

Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition with articles, news and photos.

If there is any **information** you would like to share or a **photo** you would like us to view, please email it to the address below.

ajing@eppingsda.org.au.

This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

This Sabbath @ Epping

This week's service will be taken by our very own **Maree Worker**. The elder in charge is **Henry**. This week's offering is for **Education**.

Last Sabbath @ Epping – Communion Service

Last week's service was a communion service and taken by our Youth Pastor **Josh Woods**. His sermon was very aptly entitled "Forgiveness"

Josh started by telling the amazing story of a Father, whose son was murdered, and in the course of time, not only forgave the murderer, but even officiated at his wedding.

Josh also read from John 13.

In this chapter, Jesus washes his disciples feet and then predicted that Judas would betray him.

However Jesus' actions and behaviour showed he was always willing to forgive Judas. All Judas had to do was ask.

Peter also betrayed Jesus but asked for forgiveness after denying him. Jesus forgave Peter. If only Judas had also asked.

Judas remains forever known as the Jesus' betrayer, while Peter is regarded the rock of our church. Forgiveness - All we have to do is ask for it



Epping Cell Groups – Revelation Series

Our Cell Groups for Term 3 have recommenced.

This Revelation Series will span several terms as there are 24 DVDs. The suggestion is for 1 DVD with booklet /week but each Cell group can run at it's own pace.

Term 3 commenced on Friday July 30 to Sept 10.

Dates: Friday evenings, 7:30pm

- Week 1: July 30
- Week 2: Aug 6
- Week 3: Aug 13
- Week 4: Aug 20
- Week 5: Aug 27
- Week 6: Sept 3
- Week 7: Sept 10

Venues:

- 1) Yee's
- 2) Tung's
- 3) Go's
- 4) Youth Group (meet fortnightly as per Josh timetable)

As a people of prophecy it would be good to study the book of Revelation and understand it well. Please support and pray for the series. Please see Rod for further details if required.

Pathfinder News

Pathfinder Meeting This Sabbath – 21st August

From Henry:

This Sabbath is the final meeting before Investiture next Sabbath 28 August.

1. Please finish off any String art you haven't finished and also any other honours you want to get. I've emailed several of you about this.
2. Memory gems exam is based on the texts below. You can memorise 10 of them or do the test which you will get on Sabbath.
3. Investiture practise. We will run through the procedure (same as before) and if there is a volunteer to carry the flags in, let me know. Preference given to a more experienced Pathfinder who hasn't done it before and also one who has been coming regularly to the meetings.
4. Please check your dress uniform and let me know if you are needing anything.
5. We are going to do **a Backpack practice on the 12 Sep** weekend in the Blue Mountains Tents: Derwent \$145ea (3.09 kg) Huon \$110ea (2.32 kg) Backpacks: still to come.
6. **Expedition forms: these are due soon.** Several have given me the forms already. Thanks very much. Make sure you include payment.
7. We are going to work on the **Christmas Shoebox** as a club and it needs to be done as soon as possible. Can all of you look for shoe boxes you don't need and can use for this activity? Please bring them to church and we will store them safely until they can be filled. We plan to fill them in October after school holidays.

8. **Finally, the Camporee:** If you are coming I need to meet with all of you together to update you on latest developments. I would like to do it this Sabbath after the Pathfinder meeting. It's really important that you be there. We have to make some important decisions and you must be present for these. Applications close soon and you need to get them in straight away. thanks to all your hard work, everyone, it's been a long time coming, but we are almost there.

Pathfinder Investiture - 28th August

Please keep this date in your diaries

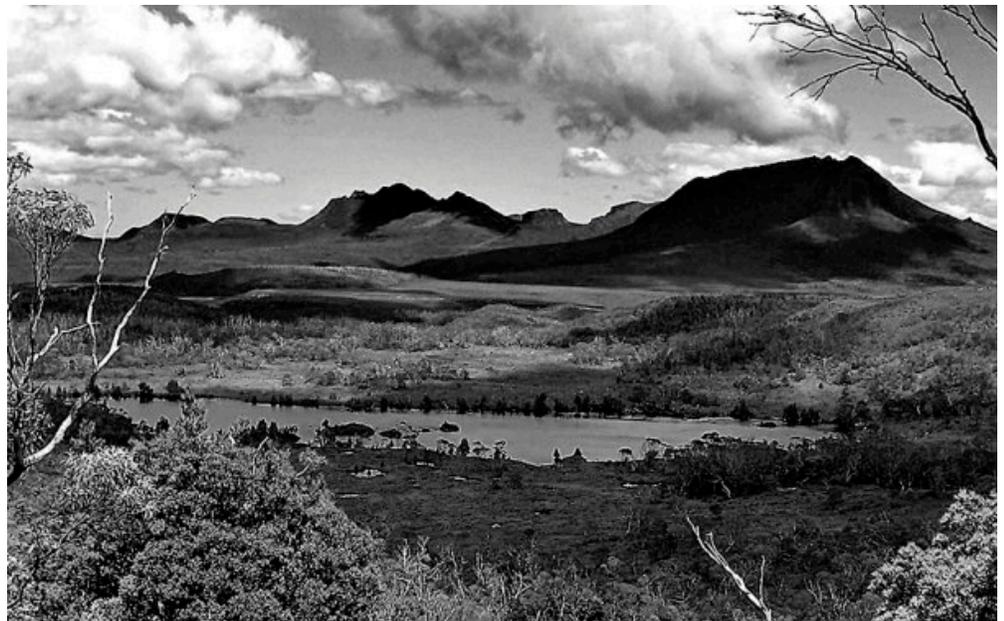
Pathfinder Expedition on 24-26 September

Overland Trek – December 16-21

The Pathfinders and other interested members are planning to do the Overland Trek from Cradle Mountain to Lake St. Clair in Tasmania. Those of us who did this in 2006 found it a truly memorable experience.

If you are interested, please see or contact Henry. The above dates are fixed and have been booked. The planned itinerary is:

14 Dec - Launceston
Backpackers
15 Dec - Waldheim Huts -
bus leaves at about 9:30
am
16 Dec - Waterfall Valley
17 Dec - Lake Windermere
18 Dec - Pelion
19 Dec - Kiaora
20 Dec - Bert Nichols
21 Dec - Launceston
Backpackers * - bus arrives
back here about 5:



Camporee 2011

Australian Union Conference Camporee, Jan 4-9, 2011.

The place is: Toowoomba, Queensland and it is at 700m elevation.

The fee structure is:

Early bird \$170 (pay before 1 Sep 2010)

Regular fee \$190

Late fee \$220 (pay after 1 Dec 2010)

Anyone who is age 10 by the beginning of the camporee can attend.

For those who went to 12th Gate, you will love this one. The theme is UNDER OATH

Church Budget - 2010

The Church Board met last week and would like to thank the Finance Committee (Sharon, Stephen and Eva), who not only presented the Financial Report for the church, but also made a series of recommendations that the Board has accepted. Their review of Epping's financial health reveals that on average, the Church has operating costs of \$600 per week. I would like to urge you to keep this in mind with your freewill offerings, especially during the Sabbaths when the offering is deemed "Local".

On the Sabbaths when the offering is not designated as "Local" you may still give to the Local Church Budget via the envelopes located on the church pews. Just mark these envelopes for "Local Budget".

Playgroup at Epping Church



We're a friendly organisation and a part of Playgroups NSW.

We have 3 groups a week; on **Monday**, **Thursday** and **Friday**, from **10am** till midday.

We play games, tell stories, have parties, do craft, sing songs, with children aged 0 to 5 years.

Come along, **make new friends** and let your **children have fun**.

For **more information** please contact our coordinator Emma Butler 0433 501 962

We'd love you to join us! 😊

NORTH EPPING KINDERGARTEN ENROLLING NOW FOR 2011

North Epping Kindergarten is a community based kindergarten which provides excellent educational programs and facilities for 3-5 year olds. Friendly, experienced staff. Children with special needs welcomed.

For more information please call Gabi on 9869 7344, email gabi.nekindy@tpg.com.au or drop in at 275 Malton Rd, North Epping - Just up the lane from Epping North Primary School.

Congratulations

Welcome back and congratulations to **Heath and Kirsty**, after their recent marriage. Pastor Chris is seen here praying for them prior to our fellowship meal last Sabbath.



Congratulations also to **Charlie Kemp** on his recent marriage to **Yuting Zhang** on July 7 in Pittsburgh. Many of us remember Charlie when he was knee high to a grasshopper at the Chinese Church, and of course Charlie's parents Sally and Andrew Kemp were regular members at the Chinese and Epping Churches, with Sally being an elder here.





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !!!

Prayer Requests:

Manahan Family	<i>Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers as Ron serves in Sinai</i>
Sue Wood	<i>Both Ken and Sue appreciate the care and support that you continue to show toward them. Please continue to remember them in your prayers</i>
Bob and Nerelle McIntyre	<i>Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.</i>
Penny	<i>Please remember Penny in your prayers as she recovers from surgery</i>
Ivan Baxter	<i>Please keep Ivan in your prayers as he battles illness</i>
Rochelle Baxter	<i>Please prayer for Rochelle as she recovers from a recent hospital visit.</i>
David Yee	<i>Please remember David in your prayers as he recovers from a recent procedure</i>

Dates to Keep in your Diary:

August 21	<i>Pathfinder Meeting</i>
August 28	<i>Pathfinder Investiture</i>
September 12	<i>Backpack Camp – Blue Mountains</i>
Sep 24-26	<i>Pathfinder Expedition</i>

Photo of the Week

Thanks to Stephanie for this week's photo



Thought for the Week:

"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

1 John 5:12