

EPPING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Epping church's Newsletter!

Hope you have had a great week so far. Hope you feel blessed and looking forward to seeing you on Sabbath.

Here we will update you on the present, current and future events of Epping church!

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.

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WELCOME! Read on to catch up on what's been happening at Epping Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-5 June	Pathfinder Kayaking Camp
June 18	ICC "Christmas for Cambodia" Dinner Auction Fundraiser

Prayer Requests

- Please remember Fedz's father who is ill in the Phillipines
- Please pray for the Cappe family as they have lost a loved one
- Please pray for Lorraine as she recovers from her hip surgery
- Please pray for Ron's safety as he carries out his UN duties
- Please pray for Helen as she is unwell. Continue to pray as she recovers at home after being in hospital
- Please pray for the Youth as they head to Dubbo for the weekend and pray for safe travels
- Please pray for Cherie, her family's health issues
- Please pray for Jared's friend's father with his current health issues
- Please pray for our Year 12 students sitting the HSC this year

This Sabbath at EPPING

Elder: Vanessa Yee

Speaker: Teens

Offering: Local Budget

Last Sabbath at EPPING

These are some photos from our service last Sabbath. Thanks for your message Raul Moran.



Praising and worshipping with our Song service



Raul preaching this week's message



Happy mother's day to all the mother's!

Bible Study Cell Groups

Please see Rod if you would like to join one of our groups. We have Wednesday evening and Friday evening currently running.

Cambodia Fundraiser - June 18th

On the 18th June there will be a Cambodia Fundraiser happening to help support those heading over to Cambodia at the end of the year. Come along and help fundraise some money and support those involved. It will be a great night full of food, auctioning off items and spending time with friends.

Tickets: Adults \$30, Child (age under 12) \$15.

Please pay via:

1. Cash, or
2. Payment Online - <https://egiving.org.au/Epping%20SDA%20Church>
 - a) Go to ICC Auction Fundraiser June 18th.
 - b) Email hmtung@gmail.com after purchase credit card receipt and number of guest tickets ordered and Henry will issue tickets to you.

Any question please speak to Henry, Alvin or Rod

Redfern Volunteers needed

Redfern is currently looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas.

Monday Night – Food sorting and cooking

Every Monday afternoon we receive a delivery of food from local stores and restaurants. The food delivered can range from fruit and vegies to drinks, canned food, frozen goods, and precooked food used by restaurants. Our job is to sort the fruit and vegies along with other less perishable items into supermarket bags to give to community members as they come through. The perishable food such as the precooked foods from restaurants, and sweets are either reheated, combined or placed on platters to feed the community. In one evening we can serve in excess of 100 people.

Volunteers are desperately needed either on a regular weekly basis or on a rostered monthly system to help sort and cook the food that is delivered each week and then to help clean up afterwards. The hours required are 4pm to 7pm every Monday.

If you are able to help, even if it is once or twice a month and are willing to go on a roster please contact Pr Horace: 0438163762; or our Operations Manager: Stuart Matheson: 0414276497

Children's Ministry Co-ordinator

The Way church in Redfern has a long history of serving the children and families in the Redfern area. Our children's ministries however is in need of some new energy and focus. We are currently looking for someone who is passionate about kids and would like to make this their sole ministry for 2016. The role would include the planning and programing of the children's Sabbath school each week as well as the sourcing and co-ordinating of volunteers from different churches on a roster system each month to assist in implementing the program. This is an opportunity to develop and implement a program that will not only help grow the church at Redfern but connect and positively impact children and their families in the Redfern community. A current Working With Children Check number will need to be provided along with the contact details of your church Pastor and 2 referees.

Expressions of interest can be made to Pastor Horace Evans at horaceevans@adventist.org.au. For further queries please call 0438163762

Adventurers (4yrs – 9yrs)

Expressions of interest are being called for by those who feel called and have a passion for children's ministry to help lead one of five Adventurer groups on the first Sabbath of every month. This is an opportunity to connect and make a real difference in the lives of young kids and mothers who have a hard life and who need positive nurturing role models. There is no doubt that by being involved you will also be blessed in ways that you will not expect. A current Working With Children Check number is needed in order to be a part of this program. You will also be required to go through a 1 day induction program. All expressions of interest can be sent to The Way Adventurer's leader Sandra Evans at mymijymin@gmail.com, along with the contact details of your church pastor and 2 referees.

If you have any questions Sandra can be contacted on 0435610434.

Dream Track

Dream Track is a new initiative by ATSIM in co-operation with ADRA Australia. Dream Track is based on the Pathfinder model but developed specifically for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community (ATSIM). We are currently looking for expressions of interest from individuals with a passion for youth ministry and with a strong interest in outdoor activities. The program will require a commitment of 1 weekend a month. Many of the youth that we will be working with will be at risk kids. The individual will need to be able to connect well with youth in a cross-cultural setting and be able to model the joy a Christian lifestyle offers. This is an opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus in a very practical and rewarding way. A current Working With Children Check number will need to be supplied along with the contact details of your church Pastor and 2 referees. Adventist Youth with a passion for ministry are encouraged to apply but it is also open to the young at heart. Expressions of interest can be sent to

Pastor Horace Evans at horaceevans@adventist.org.au or for further queries call 0438163762.

2016 CALENDERS OUT NOW!

From Light and Motion Photography's Andy Ly and Alvin Ing, comes the current year's calendar, February 2016 to January 2017. Their legendary Landscape and Nature photography will not only leave you breathless, but wanting to witness the location yourself. Enjoy their inspiration in your own lounge room but travel the world through their eyes.

This A3 sized calendar, will be posted/delivered to you in pristine condition for a minimum \$30 donation via this website:

<https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>

Please send a copy of your receipt and postal address to:

ajing@lightandmotionphotography.com - International orders will incur extra postal charges.



Church Hall Renovations

We've reached our goal!

Next step - finding quotes for the various improvements

We are almost there !

Currently \$10,000

Goal : \$10, 000



Youth

FRIDAY NIGHT

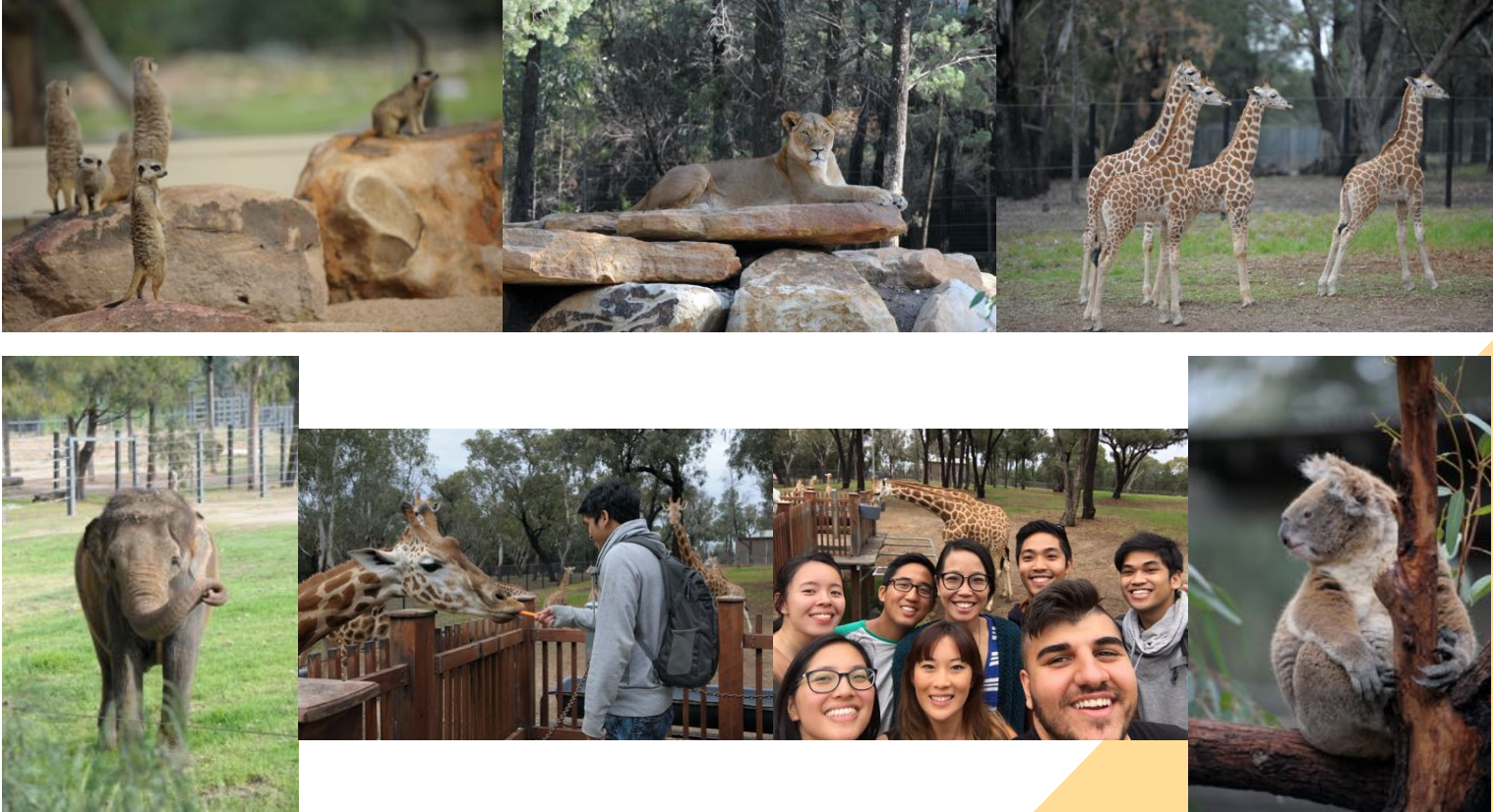
Friday night will not be on this week. Look forward to next week's Friday night at Epping Church 7:30pm.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath School will be on Saturday 2pm in the afternoon. It will be led out by Jon. Location to be confirmed.

DUBBO

Some youth headed for a road trip last weekend to Dubbo Zoo! We saw so many animals and were just as excited as little kids! Hopefully next time those you missed out can join us in the adventure. Below are some photos of the weekend! As you can see, we had a blast!



Pathfinders

The conference is again running their Map and Compass Day at Avoca Rec Centre, Cabbage Tree Rd Grose Vale (west of Nth Richmond).

Cost is \$5 per person. I would suggest that we all plan on heading out there for the day. It would provide those who are experienced to guide those who are learning. My suggestion is that those of you who haven't been to an Expedition, this would be a great way to get the hang of what they are all about.

Here's the link: <https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/1103>

Registration closes June 15.

Let Uncle Ben know if you are interested in registering and he will put a list together and start organising the transport etc.



EPHING MISSION PROJECT 2015 - 2017

Our goal is \$20,000 and we have already raised **\$10,000!!**

We aim to do a Mission trip January 2017

<https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>

EPHING CHURCH MISSION PROJECT 2015 - 2017



Our Goal

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to support International Children's Care (ICC) in Cambodia.

About ICC Cambodia

The following projects we hope to support are:

- Light of Hope Children's Village – Kampong Thom Province where currently the ICC school at Light of Hope services 650 students (95 of whom are in the orphanage and the remainder are from the outlying villages). This project is to enhance Khmer & English books in the ICC school library.
- Much needed building maintenance of the Light of Hope homes and school.
- A Medical Clinic Program in the province of Kompong Thom.
- Development of microfinance projects in Phnom Penh which will help women develop their own business enterprises to support their families.



For more information see <https://www.iccaustralia.org.au/where-we-work/country/cambodia>

How can you help?

If you would like to help support this community development initiative through the Epping Project, please click on the following link below and complete the payment form.

1. Donate by credit card online at: <https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>
2. Cash donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please see Henry Tung
3. Cheques – please make cheque payable to “Epping Church Mission Project”

Thank you for your generosity.

How to Make a Donation

1 **Online:** <https://www.givematcher.com.au/fundraisers/epping-s-mission-in-action>

2 **Credit Card** - please use the Credit Card Donation Form below

Fax: (02) 9987-1136

Mailing Address:

International Children's Care Australia
PO Box 2087
Hornsby Westfield, NSW, 1635.

or

Suite 7, 141 Pacific Highway,
HORNSBY, NSW, 2077.



Credit Card Donation Form			
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3 **Cash** - Cash donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Please see Henry Tung. Along with your payment, please provide full name, address, email and phone number and you will receive an immediate acknowledgement of your donation by email and a tax deductible receipt within 5-6 working days.

4 **Cheque** – please make payable to “Epping Church Mission Project”.

Thank you for your generosity!

Photo of the week



“Alpine Glow” taken in Iceland



Photo by: Light and Motion Photography

Thought of the week from Pastor Nigel

Tonight I had to empty a couple of wheelie bins full of blankets that people had donated for charity. On my way home I prayed and thanked God for making these people respond to the urgings of the Holy Spirit to do a generous act. Then I thought, but God didn't MAKE them respond to the Holy Spirit – that was their choice. God doesn't MAKE people do anything. So really, any good or kind act in the world is a combination of the Holy Spirit urging and someone choosing to respond. It's really all about co-operation. Working together with God.

Then I thought, well, if people respond to the Holy Spirit, what is it that the Holy Spirit does? What is the right word to use? Urges? Coaxes? Encourages? Tempts us to do good? No, not tempt. Temptation is something the devil does. So what is the opposite of temptation? Then I thought, maybe this isn't one of those paradigms where God and Satan are opposites, but rather one of those paradigms where God does something and Satan has a counterfeit. So if temptation is the counterfeit, what is the original and genuine act the Holy Spirit does?

I think the word we're looking for is “draw.” The Holy Spirit draws us to him. He draws us to do right. He doesn't seduce, tantalise, induce or bait us – He draws us. In the same way that Jesus said, “If I be lifted up will draw all men to me...” (John 12:32) so the Holy Spirit draws people to choose acts of kindness and compassion.