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Epping Church!

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



Today we learnt about Samuel and how he grew up to serve the nation of Israel. Throughout the rest of his life Samuel served God. Children can also grow up to serve God all throughout their life.

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
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Last Sabbath

This week we had Patricia Goncalves as she speaks about the story of Balaam and the desires of the world rather than God. The question she leaves us with is, what is stopping us having a relationship with God? Are we ready to accept His call?



EPPING LIBRARY

Dear Epping Church,

Hoping you've had a good week.

What a great start we've had with our Children's Library Project!

Many thanks to those who have donated to the Library so far....

Just a reminder to please continue looking for your old preloved Kids Christian books and DVDs .You can let me or Elaine know if you have any to donate.

Thanks again for your continuing help and support.

Rainy



Church Renovations

Hi Epping Church,

Thanks to all who helped out at our Working Bee today. We got a lot of work done this afternoon! Unfortunately we have a serious problem with the church sanctuary floor boards with some major holes and damage. Not surprising considering the age of the church, now 72 years old. I'm glad we have identified them now prior to someone potentially having an injury from the damage. This will require significant renovating and recarpeting.

So far we have put the church chairs in the hall and removed the carpet of the church sanctuary and removed some of the underlay with skirting boards. I've attached some photos for you. We have formed a Building Committee (Henry, Cyrus and Michael Ing) to advise the board and church on the next steps to fix this issue. We have a good opportunity whilst the church is empty because of Covid, to act on this without excessive disruption. Feel free to talk to the committee if you have any ideas on improving things eg stage set up, audiovisual requirements, colour of the carpet etc

The funds required will likely be in the order of \$50,000+ and so we would appreciate the church members financial support and being generous with any donations they care to give. We will keep you up to date with things as they progress

Blessings

Rod



Pathfinders

The Pathfinders have been busy over the past couple of months helping Auntie Aileen make heart pillows for cardiac and breast cancer patients.

A big thank you to Auntie Eris for bringing her sewing machine and supervising the sewing of the pillows.

Well done Pathfinders!



EPPING YOUTH

Join us, every Friday night 7pm

EPPING YOUTH

ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID: 384 694 480

Password: 350006

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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

Angels

I often forget to express my gratitude, but I am thankful for many things. I am thankful that God filled the world with colour instead of making everything black and white. I am thankful for art that expresses ideas that would take an age to say. I am thankful for the ability to grow, and that we can grow towards the Son. I am also thankful for angels. "All of us should be thankful at all times for the truth that heavenly angels are watching us moment by moment" TDG 160.

I once saw a funny cartoon of an angel all banged up. His wing was broken, he was on crutches with his leg in plaster, his head was bandaged, and his arm was in a sling. Underneath the picture was the caption, "Evel Knievel's Guardian Angel." I chuckled, but it also made me think, "How many times has my guardian angel saved my life?"

Angels are powerful beings. One angel with a flaming sword stopped humanity from going back into the Garden of Eden. One angel dissolved the powers of darkness, rolled away the stone in front of Christ's tomb, and caused soldiers to fall down like dead men. We really have no idea of how much power one angel has, yet God values us so highly that He assigned us each an angel for our protection and guidance. I am thankful for all the things my angel does that I don't even know about. He sees all I do and say. I would hate to disappoint him - so how much more do I hate to disappoint God who sees all I do and say and think?! When I get to heaven, I must remember to thank them both...

"For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways" Psalm 91:11.

MEMORY VERSES



2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

ALL PRAISE TO GOD,
THE FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.
GOD IS OUR MERCIFUL FATHER AND
THE SOURCE OF ALL COMFORT.
HE COMFORTS US IN ALL OUR TROUBLES
SO THAT WE CAN COMFORT OTHERS.
WHEN THEY ARE TROUBLED,
WE WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM THE
SAME COMFORT GOD HAS GIVEN US.

WELCOME TO
EPPING
SDA CHURCH

Week 56

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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

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

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.

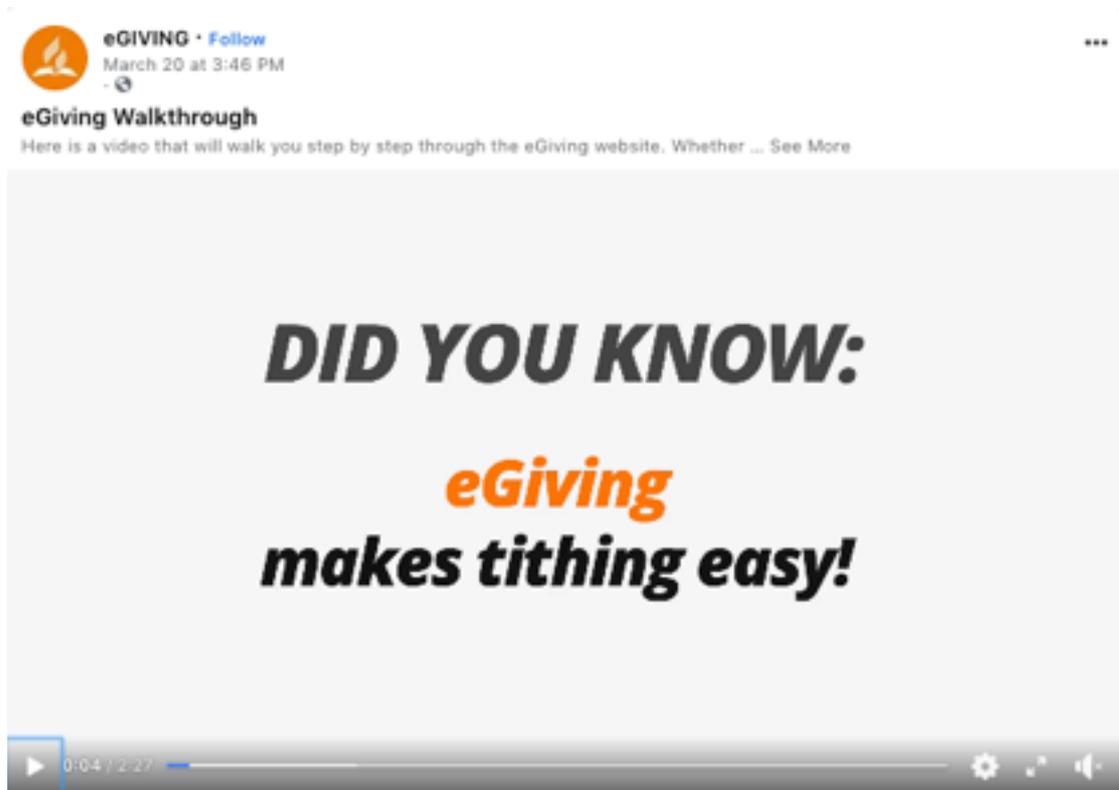
Weekly programs

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

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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

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



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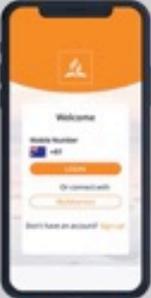
Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".



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Sign-up Instructions

- At the welcome screen, tap the flag and select your country. Then enter your mobile number and tap "LOGIN".
- You'll be sent a code via SMS (text message). Enter the code and tap "VERIFY".
- Then enter your email address and tap "CONFIRM" and enter your name details. Tap "OK" to dismiss the message on your screen.
- 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".
- Next, choose your preferred security method and tap "OK".

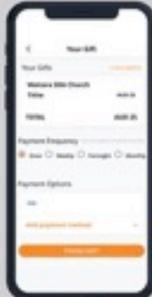


HELPFUL INFORMATION
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings. Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the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

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Returning Tithes & Offerings

- 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".
- 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".
- Select your payment frequency.
- Under payment options, add a payment method.
- Fill out your details then tap "ADD CARD". Tap outside of the box to dismiss the message, then select the card.
- Review the transaction details and when you are ready, tap "FINISH GIFT".
- 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
New Zealand: 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.