

EPPING CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Epping church's Newsletter!

Hope everyone's week has been great, and you're 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,
HAPPY SABBATH ALL**
**Are you all ready for the
Christmas Program!?**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 17th	Epping Christmas Program
Dec 18th	Working Bee Sunday - new carpet in SS rooms, Hall + Saitrs and
2017	**2017**
Jan 9-15	Junior Camp
Jan 16 - 20	Carpet Installation
Jan 16 - 22	Teen Camp
Mar 3-5	Epping Church Camp @ Crosslands - see Arthur for deets
Mar 17-18	IGNITE @ Sydney Showground with Pr Dwight Nelson - See more info below

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please remember Fedz's father who is ill in the Phillipines
- Please pray for the Musa Family as they grieve the passing of their Father

This Sabbath at EPPING

Elder: Arthur

Speaker: Epping Christmas Program

Offering:

Last Sabbath at EPPING

Pastor Nigel took the sermon titled 'Exposed' a thought provoking subject that let us to reflect upon ourselves rather than others.

Also had the Cradle Roll class take the prayer as well as a special item singing Deep and Wide.

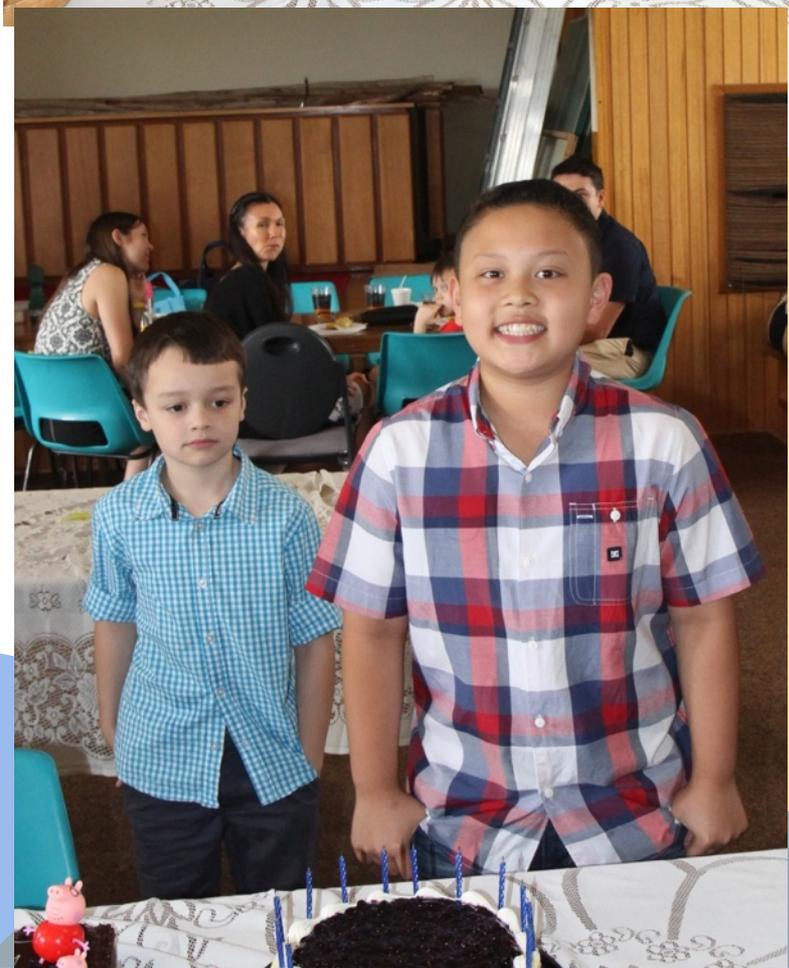
Well done kiddies!



BIRTHDAYS

Two birthdays last week.

Abby's 2nd Birthday and Bon's 12th





**LIGHT AND MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY'S
2017 CALENDERS ARE OUT NOW**

These calendars are available for \$30 AUD each.

All proceeds are to be donated to the next Epping Church Mission Project

Please pay for these calendars on the Epping Church Egiving website:

<https://egiving.org.au/Epping%20SDA%20Church>

Please Enter the amount \$30 in the 'Epping Mission Project' Box

There is also a link to this under 'Giving' on the left hand column of our church website.

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

Please email your receipts to:

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Thank you for your generous support of the Epping SDA Church Mission Project.

ADRA BLACKTOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Hi Church family,

We have received urgent request from ADRA Blacktown. They are in need of certain items to complete their christmas hampers for their clients in need.

Please see the request below. It would be appreciated if you can bring your items to church THIS SABBATH - Dec 3 - so they can be included in the hampers.

Thank you for offering to assist us and so here is the list: (in order of "urgency").....

- 1. Medium size fruit cakes/puddings**
- 2. Custard - UHT (Long life) - 600mls & 1 litre**
- 3. Drinks - Appletizers, 275mls (pack of 4) OR similars**
- 4. Xmas Biscuits - ie, Walkers ranges - Shortbread etc.. ** XMAS shape biscuits etc..**
- 5. Rhumballs - lollies**
- 6. Various Xmas Nuts**
- 7. Serviettes with Xmas Designs**
- 8. Xmas Wrapping papers**
- * Christmas Stockings? ***

Also needed are sanitary items and and liquid soap.

At the moment it appears as though I have as many request for Xmas Hampers as I did for last year 2015 if not more....

Thankyou one and all for your help in providing for those in need,

- Rochelle

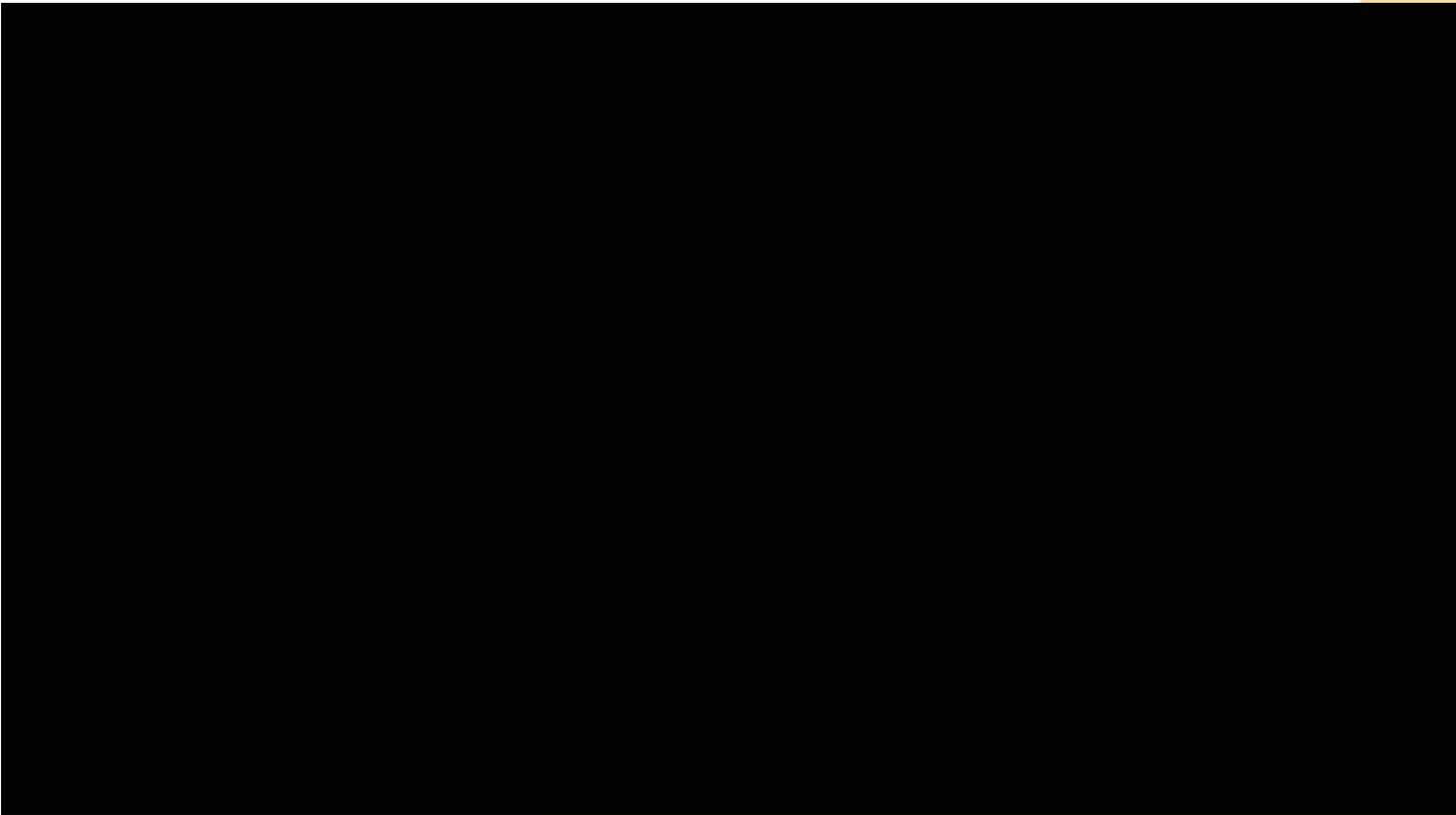
IGNITE

March 17–18, 2017

We are excited and looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to bring the whole Conference together. We anticipate a wonderful blessing as we worship and fellowship together. Let's pray together for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4Ud9TzRLto>

<http://sydney.adventist.org.au/ignite>



PATHFINDERS UNIFORMS NEEDED!

We have a number of new Pathfinders joining Epping Club and we are looking for any spare Pathfinder uniforms (including ties, belts, woggles, scarves) that you no longer need. We are looking for both dress uniform items and field uniforms. Please pass any spare uniforms to Jessica Go. Thanks.





REGISTRATION is now open - do it before the Christmas rush!

Go on girl - lock it in - why wait.

Date: Fri 30th June - Sun 2nd July 2017

Venue: The TOPS Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops.

- Beautiful new venue
- Lots more room - can take more of us!!
- Ample parking
- Only 1 hr from Sydney
- Just perfect.

Register at <https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/>

PASTOR NIGELS

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

GIVING

Christmas is a fun time for everyone. But I think those whose 'Love Language' is 'Gift Giving' have an extra good time. Just imagine if Jesus was coming to your house in person this Christmas. Would you make sure you had a present for Him under the tree? What would you give Him? Would you give Him a nice watch? No – God lives outside of time. Would you give Him keys to a flash new car? Maybe not – He can travel anywhere in the Universe in the blink of an eye. Would you give Him a Gift Card or cash? I don't think so – all the earth is His. Would you give Him a picture you had painted of a landscape or a portrait of you and Him together? Maybe...

Whatever you do, it soon becomes clear that "you cannot give to God anything that He has not first given you" (MYP 407). So, this Christmas, why not give God what He really, really wants – YOU! In 2017 give Him your time, your talent, your voice, your hands and feet, your money, your loyalty, and your love. May God richly bless you as you prepare to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

"You shall give to the Lord your God, according as the Lord your God has blessed you" Deut. 16:10.



STEPS IN STONEIn La Mata, a seaside town on Spain's Costa Blanca, handrails beckon from the ocean's rocky edge, offering swimmers a secure place from which to enter the water. Photographer Gary Gillette's long exposure renders the early morning mist a gauzy cover that obscures the Mediterranean Sea.



PHOTOGRAPH BY GARY GILLETTE, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC YOUR SHOT