



WELCOME TO

Epping Church

WKLY NEWSLETTERS

21/1/2020

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.
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Lightning lit up the sky above Sydney on Tuesday, February 18 as powerful thunderstorms erupted in the area (Photo/@yikesdami)

EVENTS

March 6-8

Epping Church Retreat - **CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED 7TH DEC**

THIS SABBATH @EPPING

Elder: Jess

Speaker: Charles Grant-Skiba

Offering: Local

21/1/2020

Last Sabbath

Our speaker was Dr Alan McCutcheon and his sermon was titled "Joy". Alan spoke about two types of joy:

- 1) what Christians have, which is everlasting and
- 2) The other joy which is temporary and what unbelievers want. We can meet great challenges in our lives, which Satan uses to draw us away from God and seek happiness apart from God. As demonstrated by the apostle Paul we need to focus on the love and joy shared with other believers in taking the good news to others while receiving strength and joy through our prayer and faith.

Uncle Arthur took the Children's story and told us about the first time he went fishing with his Dad.



Vegetarian Cooking Club



Last Sunday, February 16 the Vegetarian Recipe Club met together for their first meeting in 2020, in the Epping Church Hall at 1:30pm. Fourteen people attended to catch up with friends, share a meal and watch demonstrations of wonderful recipes. Our presenters/ cooks were Meera Bhardwaj (from Epping community and a devoted attendee of our Vegetarian Cooking Demonstrations) and .

More Chairs for Epping Church

Enjoy the 47 new chairs donated to Epping! Thanks to Henry, Belle, Victor, Michael, Vanessa and Rod for the delivery.



NOTICE BOARD



This year, we will have our EPPING CHURCH RETREAT from
March 6 - 8, 2020 at the Crosslands Convention Centre,
100 Crosslands Road, Galston.

Come and enjoy a weekend of fellowship, fun and worship.
Take time to relax and appreciate nature and the outdoors.

Cost:

Weekend Rate - Adult \$90 / Child \$50 (ages 5 - 12 years)

Children under 5 years old - Free

(includes Accommodation, Meals, Pool & use of Canoe)

Day Rate : \$40 Adult / Child \$20 (includes Meal, Pool & use of Canoe)

Registration and payment details can be found on eppingsda.org.au
or please see Arthur, Elaine or Vanessa.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Please note that Epping Church will be closed on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Prayer Requests

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- Please pray for Arthur's friend, Winnie who is ill.
- Please pray for Pr Nigel & family as they mourn the passing of Nigel's mother.
- Please pray for Penny who is experiencing health challenges.
- Please pray for ADRA Blacktown in providing food to the needy.
- Please pray for those who are ill or facing challenges in their lives.
- Pray for the Macquarie Uni Adventist Club that it continues to grow and gain influence at Macquarie Uni

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.



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Bible study groups

We have regular Wednesday and Friday night group meetings during the school terms. Please see Rod if you would like to join one of our groups. All welcome

ADRA Blacktown

Please continue to bring in food for ADRA Blacktown. Any donations of any non-perishable food would be appreciated.

Prayer Ministry- IGNITING PRAYER RETREAT:

“Dare to Ask For More” on March 27-29, 2020 @ Crosslands Youth and Convention Centre. A weekend dedicated to exploring ways to ignite the passion for prayer individually and corporately.

MEMORY VERSES

Week 41

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples".

John 13:34-35

Week 40

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea."

Psalms 46:1-2

Week 39

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

'Matt 5: 44'

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

Of Becoming

As you know, I recently buried my mother. It was easy to say nice things about her at the funeral as she was a great Mum! Then the mind wonders, and you start thinking about other people you know, and what nice things you might be able to say about them. Some are easy, for others it's like trying to do a Rubik's cube. Eventually, you start thinking about yourself and what might people say about you? Which is kind of counter productive because you can't live your life trying to please others or worry about what everyone thinks. But that's a topic for another day...

But since the question has been raised, when should one start being a decent person? Apparently, the earlier the better. Ellen White once said, "The main object of education should be to gain a knowledge of how we can glorify God, whose we are by creation and by redemption" MCP 53. So important education is not about getting a degree, scoring your dream job, or earning loads of money (which are all about me), but education is all about Him – glorifying God!

If we kept this in mind, I wonder what difference that might make to our children? To us? To how we spend our time and what we teach them at home? If we focus on Him, He will direct our paths and see to it that we have enough – enough money yes, but also enough wisdom, enough peace, enough contentment, enough friends, enough life balance, enough job satisfaction, enough joy, enough faith, enough hope, enough love... enough.

"All thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children."
Isaiah 54:13