



# Welcome!

In life, we face trials, troubles and sometimes acute suffering. These are not things that we look forward to, and when they come they can challenge or shake our faith.

But God calls on us to trust Him in times of trouble.

In the Bible we see that faith is proved true by standing strong in the midst of difficult circumstances. God promises to be with us in these times, giving us grace to help us in our time of need. Scripture is full of stories of biblical heroes who faced insurmountable odds, but kept on trusting fearlessly in God, and found in Him an even more powerful source of comfort, strength and hope.

I pray that whatever you are facing, you will come to find that in God, 'hope does not disappoint us.'

*Alistair*

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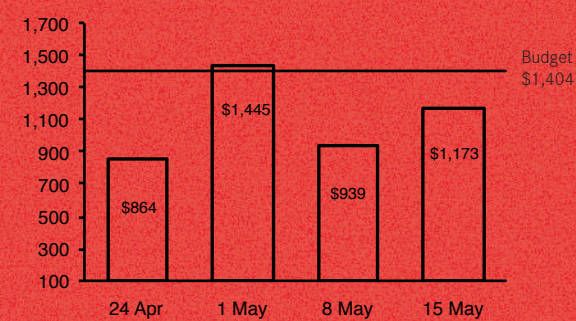
## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2016 – AUG 2017

### YEAR TO DATE (37 WEEKS)

5.8% surplus on giving

YTD Budget	\$51.9M
YTD Giving	\$54.9M
YTD Variance	\$3.0M

### PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



	24 Apr	1 May	8 May	15 May
Weekly Budget	1,404	1,404	1,404	1,404
Weekly Giving	864	1,445	939	1,173
Weekly Variance	(540)	41	(465)	(231)

**Bold Faith Fund \$129.4M**    Received \$94.4M    Outstanding Pledge \$35M

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

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## FEARLESS TRUSTING

May 21, 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  
June 4, 2017  
1:30pm, 11/F Living Room C

# HIGHLIGHTS

## TODAY **BABY DEDICATIONS**

We are delighted today to join 2 families in the dedications of their children to the Lord: Theodore Joshua Lee, born 10 October 2016, to parents Morris & Ruth (11:30am, 10/F) Marcus Li, born 6 Mar 2014 and Lucas Li, 24 Mar 2016, to parents Gary & Aurelia (3pm, 1/F) We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion.

## TODAY **“WELCOME HOME” OPEN HOUSE**

Because we love, we serve! Come join us to find more about how you can serve! Light lunch provided. Please get a FREE ticket at the Connect Counter. Today, 1:30–2:30pm, 11/F Living Room C.

## MAY 26-27 **DANGEROUS WOMEN CONFERENCE**

**Tickets (\$400) available at all Connect Counters.**

### May 26 - Girls' Nite Out

A kickoff of our Women's Conference with a live jazz trio, special guest artists' performances, mocktails, canapes and more! When you purchase a conference ticket, you'll be given a separate free invitation for Friday night to invite a friend who doesn't attend Island ECC. 7pm, 2/F.

### May 27 - Full Day Conference

A dynamic day with 4 TED-like talks from “dangerous” women in our community on how you can discover your God-given identity, as His change-maker, along with great worship, panel discussions, and lunch. May 27, 9am, 1/F.

## MAY 28 **FEARLESS CARNIVAL**

To wrap up our Fearless sermon series, we'll be having a fun carnival on the 11/F following the 5pm services on Sun, May 28. Come and join us for food and games to celebrate the conclusion of the series!

## JUN 4 **ISLAND BIBLE SEMINAR: WHAT IS GOD DOING IN ISRAEL?**

Do you know what God is doing in the churches in Israel? Dr. Erez Soref, president of Israel College of the Bible, will give us an exciting update about God's amazing work in the churches in Israel, and how our Jewish and Palestinian brothers are relating to each other. Free admission. For registration, please visit info page on [www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk). 2:30-4:30pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## JUN 11 **KIDS CLUB FX: CREATIVITY**

Come join us for Kids Club FX to close out the school year! We'll be learning all about creativity-imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image. Please pick up free event tickets and optional lunch coupons from 9/F Welcome Desk. 1:30pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## CLASSES

For registration or more information, visit [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## TODAY **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 today & May 28 (both classes required), 3:00- 4:30pm, 11/F Classroom. Sign up at [islandecc.hk/baptism](http://islandecc.hk/baptism).

## MAY 28 **GOD AND ME: THE USE OF SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES**

This 5-week class focuses on the disciplines that assist in having a vital, growing relationship with Christ. With solid Scriptural foundations and practical principles, it will deal with topics such as prayer, Bible study, fasting, and stewardship. 9:30-10:45am, 10/F Classroom.

## MAY 28 **OLD TESTAMENT BIG PICTURE: KINGS AND PROPHETS**

Starting from the Judges and the beginning of the nation of Israel, the OT is an avalanche of battles, prophets and nations. Yet through it all, God accomplished His big picture purpose, which has Jesus at its centre. Join this class to learn more. 3-4:30pm, 8/F Classroom.

## JUN 14 **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Have you lost a spouse, family member or friend? Are you grieving or don't even know where to start? This 6-week support group, led by caring professionals, is a safe place to share and learn from each other about the journey of grief that everyone walks through sometime in life. 7:30pm, 10/F Classroom. Registration required.

## OUTREACH

### MAY 27 **DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL HOME VISITS**

Joining Ark is not the only way to strengthen oneself for Dragon Boat Festival. Hope of the City is looking for 15 volunteers to care for families in Cheung Sha Wan on Sat, May 27, 2-5pm. Please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

### MAY 27 **MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR**

Each month, low-income families from Shek Kip Mei order necessities from St. James' Settlement at a reduced fair price. Volunteers will help deliver these goods to the immobile families and spend some time chatting with them. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on Sat, May 27, 9am-11:30am. Email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com) for more information.

### SEP 29-OCT 8 **MOROCCO MISSION TRIP**

#### Info Session: June 11

A team will be returning to Morocco to work with our partners to bring medical care to people who have limited access, to be with physically handicapped people who are not seen by society, to generate creative ideas with youth, and to share business & IT skills. If you are in the medical, IT, or business fields, with a heart to serve people, or have French language skills, come to the info session or email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) to find out more. June 11, 3pm, 11/F Classroom.

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### FULL TIME - DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

The Director of Ministry Support will oversee all the church's worship services, major events and be responsible for all the logistical operations of the church office and facilities. We are looking for someone with a servant heart, excellent people and leadership skills, and solid experience in event planning and administration. Full fluency in English and Cantonese is a must. To apply, please send your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk)

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## Fearless Trusting

*These [trials] have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

1 Peter 1:7

*Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Romans 5:3-5

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.*

Genesis 50:20

“Suffering is unbearable if you aren't certain that God is for you and with you.”

- Tim Keller

# NEW TO ISLAND ECC

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## 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.

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## 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.

Good Friday and Easter Sunday



Books for further reading:

*Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*, by Tim Keller

*Man's Search for Meaning*, by Viktor Frankl

*The Problem of Pain*, by C.S. Lewis

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