

EPPING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Epping church's Newsletter! Winter has hit! Stay warm for the rest of this week!

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

June 4-5	Pathfinder Kayaking Camp
June 18	ICC "Christmas for Cambodia" Dinner/Auction Fundraiser
June 18	Youth Rally
August 6, 13 and 20	Free Epping Church Vegetarian Cooking Classes @ 2:30pm Class 1: August 6, Class 2: August 13, Class 3: August 20. More info in next week's newsletter
September 23-25	Pathfinder Expedition
October 7-9	INSPIRE 2016: Merroo Christian Centre, Kurrajong. A family friendly weekend that will energise you to learn how to be a disciple who makes disciples, empowering you with the spiritual strength, skills and resources to serve enthusiastically and effectively in your local churches and communities. The application can be found at: http://sydney.adventist.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Inspire_Application.pdf

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 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 Cherie's parents wh are both ill. Pray that they be healed and comforted
- 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
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This Sabbath at EPPING

Elder: Rod Kuo

Speaker: TBC

Offering: Local Budget

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

"CHRISTMAS FOR CAMBODIA"

EPPING MISSION PROJECT 2016

ICC CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION



18 June 2016
Epping Church Hall
2 George St, Epping

6 pm
Adults: \$30
Children (under 12): \$15



Family style dinner includes entrée, mains and sides.
Drinks and desserts are extra and purchased using a cash voucher.

Purchase your tickets online at <https://egiving.org.au/Epping%20SDA%20Church>
under "ICC Cambodia Auction Fundraiser June 18th".

Please email: hmtung@gmail.com with your contact details, number of patrons and
receipt to receive your e-ticket.

If you have paid for your ticket from a representative, you will receive a printed
ticket. **Tickets are valid only on the 18th June 2016. No refunds will be given.**

Auction will follow Dinner

All proceeds from the Auction will benefit the
Epping Mission Project 2016 in Cambodia.

However, tickets for the Dinner and/or Auction items are not tax-deductible.

Should you wish to make a **tax-deductible donation**, please go to:

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

Note: Donations do not constitute a ticket to this Dinner & Auction.

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

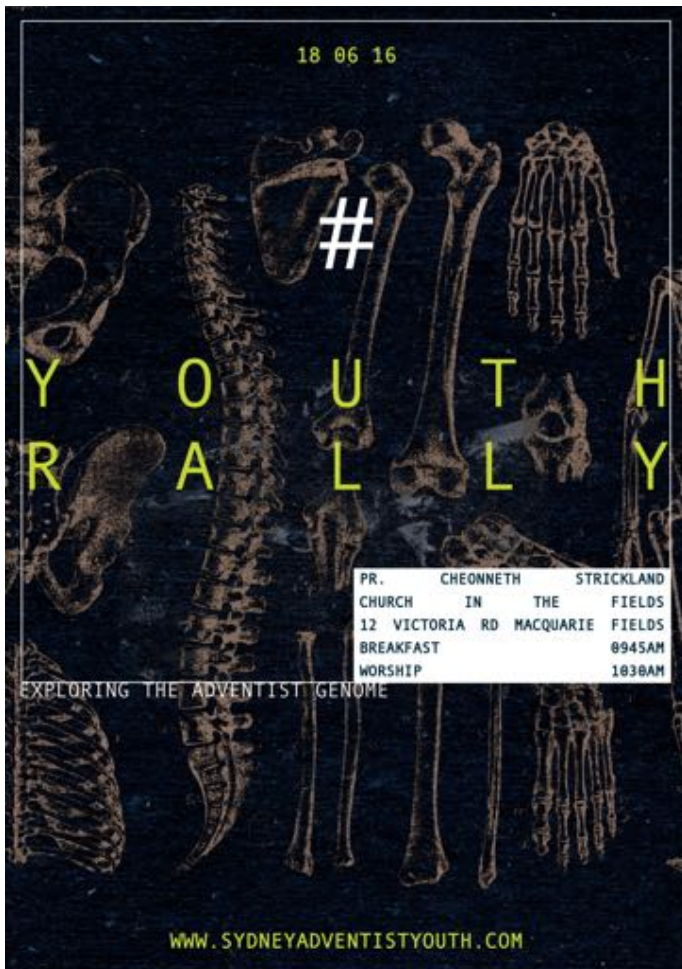
FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a meeting this Friday night at Epping Church 7:30pm. We will be continuing our video series. Bring along some hot chocolate and snacks! And.. wear something warm!!

SABBATH SCHOOL

Sabbath School will be on Saturday 2pm lead out by Mande! Welcome back home Mande! Can't wait to hear the message she will be sharing with us.

COMING UP



Youth Rally 18th June 2016



Shred it - July 29 to August 1 2016

Pathfinders

Map and Compass Day: 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

Name on Card			Amount	\$
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Card Type	• Visa • Mastercard • Amex			
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Please write name here if it is different from the Credit Card Holder and the address you would like your receipt mailed to.	Name			
	Street			
	Suburb			
	State		Post Code	
Email address				

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



Photo by: Federica Violin

Thought of the week from Pastor Nigel

With all the turmoil and terror in the world lately I wouldn't be surprised if you've felt the urge to pray. The world could certainly use our prayers. But whom do we pray for and how?

Keith Wooden in his book *Teaching Children to Pray* tells of an age-old five-finger prayer pattern that can greatly assist both young and old alike. It goes something like this...

Place your hand on the table or bed in front of you. Looking at your hand, remember the following illustration:

Firstly, your thumb is closest to you and so it represents those people who are closest to you. It reminds you to pray for your family, relatives and friends.

Next comes your pointer finger. This finger reminds you to pray for your neighbours, work-mates and other people you want to point to Jesus.

Your third finger represents those who are in authority. It is the biggest finger and the strongest one. It stands for political leaders, pastors, teachers, military commanders, Aid organizations and "big" people for whom you want to pray.

The fourth finger is your weakest finger. It reminds you of people who are weak, sick, victims of violence or going through difficult times. These need your prayers perhaps most of all.

And finally, the smallest finger reminds you to pray for yourself.

I know we all lead busy lives and it seems like we don't have time to pray, but we can't sit idly by while violence and wickedness is on the increase. Take the time to pray today. Pray that good will triumph over evil, and that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.