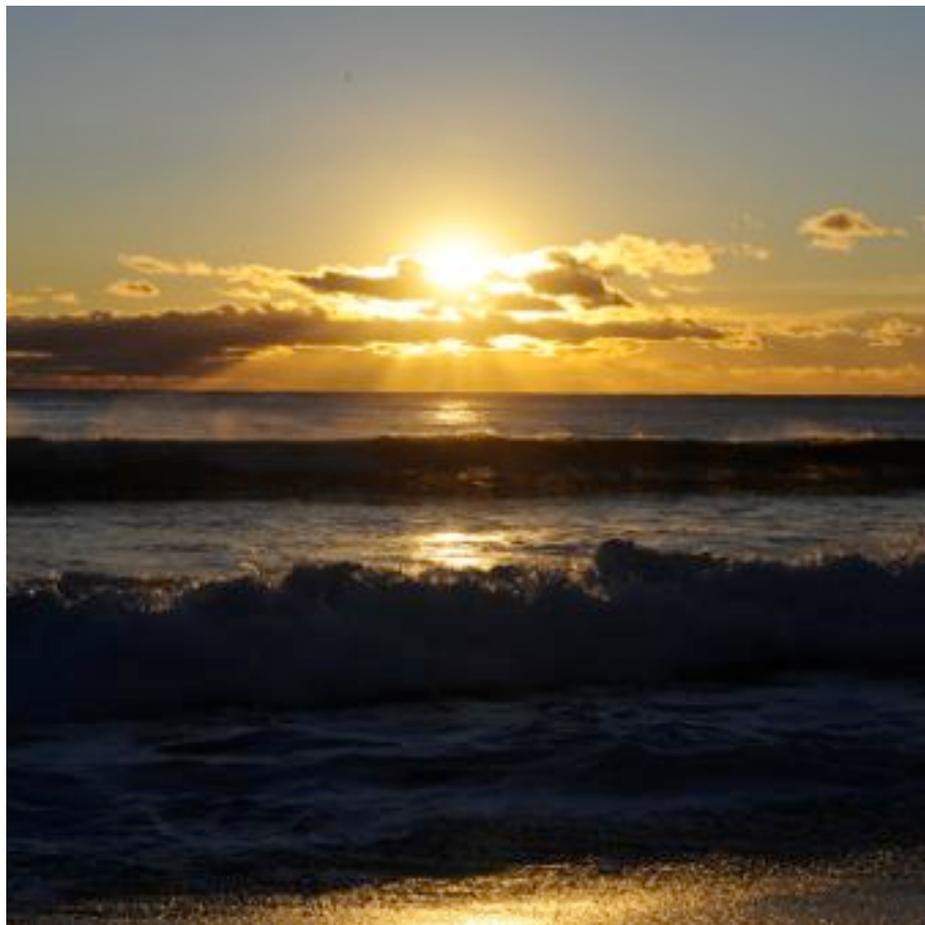


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Welcome

Welcome to Epping Church's first Newsletter for 2012.

We trust that everyone has enjoyed their break over Christmas and the New Year, and to those that took leave or went on holidays, had safe travels.

As the year begins there has been the usual flurry of activity, and this newsletter will outline some of the plans from various departments in 2012. We hope that

everyone will take an active involvement in church life, and remember that we all have talents and skill sets that God has given us.

If there is any information you would like to share in future editions, or a photo you are proud of or would just like us to view, please email it to Alvin or Stephanie at the addresses below:
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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website:

[http://
www.eppingsda.org.au](http://www.eppingsda.org.au)

This Sabbath at Epping- Special Prayer for Sue Wood

This Sabbath will be marked by a special prayer for Sue Wood and her family. This message from Pastor Rams who will be taking the service:

"This Sabbath at exactly 12 noon, we will set aside a special prayer session for Sue and her family. Wherever I am on my sermon, I will stop, and we as a Church will break into small groups to pray for Sue and her family"

I'm sure Sue will be very appreciative of our support and prayers.

The elder this week is Arthur, and the offering is for the South Pacific Record.

Sabbath- 14th January at Epping

Pastor Michael Worker took the service on the 14th January and the sermon was entitled "Mission Impossible ... or not"

It was based on the story of Nehemiah.

Pastor Michael began by asking us if "Proclaiming the faith, proclaiming the 3 Angels message, is it all too "mission impossible"?"

We all ask when we are going through crises - why? It's only later that we find out that it may help us prepare for situations in the future.

Nehemiah was a good example of this. He was prepared by God. He was a man whose faith and courage worked together.

Nehemiah was a common man, but was placed in a position of influence as he had the ear of the King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah was concerned about the fate of Jerusalem. He was a man of action.

Nehemiah used Prayer and Encouragement. He helped and guided the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

It was a policy of Satan to prevent Gods work, but Nehemiah's life was an example of courage and faith.

How does this apply to us in 2012?

The most important step in any venture is to pray. People under God's influence can achieve amazing things

Last Sabbath at Epping

Our elder Greg Long took the service last week.

The sermon was entitled "Red and Yellow Black and White..."

Synopsis:

Everyone you lay your eyes on is someone for whom Christ died. You are surrounded today and each day by people of immeasurable value. How should we treat somebody that we don't know, but you discover that they are so valuable to God that He would sacrifice His Son for them?

1 John 4:9-11 demonstrates this principle where we ought to love others as God loves them; so much that he gave his Son to die on their behalf. Let us spend each day applying this principle to everyone including people we casually meet, to people and family we see all the time.

Special Prayer Requests

- Please remember **Sue and Ken Wood** and her family in your prayers.
- Please remember **Rochelle** in your prayers as she recovers from recent surgery.
- Please remember **Lorraine** in your prayers.
- Please remember **Michael Worker's father, Graham** in your prayers.
- Please remember Stephen's mother, **Joy Baxter** in your prayers as she battles illness
- Please keep **Bob McIntyre** in your prayers

From Arthur:

Thank you to all our prayer 'warriors' who faithfully pray for those in need of support and spiritual uplifting. You are all a part of an invaluable mission of our church. Thank You!

Thank You

The more eagle eyed amongst us (not the editor) may have noticed a very attractive and appealing modification to the front of our church.

If you're not sure, stand on George St. facing the church and see what's different.

Here's a clue:



Thanks to Ken Wood for all his hard work, design skills and horticultural nous.

Pathfinders- First meeting of 2012 this Sabbath

From Henry:

We will be introducing the plan for Pathfinders this first term and running through a couple of pursuits. We will start by 1:30 pm and will need your help in preparing the hall for the activities this week.

One of them will involve the memory gems. You will need to learn the memory gems for this year. The test for this will be later this year so be prepared for an active term!

As you know, the youth are having a retreat this weekend, so most of them will be absent.

If you have your blue field uniform, please wear it, I will have a couple of spares if you wish to purchase them. They are \$35 each.

See you this Sabbath Afternoon!

Youth

Epping's Youth will be attending a Youth Camp this weekend at Green Patch, Jervis Bay. In true Pathfinder Tradition however, I think it will be more Wet Patch. Nevertheless I'm sure it will be a tremendous weekend of fellowship and being one with nature and the elements.

Lets hope for a few rays of sunshine as well!

Personal Ministries

There are some exciting things happening in Personal Ministries this year. Rod and the Personal Ministries team have been hard at work and here's some planned highlights for this year;

Cell Groups – restarting February 10. There are 4 planned groups

NSPIRE 2012– April 19-22 weekend, Meroo

Youth Ministry – more on this in the next newsletters

Outreach activities

1) Health Assesment / Presentations – Health Assessment May 13 – Carlingford Court

4-5 week Health Series Saturday afternoon (2.30pm) in May / June.

2)Vegetarian Cooking Series – 4 weeks - August 4/11/18/25.

3 Spiritual based Program - Major GSC initiative planned for **May 2013** with Sydney City Evangelism,

Epping's own Christian program in February 2013, as a feeder program for May 2013 Evangelistic series.

More details on each of these initiatives closer to the event, but keep these dates in your diary

Conference Evangelistic Meetings

Run by Robert Costa

Dates: February 12,13,14,16,19,20,21 & 23.

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: 1st floor Seminar Room at the Conference Office, 4 Cambridge St. Epping.

May the Lord continue to bless as we work together in saving souls for His kingdom.

Supercamp

Between the 16th and 22nd January, a number of Epping members were involved in a camp known as 'Supercamp'. They are an evangelistic event where young people commit to Jesus Christ. This is done through morning devotions, evening worships, fun activities such as laser tag, waterskiing and horse riding. Everyone had an amazing time and can't wait to go next year! Below are some photos:



Epping Mission Project 2011



Our Goal: \$30,000 to support
International Children's Care Sri Lanka

Brick Making - Help fund a small workshop, materials, sales yard, shed, electrical connection, materials to get started. Provide job opportunities for the older students to develop skills, work ethics and earn some pocket money as well as make a return profit to ICC Sri Lanka.



Bakery and Retail Centre - a small commercial centre on the roadside to sell the produce such as bread from their small bakery, and fruit, vegetables, eggs. This will be a part of the vocational training for the older abused girls referred by Child Protection (CPO).



About ICC Sri Lanka: The ICC Children's Centre is in a small village community adjacent to Lakpahana Adventist School in the Central Province. It is 45 minutes drive from the nearest city, Kandy. The centre has been through a difficult time but during 2010 emerged with a glowing report from the provincial child protection office which culminated in formal recognition and registration as an Orphanage in October 2010. ICC is now considered to be among the best orphanages in the province in terms of quality of care for the children.

The provincial authorities have asked if ICC Sri Lanka would be prepared to care especially for abused girls since that is the greatest need in the Kandy region. In their judgement Christians care for this type of person better than any others. The ICC Village property could potentially accommodate 60-70 children. It currently houses 28.



Some improvement to the facilities took place leading up to registration. Our dream is to develop the centre to the point that it provides best practice caring in family style homes for some of Sri Lanka's most neglected and abused children and one that can operate with little or no dependence on foreign aid so that we can reach other children in other locations that are also in need of care.

How to make a Donation



1. **Cash Donations** of \$2 or more are Tax Deductible
ICC Official Receipt issued by Belle Tung
2. **Online:** <https://iccaustralia.worldsecuresystems.com/support/support.html>
In the **Area to Support**, please type **Epping Mission Project**
You will receive an email acknowledging your donation and a
Tax Deductible Receipt mailed to you within 5 working days.
3. **Credit Card** - please use the Donation Form below and

Mail to:

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Suite 205, 16 Hunter Street
HORNSBY NSW 2077

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Thank you for your generosity !!!

Photo of the Week



"Meagan" by Belinda Wright.

Thought of the Week

"You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you."
Psalm 86:5