

November 17, 2019

SEEK FIRST

Custom or Service?

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

² *The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*

³ *Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God;* ⁴ *so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist.* ⁵ *After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.*

¹² *When He had finished washing their feet, He put on His clothes and returned to His place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" He asked them.*

¹⁵ *I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*

John 13:1-5, 12, 15 NIV



Are you new here?

We'd love to invite you to our Newcomers Lunch!

Share your contact details via QR code or fill in below and place in the offering bag



Name

Email

Phone

HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY SUPPORTED PARTNER FOCUS

Supported Partners Thong and Mary are faithfully in Vietnam planting churches. Please pray for them as they plant across the nation. Pray for their physical and spiritual protection, wisdom in training church leaders, and an openness of the people to receive the gospel. For more information, please contact go@islandecc.hk

TODAY PARENT TALK: TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT MONEY

Money and faith are intertwined. As we teach faith to our children, so too can children learn about practical faith from handling money. Given the little exposure children have to money, parents may find it difficult to teach these important lessons to them. Join Ramon Maronilla as he shares ways to help your children be good stewards of money. 10/F Classroom. 1:30 - 3 pm. Register at islandecc.hk/parenttalk

NOV 22 FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER ROOM

Looking for a good place to pray? On Friday, Nov 22, our 10/F Worship Hall will be prepared for you to pray alone or with friends. There will also be volunteers available to pray with you. You can come and go as you like anytime between 7:30 and 9:30 pm. Register at islandecc.hk/prayerroom to aid in material preparation. For more info, please email prayer@islandecc.hk.

NOV 24 NEWCOMERS LUNCH

If you're new to the church and want to know more about Island ECC, please join us for a Newcomers Lunch, 1:15 pm, 10/F Living Room. If we can help you with anything else, please email new@islandecc.hk

NOV 24 ISLAND YOUTH THANKSGIVING

Come join us for our annual Thanksgiving lunch! All Island Youth families are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving with us on Nov 24 at 1:30 pm. Island Youth will provide the turkeys and cutlery, but we are asking all families to provide a side dish that will feed at least 10 people. Register at islandecc.hk/iythanksgiving2019

NOV 28 RENEW WORSHIP NIGHT

"Don't stop! Keep on singing! Make His name famous! Tell everyone every day how wonderful He is." (Psalm 96:2 TPT) On Thursday, Nov 28, we will meet at 633 King's Road on 1/F for a special evening of worship. It's a chance to musically remind each other and ourselves of God's faithfulness. No matter where you are, what's happening in your world, or how far you've wandered - come. Be renewed. As You Are. Doors open at 7 pm.

DEC 1 BUILD-A-CHRISTMAS-BAG

Spread Christ's love by assembling Christmas bags for women in our Filipino and Indonesian ministries. Come together with family to fill a bag with goodies and write a handwritten note. Children are welcome! Join us Dec 1 or 15, 1:30 pm, 10/F Worship Hall. Limited spots, families with children will be prioritised. Register at islandecc.hk/buildachristmasbag

DEC 8 BAPTISM CLASSES

If you're interested in being baptised, please plan to attend the 2-Sunday baptism class on Dec 8 and 15, 9:30 am, 11/F Living Room A. Sign up at islandecc.hk/baptism

DEC 8 KIDS CLUB FX: CHRISTMAS

Come join us at Christmas Kids Club FX for the biggest family party of the year. We will be highlighting "Joy" - finding a way to be happy, even when things don't go your way. Bring your family and invite your friends to this Christmas party! 1:30 pm, 1/F Worship Hall. Invitations are available for pickup on 9/F Welcome Desk.

CLASSES & SUPPORT GROUPS

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

NOV 24 FOUNDATIONAL FOUR: THEOLOGY 101

Have you ever been asked, "What do you believe about God Jesus/sin/heaven?" Theology 101 is the second part of the Foundational Four courses, taught by Pastor Eric Farmer, and designed for those who want to have a clear understanding of the main topics in the Bible and core beliefs of our Christian faith. Register at Connect Counter. Course fee: \$100. 3 pm, 10/F Classroom.

NOV 24 EVANGELISM

If the opportunity came up right now, how confident would you feel about leading someone to Christ? Join Pastor Sherman Chau in this 4-week class to understand the basics of the Gospel and be better prepared to share the Good News. 9:30 am, 7/F Classroom.

DEC 1 CHRISTMAS RECOVERED

Christmas is a favourite festival but its origins and significance have been tragically lost over the years. Join Martin Radford in recovering 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 am, 10/F Classroom.

OUTREACH

DEC 22 CHRISTMAS PRISON OUTREACH

Training Date: Today

This Christmas, we will be visiting male inmates at Tung Tau Correctional Institution to share our faith through worship, testimonies and celebration. Join the mandatory training today, 1:30 pm, 8/F Living Room A.

DEC 1 JAPAN OUTREACH PRAYER GATHERING

Japan ranks 11th as the most populous country in the world, yet 98% of its people is unreached. To all who have a heart for the people and care for the spiritual well-being of this nation, let's get together to pray. Join us at our prayer gathering, 2 to 4pm, 8/F Living Room.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Coordinator of Youth Ministry

GIVING TO ISLAND ECC

Generosity is at the heart of God, and it's our privilege and calling to imitate His generosity with all He's entrusted us. Every contribution goes to ministries which change lives in the church, the city and around the world.

To give electronically, or for information regarding Hong Kong or U.S. tax receipts, please refer to the QR code or visit islandecc.hk/giving.

Enquiries: giving@islandecc.hk



GENERAL OFFERING

LAST 2 WEEKS (Thousands HKD)			YEAR TO DATE (11 Weeks)	
	4 Nov	11 Nov		
Budget	1,585	1,585	Budget	\$17.4M
Giving	1,444	1,122	Giving	\$13.1M
Variance	(141)	(463)	Variance	-\$4.3M -24.7%

BOLD FAITH FUND

Received	\$160.8 M	Pledges to be received	\$16.4 M
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