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Photo by Arthur Wong, 'Lovely sunrise at the Church Retreat'

EVENTS

March 27 - 29	Igniting Prayer Retreat @ Crosslands
April 5	Vegetarian Recipe Club @Epping Church
May 3	Life Boost Wellness Expo @ Parramatta Square



THIS SABBATH
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Elder: Arthur

Speaker: Ken Landers

Offering: Adventist World Radio

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Last Sabbath

Dear Epping Church,

We would just like to say a big "Thank You" to all who attended our Church Retreat at Crosslands this past weekend. What a wonderful time we had worshipping together, sharing meals, relaxing and catching up with everyone.

Many thanks also to Pr Garth and Aleta Bainbridge, our guest speakers, Pr Nigel for our Devotionals, our Sabbath School teachers, Worship Team, Pathfinders and Adventurers leaders and those who assisted in preparing meals and cleaning up afterwards.

Thank you also to Jessica and Jamie for organising and leading out with the incredibly fun interactive Games Night.

The Pool Slug is always a highlight for all and despite it being overcast, the event brought out the competitiveness between generations as each strove to break their personal best times and maintain their "records".

Thank you for a spiritually filled and fun weekend.

Elaine, Vanessa & Arthur

















News



Growing Together Seminar 2020 - On February 29 - March 1, eight delegates from Epping Church attended the Growing Together Seminar at Hills Adventist College learning how to support the Youth in our churches.

Youth Notice Board



Toastie and Board Game night

March 14th, 6:30pm

Come along to the first social of the year!

Make sure to bring your secret ingredient to your world famous toastie and a boardgame you love to dominate in.

**basic ingredients provided.

Pastor Nigel's home

Address :158 Epping Rd. North Ryde.

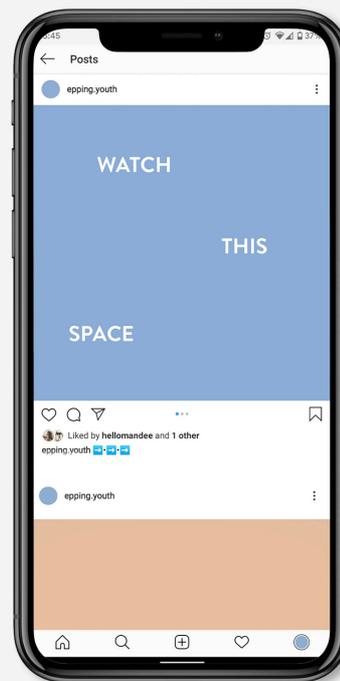
Parking in driveway of 158 and 160 Epping Rd.

There is no street parking on Epping Rd. so if driveways are full there is parking in David Ave. behind Epping Rd, and just walk through the laneway.

Epping Youth are excited to introduce you to the launch of the Epping Youth Instagram account.

Here we will be updating members on up coming events, news and more so be sure to follow us with the details below!

@epping.youth



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
- Please pray for our Year 12 kids doing the HSC this year

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

"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

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

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Pastor Nigel's
Thought of the Week

Fragrant Hands

Am I my brother's keeper? Who is my neighbour? What must I do to be saved? These questions are all related. Let me ask another question: Is it really worth our time and effort to be nice to other people? The answer of course is yes... but why? The answer to that question has to do with flowers...

There is a saying about friendship which loosely translated says that some of the perfume of a flower stays on the hand that gives it. So, if God were to smell your hands, would He find them fragrant? And why would God be smelling your hands? Because "it is the fragrance of our love to our fellow men that reveals our love for God" TDG 32. It's the little things we do that gives away what is in our hearts.

A parent asks a child if he has had his bath yet? The child says yes. The parent knows he is lying because the soap isn't even wet. A parent asks a child if he ate all the biscuits? The child says no. The parent knows he is lying because of the biscuit crumbs around the corners of the child's mouth. It is the little things that give us away. Likewise, when we say we love God, God looks for the evidence in small kindnesses we have done for others. He smells our hands for a fragrance. The small kindnesses do not earn us a place in heaven – only the merits of Jesus do that. But a lack of true love will most certainly keep us out of heaven.

Here's a free tip... sometimes our hearts are a little slow, so rather than waiting for the love before we do a kindness, let me recommend getting in the habit of doing kindnesses, and just see if the love doesn't follow!

"The Lord your God is testing you to see if you truly love him with all your heart and soul."
Deut. 13:3.