



WELCOME TO

Epping Church

WKLY NEWSLETTERS

19/12/19

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.
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Last Newsletter for the year ! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Epping Church



EVENTS

March 6-8, 2020

Epping Church Camp

THIS SABBATH
@EPPING

Elder: Vanessa

Speaker: Eva Ing

Offering: Fund for the Needy

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Last Sabbath

Epping Church had their annual Church Christmas Program which commenced at 1030am. There were many visitors in attendance and it was just lovely to see the church full for the Service. The Program consisted of multi-cultural prayer & praise, congregational singing, video presentations, readings, special items of singing (children & adult), instrumental and a very funny skit! It was wonderful to see the whole church involved whether in the pre-planning stages, on the day or behind the scenes. Well done for a superb effort and many thanks to everyone involved in the Program.







Prayer Requests

Prayer Praise

- Please pray for those who are ill or facing challenges in their lives.
- Please pray for ADRA Blacktown in providing food to the needy.
- Please pray for Esther as she recovers from her neck injury.
- Pray for the Macquarie Uni Adventist Club that it continues to grow and gain influence at Macquarie Uni
- Praying for those affected by the volcano in New Zealand.
- Praying for safe travels for those going away during the school holidays.

Drought – Pray for Rain:

- Please pray for our farmers and families struggling with the drought.
- Please pray for those who are affected by crippling drought.
- Pray for your chance to help families and farmers struggling with drought.
- Let's pray that relief comes to areas suffering from the worst drought in decades.
- As you turn on the tap pray for those suffering from drought.
- Pray for the severe drought is affecting rural and regional Australia.

Fire – Pray for Rain:

- Devastating fires still continue to burn out of control across the country – pray for rain to ease the situation.
- Pray that rains will come upon those areas still being impacted by fires.
- Pray that those men and women who continue to fight the devastating fires will remain safe.
- Let's pray that rain comes to areas suffering from the worst fires Australia has experienced in decades.

Epping Church Christmas Celebration

Thank You



Message from Annali:

Hi everyone!

Just want to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of today's programme.

Thank you to my speaking teams, people who did the prayers, welcome and offering. Thank you to Ayen, Jesse and the Kindy kids for your beautiful items. To Uncle Henry, Mande, Aunty Elaine and your creative teams for the amazing decorations in the church.

Thank you to Cyrus and his team for their lighthearted, meaningful interlude, and the third shepherd. To Michael Ing for so ably looking after and running the AV, couldn't have done it without you! Uncle Greg, Aunty Kerri, Mia and everyone else who helped out with prep in the lead up to the programme. To Prunella, Renee, Steph, Travis, Pat, Damien and Chanelle for leading out in praise and worship, and for Dad and Michael Charles for the preservice music.

Thank you to you all, apologies if I have missed anyone, for giving of your time and talents to bless the congregation and honour our Lord. Could not have done any of it without your willingness and support to contribute!

And most importantly, thank you to Jesus for giving us someone worthy of our praise and adoration, the reason for this season.

Have a wonderful Christmas everyone. Stay safe, may love, joy and peace fill you this Christmas.

MEMORY VERSES

Week 37

"Blessed are you when people persecute you because of me"

Matthew 5:11

Week 36

"What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man"

Luke 6:22

Week 35

"That's why I take pleasure in my weaknesses, and in the insults, hardships, persecutions, and troubles that I suffer for Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

2 Corinthians 12:10

To see the rest of the memory verses see the link below :)

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ybw_EEbSMJRdPe_piLePW7sw1zLjO6Ki-ECvr7JEYLk/edit?usp=sharing



*PASTOR NIGEL'S
THOUGHT OF THE WEEK*

*WITH JESUS
IN THE FAMILY...*

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I think it would be fair enough to say that most people get married and start a family (not necessarily in that order), with the best of intentions for providing a safe, nurturing, and idyllic environment for a child to grow up in. How do they go about this? Some like to renovate their home so it looks like something out of Home Beautiful. Some work long hours so they have the money to buy their children all the things they never had as kids. Some exhaust themselves (and their children) with a plethora of music lessons, sporting events, and other extra-curricular activities designed to give their child the 'edge' over other children in this increasingly competitive world. But none of these things really matter. Your house will go up in flames at the Second Coming. You can't take your money to heaven with you. And there will be plenty of people in heaven who can't play an instrument or kick a ball.

So, what is best for your family? "The home that is beautified by love, sympathy, and tenderness is a place that angels love to visit, and where God is glorified" AH 19. When it comes to love, quality does not win over quantity. Come home at a reasonable hour. Spend time with your kids. Lie in a grassy paddock with your kids and watch the clouds float by. Any time spent on your children is never wasted or wasteful time. And let your children see your concern for those less fortunate. Let them see you selflessly spend your valuable time and money helping those kicked to the curb by life. Pray with your children. Teach them the first thing to do in every situation is to check in with God. And remember to listen. A listening ear and a reassuring hug will a better child make than an hour of music practice.

But I'm sure I'm preaching to the choir. I'm sure you could teach me a thing or two about creating a happy Christian home. I pray that God will continue to bless your efforts and you will see the fruit of your labor in heaven...

"For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" 1 Cor. 14:33.

