

December 16, 2018

THE PATH TO BETHLEHEM

The Shepherds' Path: From Fear to Praise

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the LORD. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ 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..."

Luke 2:8-15

Shepherds' path (Our path):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Are you new here?

Come to our Newcomers Lunch

For details, please refer to the highlights of the bulletin.

Let's get to know each other!

Name

Email

Phone

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TEAR OFF THIS CORNER AND
PLACE INTO THE OFFERING BAG



HIGHLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We would like to invite you, your family and friends to worship with us during our special Christmas Eve Services. These special candlelight services will be held at 5 pm and 7 pm. Child care will be provided at 5 pm, 10/F. Please use the QR code to designate which service your family is most likely to attend.



TODAY **BABY DEDICATION**

We are delighted today to join the Choi family in the dedication of their child to the Lord: Sun Ah Choi, born 20 March 2018, to parents Joon Ho & Yoon Ji (11:30 am, 10/F)

TODAY **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 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 we partner with a wide variety of organisations and individuals involved in innovative, courageous and faithful ministry. We encourage you to give over and above your regular tithe or offering; gifts to the Love Offering should be put in the red envelope on the seats and then in the offering bag or box. If you have a question about the Love Offering or want to recommend an organisation or project, contact go@islandecc.hk.

TODAY **ISLAND ECC 2019 CALENDAR**

The 2019 Island ECC Calendar is now available! Get this as a wonderful Christmas gift for your family and friends. On sale at 1/F, 2/F and 10/F for \$60 each.

DEC 18 **MF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Turkey Feast! Bring a book & your favourite drink to join our Christmas celebration! You will have a blast at Men's Fraternity! 7 - 9 pm, 10/F Auditorium, men@islandecc.hk

DEC 30 **FRIENDS OF HK CHARITY DONATIONS**

Please note that donation cheques for Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc. for 2018 should be dated and submitted no later than 30 December. Anything received after this date will be considered as a donation for 2019.

FEB 22-23 **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT**

GLS is a two-day leadership training event featuring world-class speakers via videocast as well as live local influencers. Learn how to maximise your impact and inspire those around you. Early bird discount of \$350 available through 31 December. To register, visit glshk.org

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

JAN 6 **OLD TESTAMENT: TOO OLD, ODD, DIFFICULT?**

The Old Testament always presents a challenge to Christians because it seems so distant and distinct from the New Testament. Join Martin Radford in this 4-week class to obtain a panoramic view of the Old Testament and understand its relevance today. 9:30 - 11 am, 10/F Classroom.

JAN 13 **NAVIGATING YOUR FINANCES GOD'S WAY**

Come join this 8-week class to improve your life and finances by learning what God says and practical skills on handling money with Bryant Stone. The practical principles derived from over 2,000 Bible verses will also help you honour God. Registration begins on 9 December at 1/F Connect Counter. \$400 fee includes 2 textbooks. 11:30 am - 1 pm, 8/F Living Room. Limited seats.

OUTREACH

DEC 23, 26 **CHRISTMAS PRISON OUTREACH**

This Christmas, we will be visiting male inmates on 23 December at Tung Tau Correctional Institution and female inmates on 26 December at Tai Lam Centre to share our faith through worship, testimonies and celebration. For more info, email go@islandecc.hk

OPPORTUNITIES

For more information about the below opportunities, go to islandecc.hk/about-us/employment-opportunities. If you are interested, send your CV and cover letter to hr@islandecc.hk.

- Web Developer
- Senior Accountant
- Technical Support Officer
- Creative Video Producer

GENERAL OFFERING		
LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)		YEAR TO DATE (15 Weeks)
Budget	3 Dec	10 Dec
Giving	1,539	1,539
Variance	1,263 (269)	2,092 (560)
Budget		
Giving	\$23.0M	
Variance	\$18.3M	
	\$-4.7M (-20.4%)	
BOLD FAITH FUND		
Received	\$130.2 M	Outstanding Pledged
		\$18.9 M
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 Hong Kong tax receipts or 'Friends of Hong Kong Charities Inc' for US tax receipts.		
Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk		