



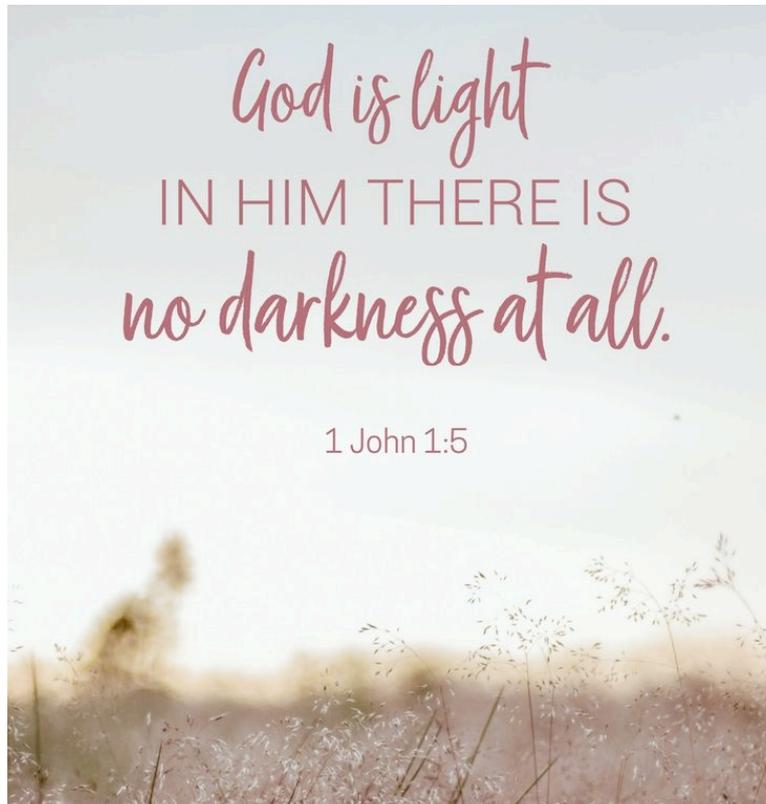
WELCOME TO

Epping Church

WKLY NEWSLETTERS

27/1/2020

If you have anything to share with the church, please don't hesitate to contact us on the below emails.
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EVENTS

Feb 29 - Mar 1	Pathfinder Kayaking Camp
March 6 - 8	Epping Church Retreat - CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED 7TH DEC
March 27 - 29	Igniting Prayer Retreat @ Crosslands
April 5	Vegetarian Recipe Club @Epping Church
April 26 - 28	Life Boost Wellness Expo @ Parramatta Square

THIS SABBATH
@EPPING

Elder: Alan

Speaker: Edison Akrawi

Offering: Schools Evangelism

27/1/2020

Last Sabbath

Our speaker on Sabbath was Pr Charles Grant-Skiba who spoke about the Canaanite woman who asked Jesus to heal her demon possessed daughter. The story, found in Matthew 15:21-28 highlights our need to have a "great faith" as the Canaanite woman had, as opposed to the Jew's "lack of faith". Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice of dying for each one of us, no matter what our background. Through Jesus are we truly saved, He is our way of life.



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 the event, with 10 people from the Community. Our presenters/cooks were Rochelle and Benita demonstrating dishes with a Middle Eastern theme. The group shared a meal together and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Many thanks to our Epping Church members who came to support and as well getting to know our Community friends better.

The next Recipe Club will be on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

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.

NOTICE BOARD

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.

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Penny who is experiencing health challenges
- Please pray for Arthur’s friend, Winnie who is ill
- Please continue to pray for those who are feeling ill or facing challenging in their lives

MEMORY VERSES

Week 42

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 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

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Psalms 46:1-2

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

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Pastor Nigel's
Thought of the Week

Meet the Sisters

I remember in my younger days (many moons ago), I heard a sermon by a visiting African American preacher on Isaiah 60:2, "See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples..." He talked about how sin has cast a thick blanket of darkness over this earth, and how we have grown accustomed to the darkness. So accustomed in fact, that many people now squeal like stuck pigs if anyone dares turn on the light of truth.

So, what's a Christian to do? Do we keep quiet so as not to cause offence? Do we rant and rail against the darkness? If darkness is all they've ever known, won't it be like telling a fish that water is bad? Won't we have about as much success as Noah? And while we're sitting around discussing what to do, along come three sisters... "faith, hope, and love are sisters, and their works blend perfectly to shine amid the moral darkness of the world" TDG 131.

If we have surrendered to Jesus, and if we have asked for the Holy Spirit to fill us, then we will all have a dose of faith, hope, and love. Some will have an abundance of one, and others another. This is why we should work together to humbly serve those around us. If the light we turn on is a light of loving, kind, and compassionate acts, then who wouldn't be curious? Just as a candle puts out both light and warmth, people will be drawn to the love of God reflected in us. This is a light the devil is powerless against. All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. Isn't it time we started doing what we sung about all those years ago? "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine..."

"And now abides faith, hope, and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13.