



# Welcome!

Good Morning or Good Afternoon!

I hope you are doing well, and I pray that you will come away from church doing even better. I hope your soul is fed. I pray you will engage with the music in a way that allows you to meditate on the character of God. I pray that you will find warm smiles and accepting people. I hope the sermon is one of those that moves you and inspires you.

But even if all is lackluster, isn't it good to know that there is a God who is perfect? Even if church disappoints, God doesn't.

Of course we try really hard and pray very sincerely that church will NOT disappoint. Welcome to church.



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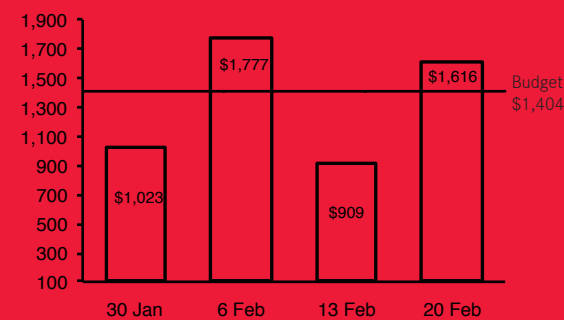
### YEAR TO DATE (25 WEEKS)

-7.4% deficit on giving

YTD Budget	\$35.1M
YTD Giving	\$32.5M
YTD Variance	-\$2.6M

## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	30 Jan	6 Feb	13 Feb	20 Feb
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	1,023	1,777	909	1,616
Weekly Variance	(381)	373	(495)	212

Bold Faith Fund \$126M

Received \$86.7M

Outstanding Pledge \$39.3M

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](http://islandecc.hk/give). Enquiries to [karen.kwok@islandecc.hk](mailto:karen.kwok@islandecc.hk).

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## BRAVE LOVE

### Shame Shifter

26 February 2017 9:30am, 11:30am, 3pm, 5pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

Are you new here?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
March 5, 2017  
1:30 PM, 11/F Living Room C

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY 2017 LENT DEVOTIONAL

To help you prepare well for Easter, we have an Easter devotional guide available: "Seek God for the City". \$10 each on all floors.

## MAR 3 ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR - DR. CRAIG HAZEN & DR. CLAY JONES

IBS will feature two apologetics professors from Biola University. Join us to hear Dr. Hazen speak on "Christianity in a World of Religions" followed by Dr. Jones on "Why Does God Allow Evil?" Mar 3, 7:30pm-9:30pm, 2/F Auditorium. Sign up at [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## MAR 3 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MARK

In this powerful 6-week, no homework study on the final chapters of the Gospel of Mark, you'll consider for yourself all that Jesus endured to bring forgiveness to sinners and hope to the hopeless. And you'll understand as never before why it's so essential to share with others the good news of Jesus. Starting Mar 3, 10am. Register at [islandecc.hk/women](http://islandecc.hk/women)

## MAR 6 SPRING ALPHA COURSE

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed environment. It is a practical intro to the basics of Christianity centred around a meal, a talk and a small group discussion. Join us every Monday starting Mar 6, 7pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at [islandecc.hk/alpha](http://islandecc.hk/alpha) or contact [alpha@islandecc.hk](mailto:alpha@islandecc.hk).

## MAR 11-12 MEN'S RETREAT - THE GREAT GETAWAY

This spring, men's ministry will embark on a retreat together in the beautiful landscape of Lantau Island at YWCA Sydney Leong Holiday Lodge to enjoy a time of getaway from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong, to rest, restore and re-energize as we fellowship, reflect and worship in reverence to God. Sign up at the Connect Counters on each floor.

## MAR 12 WELCOME HOME VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Serving as a volunteer at Island ECC is both fun and rewarding. Come and hear about opportunities, Mar 12, 1:30-2:30pm, 11/F Living Room C. Sign up online or at all Connect Counters.

## JULY 1-5 IY SUMMER CAMP

Registration Deadline: Mar 26

Get ready for an unforgettable summer with Island Youth's summer camp at the ClubMed Resort in Sanya! Each day we will have worship and small group sessions with intentional time to connect with God and others. For more information, email [youth@islandecc.hk](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk).

## CLASSES

For registration or more information, please email [classes@islandecc.hk](mailto:classes@islandecc.hk).

## MAR 3-4 BIBLICAL COUNSELLING THEORY CLASS

The 2-day course is to examine major components of a counselling theory and to develop a thorough understanding of the models for Christian Counselling. For those who wish to take this as an audit class, the cost is \$250, which includes lunch on both days. Mar 3-4, 9am-5pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## MAR 5 THE EXPLOSIVE GROWTH OF RADICAL ISLAM

Is the Islamic State Islamic or not? This one-off class gives an overview of Islam and equips you to answer those who claim that the Islamic State (ISIS) has nothing to do with Islam. Mar 5, 2:30- 5pm, 11/F Classroom

## MAR 5 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIANITY

A course for people who are new to church, new to the faith, or just want to learn more about the doctrines of Christianity. Join Pastor Tim as he takes you through the essentials of what it looks like to follow Jesus, in a fun and informative way! Sundays, Mar 5, 3pm- 4:30pm.

## MAR 12 ENRICHING YOUR MARRIAGE

Your marriage is special and worth attention. Join other couples for this 3-week "check-up" to enrich your marriage. Couples will take an on-line instrument between classes and will be provided with private printed material as feedback for them on essential marital themes. Sundays, 11:30am-1pm, 8/F classroom.

## OUTREACH

### APR 14 EASTER PRISON OUTREACH REGISTRATION OPEN

We will visit the English speaking inmates at the Pik Uk Prison, and share our faith with worship and testimony on Apr 14, 8:30am-1pm. Email your full name, gender and HKID number to [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) to register before Mar 12. Mandatory training on Mar 12, 2pm-3pm, 11/F Classroom. Priority will be given to men.

### APR 24-30 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: Today

Partner with Men's Ministry to share the gospel through words and actions to the closed country of Vietnam. The team is returning for the 6th year to build structures and relationships at a poor middle school. Please email [men@islandecc.hk](mailto:men@islandecc.hk) or register online at [islandecc.hk/outreach/global/vietnam/](http://islandecc.hk/outreach/global/vietnam/)

### MAY 9-16 YUNNAN MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: Today

Join us as we return to Yunnan where we'll travel deep into the mountains and visit the Miao Villages. We'll visit their homes and worship in their churches and serve children from a community school in the area. Please email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) or register online at [islandecc.hk/outreach/global/prc/](http://islandecc.hk/outreach/global/prc/)

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## Shame Shifter

<sup>15</sup>He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").

<sup>17</sup>Jesus said, "Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to My brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'"

<sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:15-19

## 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](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.

GO Conference "Go Beyond"



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Want to learn more about us?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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