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## Epping Church!

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



This week we learnt about Samuel listening to Eli and God, and following their instructions. We serve God when we listen to his voice. "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" 1 Samuel 3:9 NIV.

SATURDAY PROGRAMS		
What	When	Link
<b>Adult Sabbath School</b>	10am Saturday Morning	<a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzljQU9iaW8zdz09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzljQU9iaW8zdz09</a> <b>Meeting ID: 481 995 096</b> <b>Password: 675908</b>
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## Last Sabbath

Part 3. of the Prodigal Son story - focussing on the Father - Specifically 4 key qualities

### 1. The Father was approachable father

The youngest son was confident of father's love he made such a big request.

### 2. The Father was associated with Heaven (a Godly man)

The prodigal son was confident and comfortable to go home, no matter what wrongs he has done.

he knew what his father's response would be loving and forgiving.

### 3. The Father was affectionate

he embraced and kissed the Prodigal son, showed how much he loved his son disregarding how ragged and smelly his son was.

### 4. The Father was an assuring father to BOTH his sons

Just like God loves everyone EQUALLY.

Reassures the prodigal son that he is forgiven and is always loved - shown by the welcome home celebration he held for him. His love never changes.

Reassures the Elder son, He will always take care of him, and his love for him will never change.

This story is a reminder of God's love, no matter what state of mind you are in.



# \*\*PHYSICAL CHURCH UPDATE!\*\*

Dear Church Family,

This year has been a year like no other. I think if we could send it back and ask for a refund, many of us would. Currently, COVID-19 restrictions are easing in some places and getting tighter in others. I know many of you are wondering when we will be able to go back to church, so I just wanted to drop you a line and let you know what's likely to happen.

The Church Board has discussed reopening the church at great length. There is no one perfect solution or way of doing it, so this is what we have settled upon... We will continue with the current live-streaming regime until the government relaxes the restrictions to one person per two square meters. When this happens however, even with one person per two square meters, our church is still not large enough to hold us all. Therefore, we will split the church into two groups and take it week about coming to church. On the other weeks you can watch the live-stream (which will continue) from home as you are currently doing. Of course, there will be safety protocols we will all need to abide by at church to keep everyone safe and healthy. The group lists and safety protocols will be shared with you closer to the re-opening date.

Thank you for your patience and faithfulness. I look forward to seeing you all soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to request my number for a chat.

God bless and keep smiling!

Pr. Nigel

# ADRA BLACKTOWN NEEDS YOUR HELP!

ADRA Blacktown is still in need of food to help those who have fallen on hard times. If you feel moved by the Spirit to contribute, if you are able please continue to drop donations off to the Blacktown ADRA office.

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## **\*\* Positive Note \*\***

Another car full of food and supplies gratefully received by ADRA Blacktown. Once again you Epping church members helped to restock their shelves which were nearly empty. Thankyou!

- Rochelle Baxter



# EPPING LIBRARY

Dear Epping Church members,

I hope your week is going well. Since you are such an important part of the Epping Church family, we wanted to tell you about our upcoming project.

As you may know, our church has many growing kids and school age children where they love to learn, read and play. Their language, thinking and emotional skills are rapidly developing at this age.

We would like to start a Church Library for our Kindy and Primary kids - Christian books in particular. If you would like to contribute to this project, we'd really appreciate your support and would be happy to accept Christian books and DVDs that your children may have outgrown to add to our library.

Rainy Lee

# EPPING YOUTH

Join us, every Friday night 7pm

# EPPING YOUTH

ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 384 694 480

Password: 350006

[@epping.youth](#)

# 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.
- 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 family and friends who have lost jobs
- Pray that God will open our eyes to people's needs, showing us how we can help.



*Pastor Nigel's*  
**Thought of the Week**

## *The Measure of Success*

The two words I am thinking about today are 'purpose' and 'success'. Let me just take them one at a time... Purpose is something everyone needs to live well. It is a bit like hope in that way. Without purpose we find it hard to get out of bed in the morning. Without purpose we find it hard to like ourselves and quickly spiral down into depression. Without purpose we believe all the negative things said about us. Without purpose we will never put in our best effort. It is said that the happiest people are those who have found a noble cause or purpose that they are motivated to live, work, and die for.

Now what about success? How do we measure success? Is success only real as it is measured by others judging us? Or is going to bed happy with your own day considered success? Should we measure our performance against the world record holder's, and be judged accordingly, or should we take the measure of what can be 'reasonably expected' and be judged that way? And if we are 'reasonable' in those things, then why not in our Spiritual life? Why do we measure our success against the character of Christ, a seemingly impossible goal? Should we even be concerned about success in men's eyes, or should we be completely focused on what God considers success? Was Noah successful? He preached for 120 years but could only save his family. Was God successful in Eden? 100% of His children rebelled and damned the world to misery.

Here's a little quote that helps with both purpose and success: "If you fail ninety-nine times in a hundred, but succeed in saving the one soul from ruin, you have done a noble deed for the Master's cause" 4T 132. Cool huh?! So, if you are looking for purpose in your life, let me recommend helping to save souls for the kingdom of God starting with your own. And do not be so worried about what others think of you, God measures your success by your faithfulness, not with numbers. The mere fact that you had enough love and compassion in your heart to try those 99 times, tells God all He needs to know about you. So, how are you going to measure your purpose and success now?

"I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some" 1 Cor. 9:22

# MEMORY VERSES

Week 55

*But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*

*2 Thessalonians 3:3*

Week 54

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under Heaven.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1*

Week 53

*People will make weapons to fight against you, but their weapons will not defeat you. Some people will say things against you, but anyone who speaks against you will be proved wrong. The Lord says, That is what my servants get! They get the good things that come for me, their Lord.*

*Isaiah 54:17*

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

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# ZOOM LINKS

## \*\*\*4PM WEEKDAY PRAYER GROUP CHANGED TO 1PM\*\*\*

With restrictions lifting a little and some of us traveling back into work, our 4pm prayer group will now be at 1pm each week day....zoom details remain unchanged.

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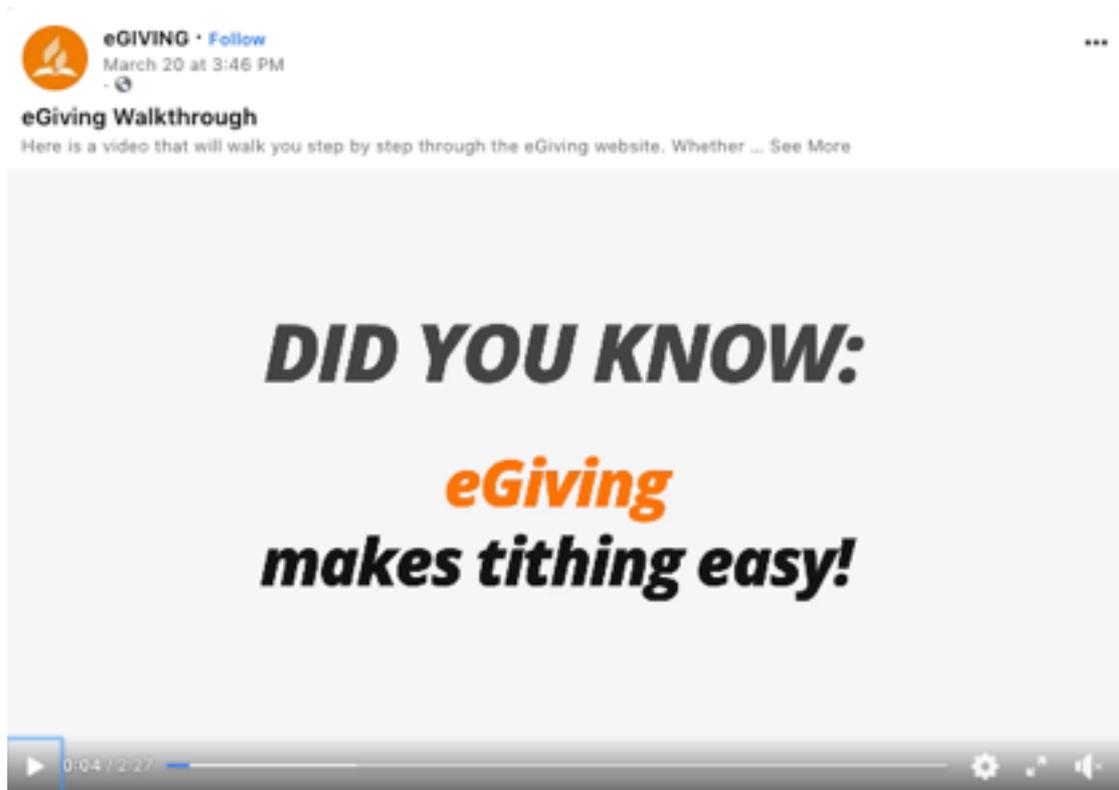
### Weekly programs

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8am Prayer Group	8am Mon - Friday	<a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/384619955?pwd=SXp5V2RHSDJhQW85eXJnSWpBNUhsQT09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/384619955? pwd=SXp5V2RHSDJhQW85eXJnSWpBNUhsQT09</a>
1pm Prayer Group	1pm Mon - Friday	<a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/887853048?pwd=NmQ4WUp6cVBRK21BQXFEOctXbytzZz09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/887853048? pwd=NmQ4WUp6cVBRK21BQXFEOctXbytzZz09</a>
Youth Hangouts	7pm Friday Nights	<b>Meeting ID:</b> 384 694 480 <b>Password:</b> 350006

### Saturday Programs

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# 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>

# eGivings walkthrough

## eGiving Step by Step Guide.

Use the eGiving App to securely return tithes and offerings.

Did you know that you can return tithes, give offerings and make charitable contributions where ever you are?



**AUSTRALIAN USERS**

### 1

**Search "eGiving" in the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).**  
Once downloaded, open the eGiving app.



### 2

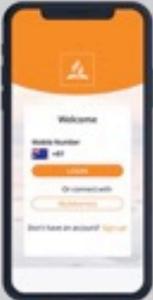
**Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".**



### 3

**Sign-up Instructions**

1. At the welcome screen, tap the flag and select your country. Then enter your mobile number and tap "LOGIN".
2. You'll be sent a code via SMS (text message). Enter the code and tap "VERIFY".
3. Then enter your email address and tap "CONFIRM" and enter your name details. Tap "OK" to dismiss the message on your screen.
4. You'll be sent an email with another verification code. Open your email, note the code and type it into the app and tap "VERIFY".
5. Next, choose your preferred security method and tap "OK".

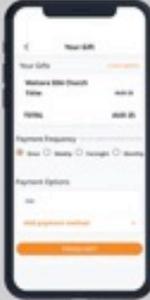


**HELPFUL INFORMATION**  
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings. Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the name of your church, and tap the search button.

### 4

**Returning Tithes & Offerings**

1. To return tithe, press the orange RETURN button, then tap the line underneath "Amount & Payment Options". Enter your amount, tap outside the box, and tap "CONFIRM GIFT".
2. To also give offerings, tap "more options" at the top right hands side of your screen. Swipe down the list until you find the offering of your choice and select it. As before, enter your amount and press "CONFIRM GIFT".
3. Select your payment frequency.
4. Under payment options, add a payment method.
5. Fill out your details then tap "ADD CARD". Tap outside of the box to dismiss the message, then select the card.
6. Review the transaction details and when you are ready, tap "FINISH GIFT".
7. Next, a confirmation screen will confirm that your contributions has been completed.





**HAVE YOU TRIED USING THE EGIVING WEBSITE?**  
This website is linked to your local church bank account and deposits tithe and offerings to that account within 48 hours.

**Australia:** [www.egiving.org.au](http://www.egiving.org.au)  
**New Zealand:** [www.egiving.org.nz](http://www.egiving.org.nz)



**HELPFUL TIP!**  
Check your email inbox. The receipt should be available shortly after giving. It's useful to download and save the receipt for your own records.