



Welcome!

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, everywhere you go!"

Are you humming the song in your head now? This famous Perry Como tune was re-recorded by Michael Buble and so many others. You have probably heard some version of this song before and the words are certainly true for our great city as Hong Kong is dressed up for Christmas. I hope that has helped put you in a great holiday spirit.

But beyond decorations and special Christmas songs, I hope that you find your soul longing for the Saviour whose birth we celebrate during this time.

Keep in mind that next Sunday is Christmas Eve and we will be having our same schedule of four service times (9:30, 11:30, 3:00, 5:00). Lots of special songs, candlelit singing, and a larger than usual crowd can be expected. Make plans to bring a friend, but you might want to come early to ensure a good seat.

Brett

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]

Received	\$108.8 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$27.7 M
Total Fund Received and Pledged \$136.5 M			

GENERAL OFFERING

YEAR TO DATE (15 WEEKS)

-13.7% deficit on giving

Budget	\$21.9M
Giving	\$18.9M
Variance	-\$3.0M

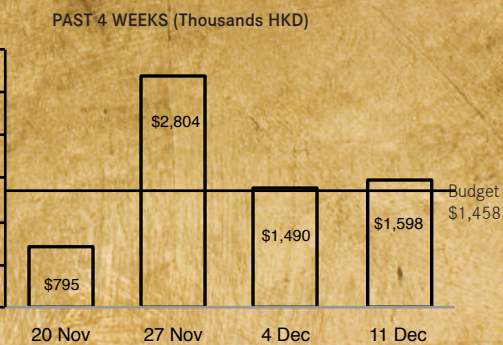
GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

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



WEEKLY

Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	795	2,804	1,490	1,598
Variance	(663)	1,346	32	140



MESSIAH
 Soul Sourcing
 December 17, 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 BABY DEDICATION

We are delighted today to join with the Chu family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Joshua Chu, born 30 August 2017, to parents Hang and Joanne Chu. We warmly welcome all family and friends visiting for this occasion at 9:30 am, 10/F Worship Hall.

TODAY PRAYER AFTER SERVICE

We want to encourage the church to set aside time to pray today wherever you are and if you need to pray with people, feel free to approach our prayer volunteers at the front. Kindly leave the sanctuary quietly and respect those who are praying.

TODAY ISLAND ECC 2018 CALENDAR

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.

TODAY CHRISTMAS LOVE OFFERING

One way we partner with a wide variety of ministries is through our Christmas Love Offering. You can join with us in supporting these ministries by placing your offering in the red envelopes provided.

DEC 31 DEADLINE FOR FRIENDS OF HK CHARITY DONATIONS

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. for 2017 should be dated and submitted no later than 31 December. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2018.

JAN 1 INDONESIAN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Please invite any Indonesian domestic helper you may know to attend a special event designed just for them: "Celebrating Christmas and New Years!" The celebration begins at 10 am on 10/F and free tickets can be picked up at the Connect Counter on 1/F today.

JAN 9 MEN'S FRATERNITY SPRING LAUNCH

Let your New Year's resolutions start with joining Men's Fraternity this Spring! Core and seasonal tracks are geared specifically for men! Be intentional and come for fellowship on Tuesday nights, 10/F, starting at 7 pm with dinner. Email men@islandecc.hk with questions.

JAN 10 THE VILLAGE SPRING LAUNCH

The Village Gathering on Wednesday nights is starting up for the Spring! We are going to be exploring "The Jesus I Never Knew" this season through film clips. Please join us on 2/F, doors open at 7 pm. Email women@islandecc.hk with questions.

JAN 13 LIFE-CHANGING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Do you find praying hard? Are you not sure how to approach God or what that even means? Join Jennifer Tow and Rick Bates on 13 January to learn more about prayer. 10 am - 2 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Lunch and a book will be provided for \$100. Register at the Connect Counters.

JAN 19-20 EMULATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

The EMULATE Youth Conference is back! EMULATE is a conference designed to encourage and equip students, and create fun, vibrant opportunities to connect with God and others. 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 two-day Global Leadership Summit. GLS reaches 400,000 people from over 120 countries, and features inspiring speakers, both video cast and live, in Hong Kong. To join in and register visit glshk.org.

Shanxi Mission Trip



CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to islandecc.hk/classes.

JAN 10 GALATIANS FOR YOU

The Letter to the Galatians is one of the most important letters from Paul the Apostle. In this Wednesday night class, we will explore both the theological and practical significance of this letter in relation to our Christian life. Materials cost \$200. Please sign up in advance at the Connect Counter on 1/F. Space is limited.

JAN 14 GROW DISCIPLESHIP COURSE LAUNCH

Want to take your walk with Christ to the next level? At GROW, participants learn how to establish a daily quiet time, read the Bible, fellowship with others, witness to non-believers and more. Find out more at the Launch Party, 1:30 pm - 3 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Simple lunch will be served.

OUTREACH

TODAY 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. Join us today, 3 pm - 5 pm, 11/F Classroom.

MAR 3-11 MEN'S VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

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. For more information, or to register, email men@islandecc.hk.

APR 2-7 VIETNAM FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Registration Deadline: 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. Email go@islandecc.hk for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRY SUPPORT

We are looking for a friendly and energetic person with a heart of service 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

17 DECEMBER 2017

Soul Sourcing

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

...keep watch over your souls...
Hebrews 13:17

...I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
Job 7:11

For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?
Mark 8:36

...abstain from sinful desires which wage war against your soul.
1 Peter 2:11

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
Acts 2:42

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- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE [f](#) [t](#) [i](#)
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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