

# EPPING SDA CHURCH NEWSLETTER



Photos by Alvin Ing and Arthur Wong

## Welcome

Welcome to our weekly Epping Church Newsletter. First of all, congratulations to Stephanie for a great job in designing the new format and layout for this newsletter. Like the rest of you, I downloaded it off the website, and did a double take to ensure that I hadn't clicked the wrong button. It's very professional, and I can only hope that the content can match the visuals.

Our Church Board, met for the first time last week, and I'm very excited about 2011. I listened intently as Personal Ministries, Pathfinders, Adventurers, Youth and the Social Committee outlined their plans and focus for this year. There's something for everyone and I'm particularly looking forward to some of our outreach activities. More of this in the body of the newsletter – so read on...

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](mailto:ajing@eppingsda.org.au).

This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website:

<http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

## This Sabbath at Epping

The speaker this Sabbath is our new Senior Elder, Eva Ing. Greg is the Elder in charge. The Offering is for Local Budget.

## Last Sabbath at Epping

Our service last Sabbath was taken by Pastor Rams Tupe and entitled "Power of the Spirit".

Acts: 19:1 "While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

Paul asked this of the apostles - What type of believer are you? Do you follow and believe in Christ? In your lifestyle, does it reflect a picture of the Christ - the one you are following?

Are you a believer that actually believes ?

When we are baptized we are making room for Jesus in our lives. When we repent, we take a step forward with Jesus.

Paul came to the disciples at Ephesus. They had accepted the gospel, but they were stuck there. They hadn't moved on, they had not progressed since they were baptized by John.

Rams emphasised that Christianity is a journey; you just don't stop at repentance.

This trap for us. We call it spiritual arrogance. What we know is not enough. Just keeping the Sabbath for example is not going to save you.

Rams concluded that before we can go out and minister to others , we must allow the Holy Spirit to minister to us.



## Church Events and News

### 1. Communion Service

First Communion Service for 2011 will be held on Sabbath 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011. This will be taken by Pastor Rams.

### 2. Inspire 2011 – This will be held on April 14-17.

Be renewed, recalibrated and refocused. Inspire 2011 will be four days of spiritual refreshment, growing in your giftedness and sharpening your focus.

In 2011 our theme is connecting. We will be exploring what it means.

*Keynote Speaker: Ben Maxson*

*We're excited to announce that our keynote speaker is Pr Ben Maxson. Pr Maxson leads the Paradise SDA Church in California. Previously he has served as our General Conference Stewardship director. Pr Maxson has developed some great discipleship resources, is the author of 'Get Normal' which is an excellent book and shaping a biblical worldview and is an engaging speaker who is in demand around the world. Pr Maxson's presentations will challenge and inspire you.*

*Please keep this in your diaries. To register, download this document:*

[http://www.gscadventist.org.au/site\\_data/430/assets/0029/5885/Application\\_Form.pdf](http://www.gscadventist.org.au/site_data/430/assets/0029/5885/Application_Form.pdf)



### *3. Working Bee*

*Our next Working Bee is scheduled for Sunday March 13, 2 pm.*

*More details closer to the event.*

## **Pathfinder News**

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*Pathfinders and Adventurers held their first meeting of the year last Sabbath. It was great seeing so many involved in all the activities and honours.*





Upcoming Pathfinder Events include:

- March - Proposed Survival Bush Camp – more details to follow
- March 20 - Adventurer Fun Day
- April 2 - Social Night with Church
- 23-24 April – Backpack Camp
- June 18 – Pathfinder Investiture
- 2-3 July - Proposed Snow Trip
- 23-25 September - Pathfinder Expedition
- 28-30 October - Social Night with Church /Adventurer Camporee

## Youth News

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1. Youth Cell Group Meeting, this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 7:00 pm

Please contact Matthew for further details. I believe Chocolate Fondue is on the menu.

[ingmatthew89@gmail.com](mailto:ingmatthew89@gmail.com)

2. Water Skiing Weekend – March 19-20 (Wisemans Ferry)

See Stephanie for details

## Personal Ministries News

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We will be recommencing our Cell groups for Term 1 this Friday February 11<sup>th</sup>.

We will continue / complete our Revelation Series.

Week 1: Feb 11<sup>th</sup>

Week 2: Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

Week 3: Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Week 4: Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

Week 5: Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

Week 6: Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

Week 7: Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

Venues:

1) Baxter's (7pm start)

2) Go's

3) Tungs

4) Youth - see Matthew Ing for timetable

The prophecies within Revelations are being fulfilled in our day and we as a church would benefit from understanding them fully as Christ's second coming draws nearer.

Please pray for the series

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## Future Personal Ministry News

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*May 1 (Sunday) - Health Assessment at Eastwood Shopping Centre.*

*May-June - Stress Management Course. 6 week course (May 7/14/21/28 and June 4/18)*

*August - Vegetarian Cooking series (August 6, 13, 20 and 27)*

*October - Body Balance Course*

## Church Offerings

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*I continue to encourage all members to support our Local Budget offerings each week. On Sabbaths where the offering is not formally assigned to our Local Church Budget, you can still support Epping Church by utilising the envelopes marked "Local Budget". These are located in the Church Foyer and on the Church Pews. Please ask the deacons or deaconesses for an envelope if these are not readily available.*

## Prayer Ministry

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- Please remember the victims of natural disaster around Australia. Be it bushfires, floods or cyclones, please continue to prayer for their safety and protection.*
- Please continue to pray for Ron's safety.*
- Please pray for Luna's health and recovery.*
- Please continue to pray for Ivan as he continues his recovery.*
- Please continue to pray for Sue's health and also her family.*
- Please pray for Bob as he continues to battle against his illness.*
- Please continue to pray for Lorraine's health.*
- Please pray for Andrew and Sally as Andrew recovers from his illness.*

## Dates to keep in your Diary

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<b>February 11</b>	Cell Groups recommence
<b>February 19</b>	Communion Service
<b>March 13</b>	Working Bee
<b>March 19-20</b>	Youth Waterskiing Camp
<b>April 14-17</b>	Inspire 2011

## Photo of the Week



*From Andy Ly*

## Thought of the week

*“We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.”*

*2 Thessalonians 1:3*