EPPING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Epping church's Newsletter!
Hope everyone's week has been great, and you are ready for an even better Sabbath!
Here we'll delve into the current happenings of Epping church, summary on last week's sabbath and also updates on the many upcoming events!

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 WELCOME,

Hello Spring is that you?! How wonderful has the weather been this week?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 23-25	Pathfinder Expedition
Oct 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

1 Sep 2016

This Sabbath at EPPING

Elder: Rod

Speaker: TBD

Offering: Local

Last Sabbath at EPPING

PATHFINDERS

On August 6, Epping Pathfinders conducted a Tin Drive around the Epping area.
Over 400 cans were collected for the Wesley Mission and ADRA Blacktown.
This week, Christine from Wesley Mission came to pick up the cans.
Below is a email she wrote to the Pathfinders.....

Just wanted to say thank you again for the generous donation of food for Wesley Connect, our food distribution centre here in Sydney CBD.

Wesley Connect relies solely on donations and the service has become crucial for not only those living rough in our city, but also those who have temporarily hard times and need the extra assistance.

This food will be given out as early
as tomorrow morning and will be a catalyst for the Wesley Connect volunteers to further assist everyone who walks through the door, whatever their needs might be.

Please pass on our thanks to the Pathfinders.

Again – thank you so so much.

Christine
Christine Ireland I Volunteering Officer, Wesley Volunteering/Wesley Mission

1st Sep 2016

Pathfinder Camp recount by ZAC.

Kayaking with Epping Pathfinders 27/28 Aug 16

Good skills development and fun times while paddling on Patonga Creek and the Hawkesbury River this past weekend. Adventure guides Andrew Fraser and Peter Vaughan were kept busy coaching the teenagers and their leaders. Great weather and calm conditions on the Sunday allowed the group to paddle with the outgoing tide and circumnavigate around Lion Island before the tide turned and helped carry the paddlers back to Patonga Creek and the finish at the boat ramp. No doubt some tired bodies tonight!

Redfern Volunteers needed 1st Sep 2016

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.

EPPING 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

EPPING 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	$
Credit Card No		CVV		Expiry Date	
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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				
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	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!

1st Sep 2016

Pastor Nigel's Though of the week 'GOD'S SUPPORT'

A modern businessman found himself in all kinds of trouble following the GFC. However, that all turned around the day his bank agreed to stand behind him and support him. He said that just knowing that he had their backing gave him poise and confidence and enabled him to do better.

Makes you wonder how many marriages might flourish if each spouse knew their partner was behind them 100% and cheering them on. How many children and families might blossom from knowing that their parents have faith in them and back them all the way.

How much peace and confidence would fill our hearts when we realise that the God of the Old and New Testaments, the God who led and saved His people on countless occasions, now stands behind us supporting us! A bank may fail, but God cannot fail.

- "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

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