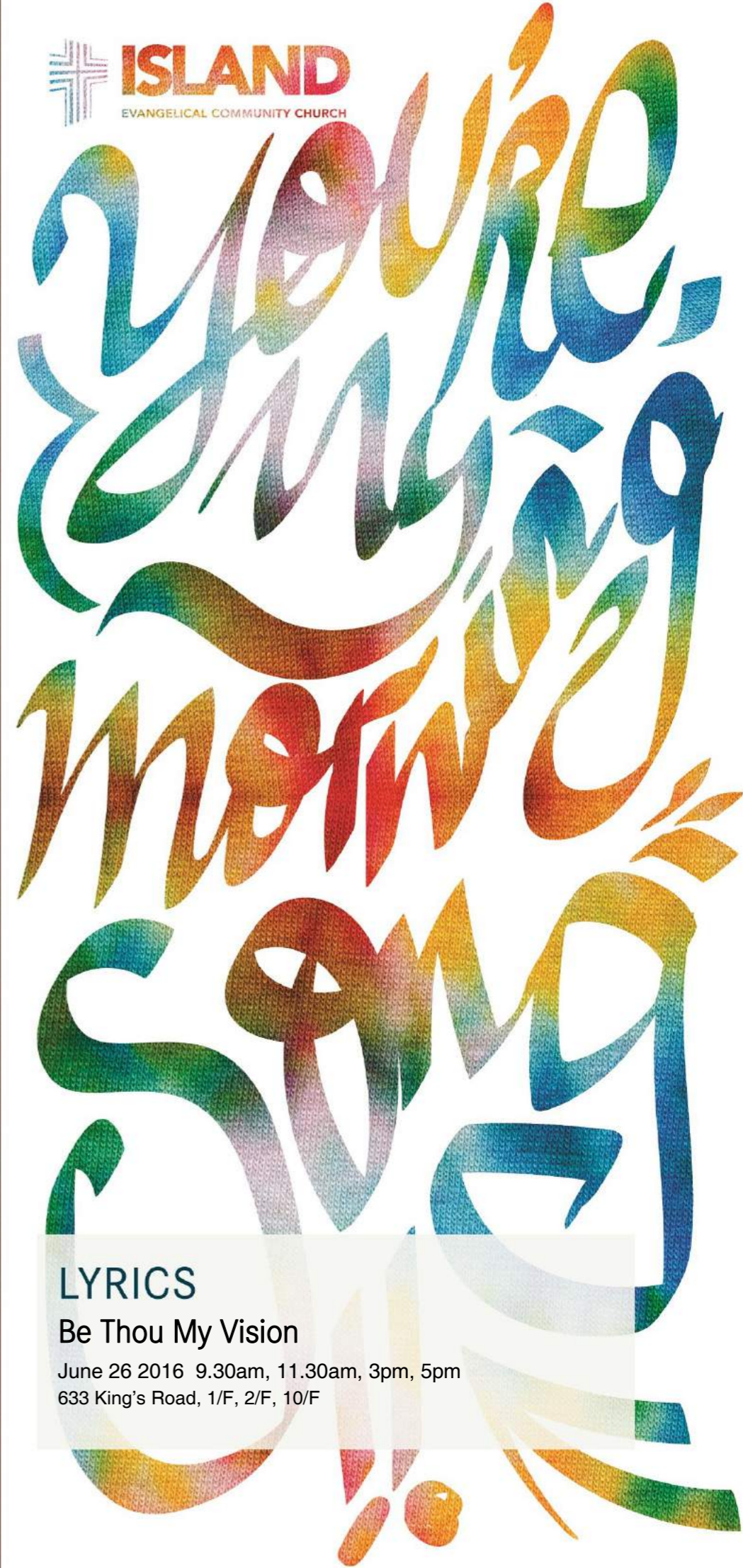
	30 May	6 Jun	13 Jun	20 Jun
Weekly Budget	1,308	1,308	1,308	1,308
Weekly Giving	1,058	1,444	977	794
Weekly Variance	-250	136	-331	-514

Bold Faith Fund \$111.5M Received \$59.9M Outstanding Pledge \$51.6M

Bold Faith Initial Fund Raising Target \$1 Billion

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



LYRICS

Be Thou My Vision

June 26 2016 9.30am, 11.30am, 3pm, 5pm
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY KIDS CLUB SUMMER VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

If you love kids and are interested in a short-term serving commitment of 9 Sundays (July 3 to August 28), our Kids Club Summer Sunday Programme will be a great opportunity for you. We invite you to come to our volunteer orientation today to find out how you could be involved. 1.30-2.30pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall. Light lunch will be provided.

THURSDAYS UNIVERSITY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

If you are a university student back in Hong Kong for the summer or currently studying in university here, come and join us for our University Student Fellowship! We meet every Thursday at 7.30pm, 11/F The Well. Email youngadults@islandecc.hk if you have any questions.

JUL 16 MOVIE NIGHT: WAR ROOM

Do you know that victories do not come by accident? Do you personally know the power of prayer? Join us for a movie night where we will watch 'War Room' together and learn how to pray with power. 6pm, 10/F Auditorium. The movie night is free and we'll be providing light snacks. Register at islandecc.hk/signups.

OUTREACH

JUL 3 SHANXI MISSION TRIP - REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Join us to bring God's love and joy to the children at Bo Ai School in Shanxi as we work closely with them through music, arts and crafts and teaching of English. The trip runs from September 17 to 24. Cost is at around \$6000 (includes travel, meals and accommodation). Go to islandecc.hk and search "Shanxi" for more information or to sign up.

JUL 3 ANTI-TRAFFICKING VOLUNTEERS RECRUITMENT

Eden Ministry is a social enterprise that provides support to trafficking and exploitation survivors in Hong Kong and the wider Asia. They are looking for volunteers to serve with them in a range of capacities, including street outreach, graphic design, translation, counselling, event or fair management, human resources management, marketing, and grant or report writing. We're hosting an information session for those who are interested to learn more about the anti-trafficking work Eden Ministry does, and how you could partner with them. 2-4pm, 10/F Classroom.

JUL 10 A RESPONSE TO FRANCIS CHAN: REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

At the end of his talk at the Immeasurably More Renew Conference, Francis Chan showed a heartbreaking, devastating video (http://youtu.be/BPnFCP_VEmM) about the tragic struggles Syrian refugees are facing. Your action point from that video could be to learn about the plight of refugees in Hong Kong and Island ECC's efforts to help. Come to hear their stories and daily challenges and learn what you can do to respond. 2.00-3.30pm, 2/F Auditorium.

JUL 10 FAMILY OUTING TO POOL SOCCER

Goal, goal, goal! Pocket the 8-ball! Hope of the City is bringing elderly and low-income families from North Point to join an outing that they don't experience everyday - Pool Soccer. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out at 2.30-6.30pm. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

JUL 23 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at reduced fair prices. We are looking for 20 volunteers who'll assist immobile families by delivering their goods to them. 9-11.30am. Email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

CLASSES

REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

JUL 8-9 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING COURSE: MARRIAGE & PRE-MARITAL COUNSELLING

This two-day seminary-level class is designed to help you apply biblical principles on marriage to your understanding of marital issues, and provide basic training for conducting pre-marital and marriage counselling. Participants may take the class for credit (former credit students only) or audit. 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium. Class fee is \$1250 (for credit) or \$250 (for audit), to be paid at the 1/F Connect Counter.

OPPORTUNITIES

ASSIMILATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAYS

We are looking for an enthusiastic and outgoing person to provide practical help in supporting our teams of volunteers for all Sunday services. Fluency in English, and good attention to detail are required. This position is for 8-10 hours on Sundays. To apply, email hr@islandecc.hk with your CV and cover letter.

26 JUNE 2016

Be Thou My Vision

*Be thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light*

*Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one*

*Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art*

*High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all*

— Be Thou My Vision, written by Dallán Forgaill

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.

Mission trip to Yunnan



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Be Thou My Vision. 8th century, Irish; Tradition goes that the ruling king of the time (High King Logaire of Tara) had decreed that no one was allowed to kindle a fire until Logaire had lit his to announce the start of the pagan spring festival. However, St. Patrick, a man zealous for the things of God, defied the royal order and lit candles on the Eve of the festival on Tara Hill (approximately ten miles from Slane Hill in County Meath). Patrick chose to honour God in spite of the threat of death. King Logaire was so impressed with Patrick's brave devotion, he let him continue his missionary work unhindered.

