



# Welcome!

You are in for a real treat today! We've decided to mix things up a bit and have two live speakers on every floor. I've asked 8 of our staff to share a mini-sermon about what God has been doing in their lives recently. You will get to hear two of them in the service you attend, but if you'd like to hear what the others have to share, you can watch them all online.

A special shout out to our Sunday Service volunteers today! There are over 140 volunteers each week that help make our Sunday service flow smoothly. You guys are amazing, and today, we want to highlight what you do and say a special thank you!

I hope you have a great sense of joy as we continue our "Hello Summer!" series and celebrate the Father of Light who gives us "every good and perfect gift." (James 1:8)

*Brett*

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## BOLD FAITH OUR FOUR GOALS

The Bold Faith fund campaign is an initiative to establish a permanent venue in Hong Kong to advance God's kingdom. The objective is to raise sufficient funds to procure and own a building to enable our church to multiply ministries and serve our city well.



## Bold Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$98.8M	Outstanding Pledged	\$32.3M
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Total Fund \$131.1M

### GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (50 WEEKS)  
-3.3% deficit on giving

Budget	\$70.2M
Giving	\$67.9M
Variance	-\$2.3M

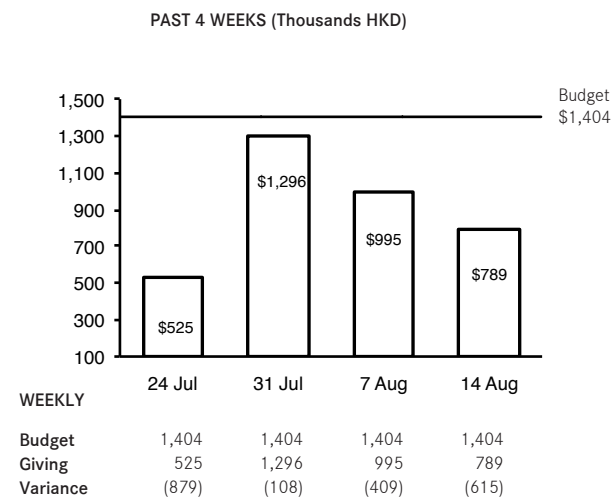
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We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

Cheques payable:  
• 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts  
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## HELLO SUMMER

What I've Learned Lately...

August 20, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F

**Are you new here?**  
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1 October 2017  
1:30 pm, 10/F Living Room



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## What I've Learned Lately...

Alistair Chiu

Alistair is Pastor of Equipping Ministry at Island ECC. He grew up in Sydney, Australia before coming to Hong Kong 4 years ago. When he was in Sydney he liked "bushwalking" (Australian for hiking) and taking photos of the Australian bushland. Now in Hong Kong, he hikes with his camera and takes photos of the mountain scenery.

*How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!*

*<sup>2</sup>My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;*

*my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

*<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!*

*<sup>5</sup>Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

*<sup>10</sup>For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

*<sup>12</sup>O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in You!*

Psalm 84:1-5, 10, 12

Eric Farmer

Eric is an Associate Pastor at Island ECC and has been with the church for five years. He and his wife, Katie, grew up in the US but headed east in 2010 as missionaries to Shandong province in China. They have two children, Titus (4) and Eden (1), and love travelling, being outdoors and living in such a diverse city.

*<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup>Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

*<sup>5</sup>For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup>and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup>and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.*

*<sup>8</sup>For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.*

2 Peter 1:3-9

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Shannon Hilliard

Shannon has called Hong Kong home for the past 16 years. She loves hiking, coffee, *dan dan mian*, French bulldogs, her four children, and a guy called Brett. She worked as a nurse at Hong Kong International School for 10 years and is currently Director of Community Outreach at Island ECC.

*The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

*Come, behold the works of the Lord, how He has brought desolations on the earth.*

*He makes wars cease to the end of the earth, He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;*

*He burns the chariots with fire.*

*"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Psalm 46:7-11

What I have learned lately:

1. Pause before I parent so I can \_\_\_\_\_ instead of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God is the God of \_\_\_\_\_ even when I am struggling.
3. I want to be actively involved in \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord in my family, city and world.

Daniel Tse

Daniel is married to Rebecca and they have three boys Ryan, Hunter and Ezekiel aged 10, 8 and 3. Daniel has been part of Men's Ministry for the past 11 years and graduated from seminary this past summer. He has enjoyed a range of different careers. He loves motorcycling and martial arts but does neither currently.

*Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup>Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

Ephesians 4:29-32

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*And they were calling to one another, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." At the sound of their voices, the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."*

Isaiah 6:3-5

Jacquie Ronan

Jacquie grew up in Guam, the now famous US Territory in the Northern Pacific, and moved to Hong Kong in 2008 with her husband, Jeff and daughter, Megan. They are now permanent residents and Jacquie celebrates eight years serving with Island ECC. This summer, Jacquie attended a Summer Intensive as part of her studies with Fuller Theological Seminary.

*Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## AUG 27 KIDS CLUB PARENT MEET AND GREET

All Kids Club parents are invited to meet with staff and small group leaders during the first 30 minutes of the 9:30 am and 11:30 am services in 10/F Classroom, or the 3 pm service in 9/F Kids Worship Hall. We look forward to sharing more about our curriculum and plans for the upcoming school year! Please RSVP at kidsclub@islandecc.hk.

## SEP 10 CARE GROUP OPEN HOUSE

Do you want to join a care group? Come to our first ever "Care Group Open House." New care groups will be formed that day and some existing care groups will also be there to welcome new members. 10 September, 2:30 pm. Visit islandecc.hk/caregroups for more details and how to sign up.

## SEP 11 ALPHA COURSE

Looking for answers to life? Alpha is a 10-week opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a laid-back environment. It is a practical introduction to the basics of Christianity, centred around a meal, a talk and a group discussion. Invite your friends or colleagues, and join us every Monday. Starts 11 September, 7 pm, 2/F Auditorium. Register at islandecc.hk/alpha.

## OCT 13-14 "BEING ONE" SINGLES CONFERENCE

The single life is amazing! This year's Singles Conference will focus on maximising the potential of being present, being fulfilled, and being one! We will be encouraged by our own Island ECC speakers, as well as special guest, Brian Rayburn, a former Hong Kong resident currently serving at Bible Fellowship Church in Ventura, California. Early bird tickets (\$300) are on sale starting this week at all Connect Counters.

## CLASSES

### SEP 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 Sunday baptism class on 10, 17 & 24 September (all classes are required), 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, 7/F Classroom. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism.

### SEP 10 NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY

How can I take control of my finances and better plan for the future? What does it mean to be faithful with the money that God has entrusted to me? How can I use money to be a blessing rather than a source of stress and worry? Come and explore the answers to these questions in the Bible in this 9-week course! 9:30 - 11 am, 8/F Classroom. Cost: \$300 for materials.

## OUTREACH

### AUG 26 MOBILE SHOPPING FAIR

It's time for the mobile shopping fair! Volunteers will help to deliver goods and spend some time chatting with immobile families who have ordered goods from St. James' Settlement at a reduced price in Shek Kip Mei. We are looking for 20 volunteers to help out on 26 August, 9 - 11:30 am. Please email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com for more information.

### SEP-FEB ELDERLY HOME VISIT RECRUITMENT

Since 2015, around 50 regular volunteers have been visiting an elderly home in Ngau Tau Kok monthly to display the love of Christ. Hope of the City would like to invite you to be part of this wonderful journey. For more information, email volunteer@hopeofthecity.com.

### NOV 4-11 SHANXI MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: August 27

We will be sending a team to a neighbourhood village school in Shanxi. Despite religious red tape, the school has been practicing the Christian values of love and respect. By interacting with the locals and loving them through your actions, you will influence and impact China's next generation. Email go@islandecc.hk for more information.

The Ark on Race Day



## OPPORTUNITIES

### KIDS CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Training Dates: Today, 1 pm or 23 August, 7:30 pm

Kids Club is recruiting regular Sunday volunteers for the upcoming school year starting 3 September. If you have a heart to serve children, please drop by 9/F Welcome Desk or email kidsclub@islandecc.hk for more information.

### MARVEL BUDDIES

Training Dates: Today, 1 pm or 23 August, 7:30 pm

We are initiating a new ministry to children with special needs called Marvel Kids and are currently recruiting consistent, caring volunteers to serve. A Marvel Buddy will be partnered with a child with special needs to offer care, guidance and support as they hear about the love of God at 9/F Kids Club. For more information, email marvelkids@islandecc.hk.

If you are interested in the opportunities below, please send your CV and cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk. For more information and details, go online to [www.islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://www.islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities).

### COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

If you have a heart for children, relevant experience, and enjoy putting in a lot of care and detailed preparation for our weekly Sunday Kids Club, we would love to hear from you.

### ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT

We are looking for someone proficient in accounting functions to join the Finance Team and assist the Director of Finance.

### PASTORAL & MINISTRY ASSISTANT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a servant heart to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for our pastors and ministries. Strong administration and communication skills, efficiency in multitasking, and excellent English (spoken and written) is required.

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## What I've Learned Lately...

Jessica Richmond

Jessica works full-time in Youth Ministry as the Deputy Director of Student Discipleship. She's been living in Hong Kong for almost 7 years and is married to her incredible husband Kane Choy, who serves on the worship team. One of their life mottos is "the couple that games together, stays together."

*We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. <sup>2</sup>For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. <sup>4</sup>God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.*

Hebrews 2:1-4

Jeff Caylor

Jeff is from Anderson, Indiana and met his wife Leora in Colorado Springs, Colorado. While in the USA, he released several independent albums. His love of music production led him to become one of a handful of Ableton Certified Trainers in Hong Kong, which has helped contribute to the dynamic worship sets he leads weekly as Senior Director of Worship and Atmosphere at Island ECC.

*<sup>7</sup>But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.*

*<sup>8</sup>They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.*

*It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green.*

*It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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