

Epping Church Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to this week's Epping Church Newsletter. Our Church Camp is almost upon us, and you can read more about it from Arthur elsewhere in this newsletter. A reminder that it is on next weekend at Crosslands (March 6-8), and Epping Church's worship service on Sabbath will also be at Crosslands. The church as a result will be closed. If you turn up to 2 George St next week, I would suggest you go for a lovely drive towards Galston after entering this into your GPS: - 33.6258191,151.1120368

This week's newsletter also features our second interview in the series on Member Profiles. Our new youth minister Adrian Peterson has kindly sat down and given us some background into his call to the ministry, as well as shared some of his interests and goals.

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below email. Meanwhile, see you this Sabbath, and see you at the Church Camp!

Upcoming Events

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| Feb 28 | Pathfinder Social |
| Mar 6-8 | Church Camp, Crosslands. Please see item in this newsletter |
| May 25-
June 22 | Photography Course. More details in the newsletter. |

If there is any information or images you would like to share in future editions, please email:
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This Sabbath @ Epping

Elder: Eva Ing

Speaker: Pastor Michael Worker

Offering: Local Budget

Last Sabbath @ Epping



Postcard from the Philippine's ICC

Epping Church has had a close relationship with the Philippine's ICC ever since it was our first Epping Mission Project, and especially after our church visited the children's village some 5 years ago. Belle revisited recently and files this report from the Philippines:

“Here are some photos of my recent visit to ICC Philippines. The new Administrator is Lorcel Faigao, the one in the blue and creme shirt. Jhun is now the Marketing Donors Relation Officer”



With Jhun Mallorca, now Marketing Donors Relation Officer



Enjoying lunch with ICCP Staff



Lorcel Faigao in blue & creme shirt, background flyer shows ICCP students awarded as champions in the Bible Quiz



Grades 5 & 6 students



Harvesting some fresh veggies for us to take

Pastor Adrian Peterson

Welcome again to Adrian who is our Youth Pastor this year. Many have already met and welcomed him to our Church. Nevertheless, I thank Adrian for providing us a little more insight into his background, his family and his goals.



1. Can you tell us a little bit about your background in Ministry?

What motivated you to work in this area, where have you worked, what are some of your personal aims and goals?

After studying Mechanical Engineering in Adelaide for nearly 2 years I felt the strong, almost audible, call to pastoral ministry. Since graduating from Avondale I have been blessed by 4 years of ministry at Kellyville Church, majority with young people. This has given me a heart for empowering our young people to have their own personal faith in Jesus and mentoring our youth to grow into our future leaders.

2. Can you tell us about your family and their interests?

I was born in Victoria and grew up in Adelaide. I have two older brothers and my parents are currently doing the grey nomad thing and caravanning around Australia. I have fond memories of going camping with my family and many many years spent in Pathfinders. My wife and I recently celebrated 5 years of marriage, she works at Fox Valley Church as the Associate Pastor and at Wahroonga Adventist Primary School as the Chaplain.

3. Your interests apart from the Ministry?

I can't go past sport; I love my cricket and AFL, spectating mostly, not much of a player, but I do enjoy both watching and playing basketball. I have a secret love of sci-fi and disney movies, but I also love to get outdoors and go camping and long distance running. Lastly I really love people, I know it sounds like a strange interest but I'm a huge extrovert and just love being around others, hearing their stories and meeting different people from all walks of life. I've had the opportunity to travel a fair bit and really enjoy the opportunity to explore different cultures and meet new people.

4. Your aims for Epping Church, the youth, and what you would ideally like to see happen as we journey together over the next few years?

I have a personal belief in ministry to try my utmost to be a Christ like servant, so your aims are my aims. I would hear your stories and your dreams for your church and do what I can to equip and resource you to help grow God's Kingdom. I believe in coming alongside our youth and helping them develop a strong and growing relationship with Jesus. By Gods grace I want to see the youth group flourish and grow, in essence to disciple the young people of Epping so that they in turn can become disciple-makers! I'm really excited about the year ahead and can't wait to see the way that God is going to work through our Church.

Thank you!

A Message from Rod:

"Thank you to all those who helped out at our Working Bee today. It was great to see so many turn up and everyone working hard.

The kitchen is now sparkling and clean and Pr Nigel has a room he can utilise!

Thank you once again for caring for our church."

Rod

Prayer Requests

- Please remember Maree's Mum in your prayers.
- Please remember Fedz's father who is ill in the Philippines.
- Please pray for a successful church camp and that the church family will form closer ties and be uplifted spiritually.

Church Camp – March 6-8, 2015



Hi Epping Church Family!

The church camp is next weekend and it should be another fun-filled event! If you haven't already done so, can you please register online, it will only take you a minute to do it. **We need to know numbers** so that the hard working camp volunteers can buy the necessary supplies for the meals this week.

Here is the link to register for the camp.

<http://eppingsda.org.au/content/church-camp-registration.html>

I hope all of you will take this opportunity to join us at the camp, it is located in Crosslands which is about 30 minutes away from Epping Church. It is an idyllic setting within the bush next to a river and the accommodation is shared rooms with en-suites.

The camp is an ideal opportunity to fellowship with friends and members of Epping church and to get to know each other on a deeper level.

Warmest regards

Arthur

Photography Course- May 25 to June 22, 2015



Photo Course participants on a field trip in 2014

Epping will be running another photography course in May-June this year. Details as follows:

This course is designed for those at an intermediate level of photography, with a good knowledge of the basics of photography, including the interaction between aperture, shutter speed and ISO; as well as the ability to work in full manual mode. The course will be focused on composition, lighting, movement and post processing techniques.

The course will be held on **Monday evenings 7pm to 9pm: May 25 and June 1, 15 and 22**. There will be a break for the June long weekend.

In addition, we have planned 3 field trips, with the aim to spend some time on the Monday evenings following each field trip to perform image review and feedback. These are scheduled for:

May 30 (Saturday evening) - Travel and Night Photography: Vivid Sydney Festival

June 13 (Saturday afternoon / evening) - Sunset landscapes and Night Photography, Blue Mountains

June 21 (Sunday mid morning to evening). Somersby Falls and Bateau Bay Beach, Central Coast. Waterfalls and Seascapes.

All proceeds will be donated to the Epping Church Mission Project / International Children's Care. A minimum donation of \$200 is requested.

The Course Venue is at 2 George St. Epping NSW 2121 and will be limited to 20 participants wait list.

See Alvin for further details.

Photo of the Week



Philippines ICC: Tamarind tree that Epping Church members planted in 2010 during our visit, now bearing sweet fruit. Photo: Belle Tung

Verse of the Week

“Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

[Matthew 22:37-39](#)