

# Welcome!

Welcome to Island ECC! It's summer time in the city and hopefully you are able to enjoy the sunshine (when it's not raining) and the nature that Hong Kong has to offer. Many schools are on break and that means the kids get to have some fun too!

Today we are continuing in our Lyrics sermon series and we will be digging into the song "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" written by Robert Robinson in 1757. He wrote this song two years after coming to faith. Even though some of the lyrics are confusing and were written almost 260 years ago, we will find that the timeless words of this song connect with us and our own spiritual journeys.

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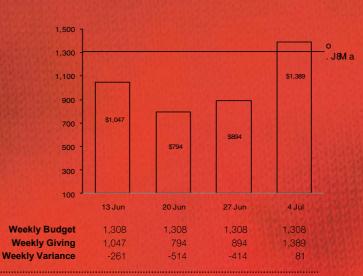
#### GENERAL OFFERING

#### YEAR TO DATE (44 WEEKS)

4.5% deficit on giving

YTD Budget YTD Giving YTD Variance

\$ 57.5M \$ 54.9M \$ -2.6M

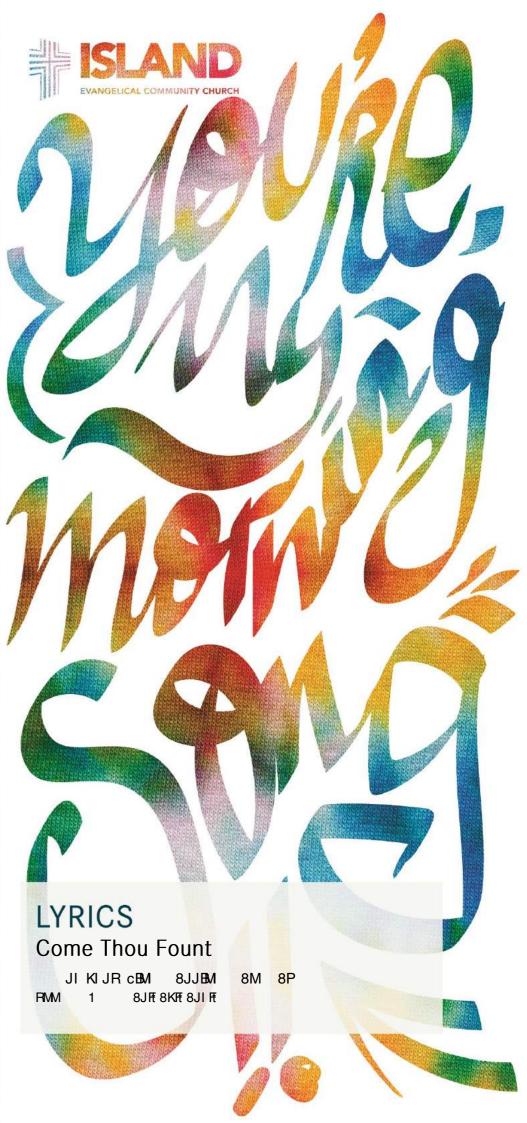


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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

### THURSDAYS UNIVERSITY STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

If you are a university student back in Hong Kong for the summer or currently studying in university here, come 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 'War Room' movie night and together we'll learn how to pray with power. The movie night is free and we'll be providing light snacks. 6pm, 10/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/signups.

#### **OUTREACH**

### TODAY YUNNAN MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

From travelling along dangerously winding roads to encountering passionate indigenous children who did not hold back their hugs and kisses, the Yunnan adventure has opened the eyes of the mission team to God's work which has flourished in Yunnan for over 100 years. Hear from the team their journey in Yunnan and what they see God doing in that area of China. 1.30pm, 10/F Auditorium.

#### TODAY HONG KONG REFUGEE AWARENESS INFO SESSION

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 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.

## JUL 30 NGAU TAU KOK ELDERLY VISITS CELEBRATION

Since September last year, we have around 40 volunteers visiting the same elderly people in Ngau Tau Kok monthly. To celebrate the meaningful relationships that have been built as a result, Hope of the City will be having a Poon Choi lunch with all the elderly and volunteers. If you would like to help out that day, 11am-3.30pm, please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

#### **CLASSES**

#### REGISTER AT ISLANDECC.HK/CLASSES

#### IUL 18 women's bible studies: the essentials of effective prayer

Join us to learn the key to an effective prayer life in this compelling study. Through a detailed examination of different prayers throughout the Bible, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how prayer can draw you closer to God. Mondays, 10.15am-12.45pm, 8/F Classroom.

#### JUL 31 REASONABLE FAITH

As believers we are faced with profound questions: Is faith rational? Is God's existence open to proof? What about evil or life after death? Join Martin Radford for this 4-week class to explore some of these questions and find out cool, effective answers in satisfying way. 11.30am-1.00pm, 8/F Classroom.

#### JUL 31 A PERSONAL LOOK AT SIN

A proper understanding of sin is crucial to the walk of every Christian. Come to this 3-week class by Dr. Yujing Fun to gain a comprehensive, biblical understanding of sin — what it is and how it works — which will help us better navigate our broken world as Christ's ambassadors and give us greater confidence in identifying the impact of sin in our lives and society. 3.00–4.30pm, 11/F Classroom.

#### **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.

# **NEW TO ISLAND ECC**

#### 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.

#### 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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## Come Thou Fount

Come thou Fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wondering from the fold of God.
He, to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

- Come Thou Fount, written by Robert Robinson in 1757

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

<sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

<sup>1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 7:14 - 8:2

