

YOU ARE MY GOLIATH

# Welcome!

If you're at church reading this, it means there is no typhoon and we are able to have church!

What an odd year, huh? We have had to cancel church for three Sunday due to typhoon warnings. Unless you came to the 9:30 service last week, you missed a fabulous message by Dr. Scott Rodin and I would encourage you to watch it online. Insightful and challenging, it will be well worth your time.

Today we begin a new series on the life of David. For six weeks, we'll look at scenes from his life that will serve as both inspirations and warnings: some familiar stories, like Goliath and Bathsheba, as well as some lesser-known but equally helpful ones, like Mephibosheth and Araunah. I've been studying and praying with the hope that you will find these messages helpful as we all journey to know God better.

*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.

**BRING PEOPLE TO WORSHIP JESUS**

**OPTIMISE TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

**LOVE THE CITY**

**DEEPEN RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY**

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

Received	\$105.3M	Outstanding Pledged	\$29.5M
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$134.8M

## GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (7 WEEKS)

-25.5% deficit on giving

Budget	\$10.2 M
Giving	\$7.6M
Variance	-\$2.6M

## GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

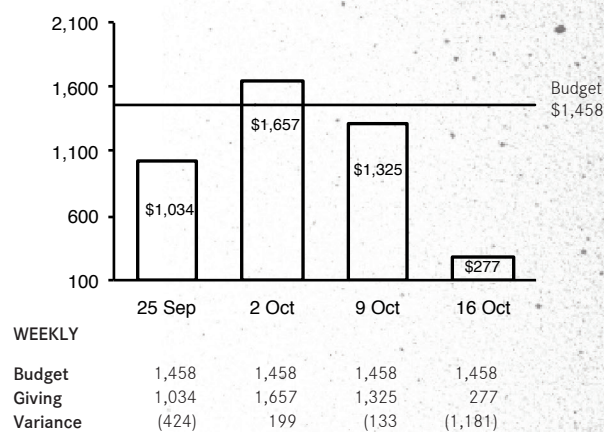
We encourage those who consider Island ECC their church home to prayerfully give a percentage of their income to the church on a regular basis.

- Cheques payable:
- 'Island ECC Ltd.' for HK tax receipts
  - 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc.' for US citizens

Enquiries:  
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## FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 - AUG 2018

PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)



## DAVID

Goliath

October 22, 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?  
Come to our Newcomers Lunch  
5 November  
1:30pm, 10F Living Room

# HIGHLIGHTS

## OCT 28 WALKING WITH GOD

Join us in experiencing an outdoor and purposeful walk with God and His people around Quarry Bay. We will meet at 9:30 am, G/F at 633 King's Road. To register, and for more details, go to [islandecc.hk/walking](http://islandecc.hk/walking).

## NOV 5 HOW DO YOU PRESENT FAITH IN A POST-MODERN CULTURE?

On 5 November for our 3pm service, we will be welcoming special guest speaker Professor Alister McGrath from Oxford University to speak on the challenges of presenting our faith in today's culture. He is one of the world's eminent Christian apologists. This talk will be live on 1/F and broadcasted to 2/F, and will be replayed at our 5 pm service on both 1/F and 2/F.

## NOV 10 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

Music is designed to excite our emotions. It has a unique power to awaken our hearts in a way that words alone cannot. And when God's people come together to lift their voices as one, there's nothing like it. This is why we sing! Join us Friday, 10 November, 7:30 pm. Doors open at 7pm.

## NOV 25-26 MENS MINISTRY RETREAT - THE GREAT GETAWAY II

Men's Ministry is holding another retreat this fall! Come join "The Great Getaway II" and enjoy a weekend getaway from the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong to fellowship with other men. Sign up at Connect Counters. Early bird retreat tickets (\$350) include transportation, food, lodging and gear.

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://islandecc.hk/classes).

## TODAY CHRISTIANITY AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

As Christians, how do we engage with the culture around us? This class will look at how Biblical authors engaged with their culture, drawing lessons and applications for the modern world. Starts today, 11:30 am, 8/F.

## TODAY FORGIVENESS

God commands us to forgive. As challenging as it is, forgiveness ultimately heals us. Join this 2-week class to learn what the Bible teaches about forgiveness. Starts today, 2:30 - 5:30 pm, 10/F Classroom.

## NOV 10-11 COUNSELLING PROBLEMATIC EMOTIONS

This 2-day seminary-level course will assist students in understanding the complexities of our emotions and develop skills to counsel those suffering from anxiety, grief, guilt, anger, and depression. Participants can take the course for credit (former credit students only) or audit. Audit cost is \$300. 10-11 November, 9 am - 5 pm, 10/F Auditorium.

## OUTREACH

### TODAY FOOD DRIVE: RICE HARVEST SEASON

1.5 million people in Hong Kong go hungry everyday. Hope of the City wants to change that by holding a food drive for Feeding Hong Kong this Sunday. Bring your contributions to church and drop them in the marked boxes. For more information, go to [hopeofthecity.com](http://hopeofthecity.com).

### OCT 28 CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL FAMILY OUTING

Hope of the City is partnering with Yan Kei Evangelical Church to spend this traditional Double Ninth Festival with low-income families at a farm in northeastern New Territories from 8 am - 5:30 pm on 28 October. For more information, please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### NOV 4 IDEAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Intellectually Disabled Education and Advocacy League (IDEAL) is hosting a BBQ and biking birthday party in Tai Po. We are recruiting fun and passionate volunteers to host games for their members. Space limited to 5 volunteers. Come join us at 11:30 am - 5 pm on 4 November. For more information, please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

### NOV 11 SHAM SHUI PO CARNIVAL

Industrial Evangelical Fellowship (IEF) is hosting their biannual carnival in Sham Shui Po and gathering all the churches and NGOs that serve in this community to share the joy and peace of Jesus Christ. Hope of the City is invited and seeking a group of energetic volunteers to host a game booth from 12:30 - 5:30 pm. For more information, please email [volunteer@hopeofthecity.com](mailto:volunteer@hopeofthecity.com).

## OPPORTUNITIES

If you are interested in the opportunities below, send your CV and a cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk). Go to [islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities](http://islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities) for more information.

### COORDINATOR OF WORSHIP & CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

This is a full-time position to coordinate and follow up on strategic promotional plans and creative initiatives of the church, as well as providing administrative support for the worship team at Sunday services and special events. If you have a heart to serve, are fluent in English, familiar with social media platforms, and have excellent administrative skills, please apply.

### COORDINATOR OF OUTREACH

We are seeking to hire a full or part-time Coordinator of Outreach. If you have a big heart for missions, possess excellent administrative skills, are fluent in English, and would like to serve with this dynamic team, please apply.

### RECEPTIONIST COORDINATOR

We are looking for a friendly person with good communication and multi-tasking skills to provide full-time administrative and logistical support for the church office.

### CONNECTING MINISTRY ASSISTANT - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for someone to provide logistical support for our volunteers on Sunday afternoons.

### NURSERY STAFF - SUNDAY CONTRACT POSITION

We are looking for nursery staff to care for and teach children 0-3 years old in our Kids Club Nursery.

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## Goliath

*David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"*

1 Samuel 17:26

<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

<sup>47</sup>All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give all of you into our hands."

1 Samuel 17:45-47

<sup>9</sup>The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup>Those who know Your name trust in You,

for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.

Psalms 9:9-10

# NEW TO ISLAND ECC

- 1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER
- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE   
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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HOPE October: Cooking competition, Yum Cha with elderly and visit to the homeless



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