WELCOME TO

EPPING

SDA CHURCH

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

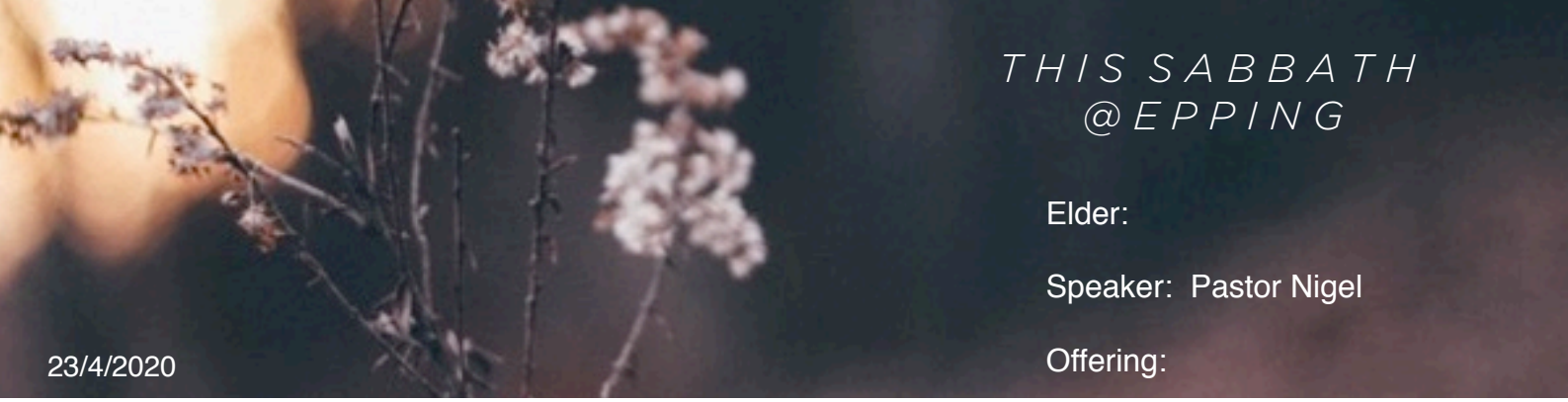
23/4/2020

Epping Church!

Our next live stream will be this Sabbath at 11am, see below for the links.

Beautiful crafts by craddle roll/ primary SS via Zoom. "The woman at the well"

SATURDAY PROGRAMS		
What	**When**	**Link**
Adult Sabbath School	10am Saturday Morning	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzlJQU9iaW8zdz09 **Meeting ID: 481 995 096** **Password: 675908**
Church Service	11am Saturday	https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda
Afternoon Tea catchup	4pm Saturday Arvo	Open invitation for those that would like to have a chat and cuppa. https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/395777033?pwd=K2VvajVGdm9ON3dKbVloMll3QyszQT09 **Meeting ID:** 395 777 033 **Password:** 395893



THIS SABBATH @EPPING

Elder:

Speaker: Pastor Nigel

Offering:

23/4/2020

Last Sabbath

Last weeks sermon 'You will be with me' was focussed around Luke 23:42-43

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[a]"

43 Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The conversation between Jesus and the thief on the cross.

Jesus wants us to know, He will accept whoever you are, with eagerness with his gentle words 'I Promise you today you will be with me in paradise' heaven has a place for you, family, friends, enemies, don't turn him down.

We had a couple of new faces on screen last week, which was nice and refreshing.

ZOOM LINKS

Weekly programs

What	When	Link
8am Prayer Group	8am Mon - Friday	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/384619955?pwd=SXp5V2RHSDJhQW85eXJnSWpBNUhsQT09
4pm Prayer Group	4pm Mon - Friday	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/887853048?pwd=NmQ4WUp6cVBRK21BQXFEOCtXbytzZz09
Youth Hangouts	7pm Friday Nights	**Meeting ID:** 384 694 480 **Password:** 350006

Saturday Programs

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Sabbath School	10am Saturday Morning	https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzlJQU9iaW8zdz09 **Meeting ID: 481 995 096** **Password: 675908**
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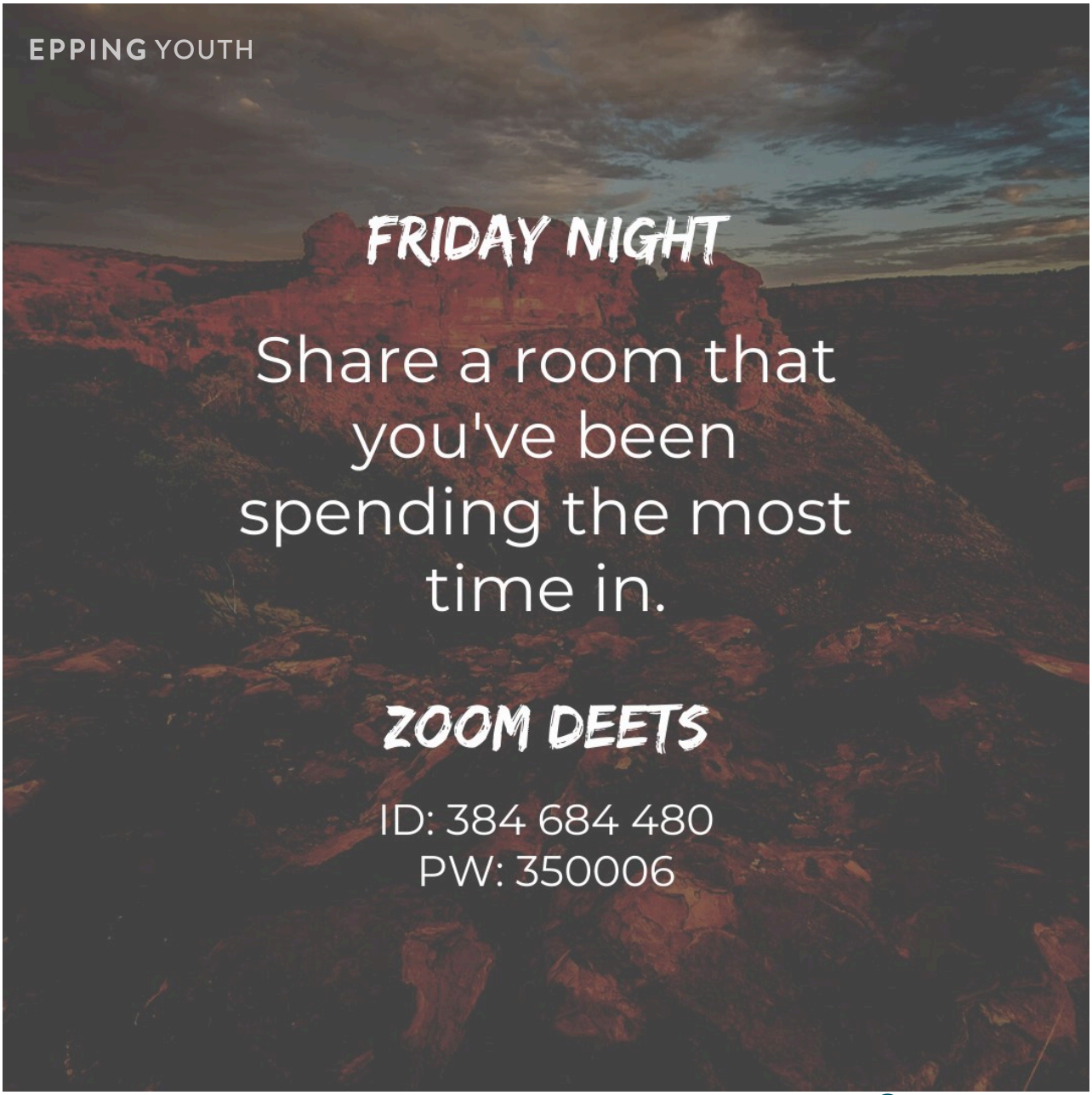
YOUTH Notice Board



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NOTICE BOARD

ADRA Blacktown

In a couple of weeks, Benita will be taking some food supplies to ADRA Blacktown. We will let you know a date and time when Benita will be at the church and you can bring your donations of food to the church... so stay tuned!

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
- Please Pray for Epping church as we continue to run live streaming church services.
- Heal those who are sick and protect those who are not.
- Give our leaders extra wisdom as they navigate this pandemic and economic uncertainty.
- Strengthen Your global Church. Reveal to us how we can partner together to reach the needs of those around us.
- Calm our fears. Fill us with Your hope, joy, and peace as we continue to trust in You.
- Use this pandemic to pave the way for spiritual renewal. We want Your glory, power, and healing to be on display.
- Thankful that Rod, Elaine, Ness, Alvin and Andy have safety returned to Australia
- Pray for the safety of our frontline medical people
- Pray for the safety of our teachers and students
- Pray for the safety of all the sick, elderly and vulnerable members
- Pray for Kuo family members in USA
- Pray for family and friends who have lost jobs
- Pray that God will open our eyes to people's needs, showing us how we can help.

MEMORY VERSES

Week 44

'I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.'

Ephesians 3:20-22 CEV

Week 43

Though do you not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.

1 Peter 1:8

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

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

Sing

Carbon was created as the basic building blocks of life. The Sun was created to give light. Fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds were created to feed our bodies. All things were made for a reason… a purpose. But music, "music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble, and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God" PP 594.

I like music. I like it more than some, but not as much as others. I have had people try to tell me what music I liked – they were wrong. But to think that this whole great big wonderful thing called music was created with the sole purpose of drawing us to God… that really makes me stop and think.

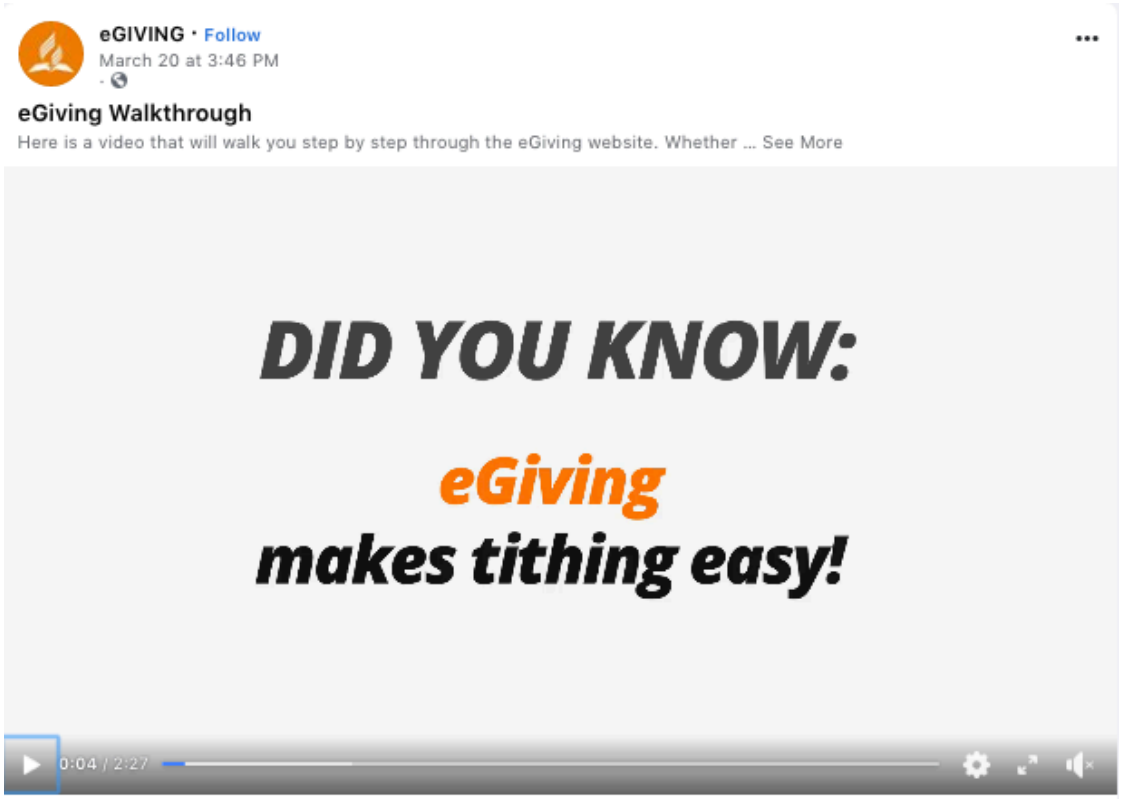
Does that mean if music is used for other purposes than bringing us to God, it is being abused and is a travesty? Like abusing food and becoming obese, or being promiscuous and chipping away at the image of God? Is music used for other than its holy purpose simply emotional manipulation? I don't know all the fine details, but I do believe, like a lot of things, music can be used for good and/or evil. I believe God has good music, and the devil has bad music.

I'm not saying which is which, because God made us all with different taste in music just like we have different tastes in food. Views on music that some have carved into tablets of stone, may very well be a matter of opinion. But I sincerely hope that you have found some music that calms your nerves, lifts your spirits, and helps to draw you into the embrace of God. I believe we can praise God for our talented musicians that fill our worship with colour, depth and joy.

What Christian music do I listen to with my headphones on? I like jazz, blues, country, and oh yes, I really like negro spirituals (are you still allowed to call them that?) What Christian music do you like?

"I will sing to the Lord because he has blessed me so richly" Psalm 13:6.

eGivings walkthrough



eGiving Walkthrough

Here is a video that will walk you step by step through the eGiving website. Whether you are in Australia or in New Zealand you can still be faithful and return your tithes and give your offerings and thanksgivings.

Video Link here

https://www.facebook.com/eGIVINGSDA/videos/635678597222482

eGiving Link here

https://egiving.org.au/?fbclid=IwAR1mkQR6PcpSqTCw-4UF0tw2ABnyf7TtStP7sG5agVmQBeivkp5m2nfiU7I

REMINDER

Dear Church,
In response to the covid-19 pandemic, our church leaders in Australia have advised us to close our churches until the end of April. Because we love you all and do not want to exacerbate the spread of the virus, we will be closing Epping church for Sabbath services effective immediately.
You will be able to watch our services live-streamed on your computers or phones in the safety of your homes. We hope you will all do so and we will be together in spirit.

LIVE STREAM LINK HERE:

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