



# Welcome!

Merry Christmas!

How would you describe your level of peace these days? Or viewed from a more negative perspective, how is your anxiety level?

When Isaiah spoke about the coming of Jesus Christ, he prophesied that He would be called, "Prince of Peace". So the Messiah that we celebrate at Christmas is the One who is our source of peace regardless of our circumstances.

I hope you experience a refreshing holiday with great times of peace, even if your circumstances are not ideal. The God we worship today is the One who calms the storms, conquers our fears, and injects peace into chaos. May you have a wonderful Christmas by knowing that God is not only *with* you, but He is also *for* you.

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 Faith Fund [Target \$1 Billion]

Received	\$110.2 M	Outstanding Pledged	\$28.0 M
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Total Fund Received and Pledged \$138.2 M

### GENERAL OFFERING

#### YEAR TO DATE (16 WEEKS)

-4.3% deficit on giving

Budget	\$23.3M
Giving	\$22.3M
Variance	-\$1.0M

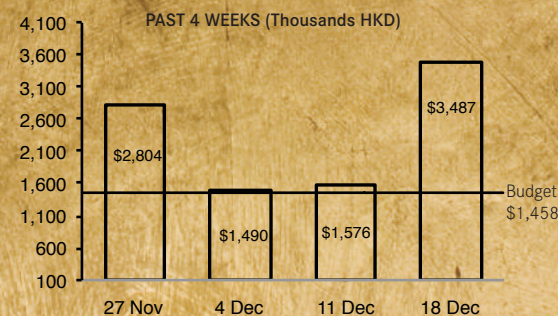
#### GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

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](mailto:giving@islandecc.hk)

### FISCAL YEAR SEP 2017 – AUG 2018



#### WEEKLY

Budget	1,458	1,458	1,458	1,458
Giving	2,804	1,490	1,576	3,487
Variance	1,346	32	118	2,029

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## MESSIAH

### Prince of Peace

December 24, 2017 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 3 pm, 5 pm  
633 King's Road, 1/F, 2/F, 10/F, 11/F



# HIGHLIGHTS

## 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.

## 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](mailto:men@islandecc.hk) with questions.

## JAN 10 THE VILLAGE SPRING LAUNCH

The Village Gathering is kicking off for Spring! Journey with other gals as you engage with God and His freeing truths, and start the new year with authentic community at The Village. Come join us at the kickoff on 2/F at 7 pm.

## 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 to learn more about prayer. 10 am – 2 pm, 10/F Auditorium. 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](mailto:youth@islandecc.hk) or visit [islandecc.hk/emulate](http://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 register, visit [glshk.org](http://glshk.org).

## CLASSES

To register and for more information on the following classes, go to [islandecc.hk/classes](http://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 Auditorium. Simple lunch will be served.

## OUTREACH

## 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](mailto:men@islandecc.hk).

## 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 is needed. Please email your CV and cover letter to [hr@islandecc.hk](mailto:hr@islandecc.hk)

## 24 DECEMBER 2017

## Prince of Peace

*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)*

*<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.*

Luke 2:8-19

*<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favoured one, the Lord is with you!” <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, <sup>33</sup> and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”*

Luke 1:26-33

# NEW TO ISLAND ECC

- 1 MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER
- 2 VISIT OUR WEBSITE [!\[\]\(f9b64f4644e83001affd22947f1ddbca\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(13a24eb1647dab05a57a8fe827c44255\_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(83ba752acd1c830d54b75e662643371e\_img.jpg\)](#)
- 3 CONNECT WITH US!

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