



# Welcome!

Merry Christmas!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! The weather is a little cooler, people gather together a little more than usual, and of course, it's the time we celebrate the birth of Christ!

We're glad you're here as we begin our Advent series called "Messiah". For the month of December, we are going to be looking at why Christ came to Earth and how He changed the world. Today, we will focus on an Old Testament prophecy that was fulfilled by Jesus and how it applies to our lives. Jesus has many names in scripture, but today we'll be asking: what does it mean that Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor?

Welcome again to Island ECC! We hope you're encouraged today as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ!

*Tim*

**Are you new here?**  
**Come to our Newcomers Lunch**  
 Sunday, 7 January  
 1:30pm, 10F Living Room

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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

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

<b>Received</b>	<b>\$108.4 M</b>	<b>Outstanding Pledged</b>	<b>\$28 M</b>
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$136.4M

**GENERAL OFFERING**

**YEAR TO DATE (13 WEEKS)**

-17.5% deficit on giving

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$18.9M</b>
<b>Giving</b>	<b>\$15.6M</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$3.3M</b>

**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:  
 giving@islandecc.hk

**FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 – AUG 2018**

**PAST 4 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)**



**WEEKLY**

<b>Budget</b>	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
<b>Giving</b>	1,548	854	795	2,634
<b>Variance</b>	90	(604)	(663)	1,176



**MESSIAH**

**Wonderful Counsellor**

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

# HIGHLIGHTS

## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to worship with us during our special Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, 24 December 2017. These special candlelight services will be held at our normal service times of 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, and 5 pm.

## TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

This is a special time of year as we join together with our families to celebrate the birth of Jesus and share in the beauty of Christmas traditions like gift-giving. Today and next week, we want to help you jumpstart your holiday shopping with several meaningful gift options:

### ISLAND ECC CALENDAR 2018

Every year, our design team works to create a calendar for the upcoming year that carries meaning beyond simply scheduling. This year, the theme is "I Am the Beginning". Calendars can be purchased on 1/F, 2/F, and 10/F for \$50.

### EVERGREEN CD BY RENEW WORSHIP

What better way to usher in the Christmas season than with original music by Renew Worship, the worship team at Island ECC? Last year, the team released their Evergreen EP. Copies of this are available today in Quench on 1/F and on 10/F.

### QUENCH CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

Special discounts are available on a wide selection of adult and children's titles while stock lasts. 1/F Quench and 10/F only.

## TODAY CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS: LAST DAY TO RETURN

Thank you so much for filling the Christmas Gift Bags with love for orphanage workers and children, as well as Indonesian and Filipino ministries. Today is the last day to return your bags. These can be dropped off at the 1/F Connect Counter.

## DEC 10 CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

Every year, Island ECC blesses and advances God's work in Hong Kong and around the world. We do this through the Christmas Love Offering, which is one way that we partner with a wide variety of organisations and individuals involved in innovative, courageous and faithful ministry. Pray about what you will give this year; your offering can be placed in the red envelope provided.

## DEC 10 KIDS CLUB FX: GENEROSITY

Parents, we invite you to bring your kids and join us for Kids Club FX to celebrate Christmas! Your children will learn all about generosity - and making someone's day by giving something away. Please pick up your free tickets from 9/F Welcome Desk.

## DEC 16 CHRISTMAS CAROLLING TRAM PARTY

Are you excited that Christmas is coming up and want to spread some cheer throughout the city? Then come and join our Christmas Carolling Tram Party on 16 December! And take a slow ride through Hong Kong belting out your favourite carols! The cost is \$100 and you can register at the Connect Counter today! Space is limited!

## JAN 19-20 EMULATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The EMULATE Youth Conference is back! EMULATE is a conference designed just for students to encourage and equip them, and create fun, vibrant opportunities to connect with other students. Tickets are available today at the Early Bird rate of \$250 at Connect Counters and on 11/F. For more information, email youth@islandecc.hk or visit islandecc.hk/emulate.

## FEB 2-3 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Join us for the Global Leadership Summit, a two-day event featuring inspiration and training from world-class leaders. GLS reaches 400,000 people from over 120 countries. To join in and register visit glshk.org.

## CLASSES

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

## TODAY NEW CLASS: CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas has become a favourite universal festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in this 3-week detailed recovery of the realities of the birth of Jesus to discover more of the amazing faith, humility and obedience of those chosen to serve Him. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

## DEC 10/17 BAPTISM CLASSES

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend both baptism classes on 10 and 17 December, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, 7/F Classroom. If you can't make it on Sundays, please attend both Wednesday classes, 13 and 20 December, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 10/F Classroom. Sign up at [islandecc.hk/baptism](http://islandecc.hk/baptism).

## OUTREACH

### DEC 17 SHANXI MISSION TRIP SHARING SESSION

"Completely touched and awed beyond words." This is how the team described their experience serving in Shanxi in November. Join them to hear their personal experiences and the ways God touched their lives and the lives of those they travelled to serve. Sunday 17 December, 3 pm - 5 pm, 11/F Classroom.

### FEB 16-19 ICM PHILIPPINES MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: TODAY

Next CNY, Island ECC will send a team to Dumaguete, Philippines to serve the spiritual and physical needs of the community by helping with a sanitation project, interacting with locals to show love and giving hope to some of the poorest families in the Philippines. Email [go@islandecc.hk](mailto:go@islandecc.hk) for information.

### MAR 3-11 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

Information Session: 10 December / Registration Deadline: 14 January

Partner with Men's Fraternity to share the gospel through words and actions to the closed country of Vietnam. The team is returning for the seventh year to build structures and relationships for a middle school. Email [men@islandecc.hk](mailto:men@islandecc.hk) for more information.

### APR 2-7 VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Information Session: TODAY

Interested to serve together as a family? This will be our third year returning to Hanoi, Vietnam to serve orphans and partner with an elementary school for a day full of activities. The trip takes place 2 - 7 April, 2018. Come and meet the leaders and find out more today at 1:15 pm - 1:45 pm, 9/F Kids Worship Hall.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart to serve to join our Ministry Support team in providing administrative and logistical support for our Sunday services, ministry events and facility use. Fluency in both English and Cantonese are needed. Please email your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk)

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## Wonderful Counsellor

*For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.

...He knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for He himself knew what was in man. (John 2:24 - 25)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:15 - 16)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. (John 5:24)

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1 - 2)

Jesus (and the Holy Spirit) \_\_\_\_\_ us.

All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:25 - 26)



Shanxi Mission Trip

TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG  
**Want to learn more about us?**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_