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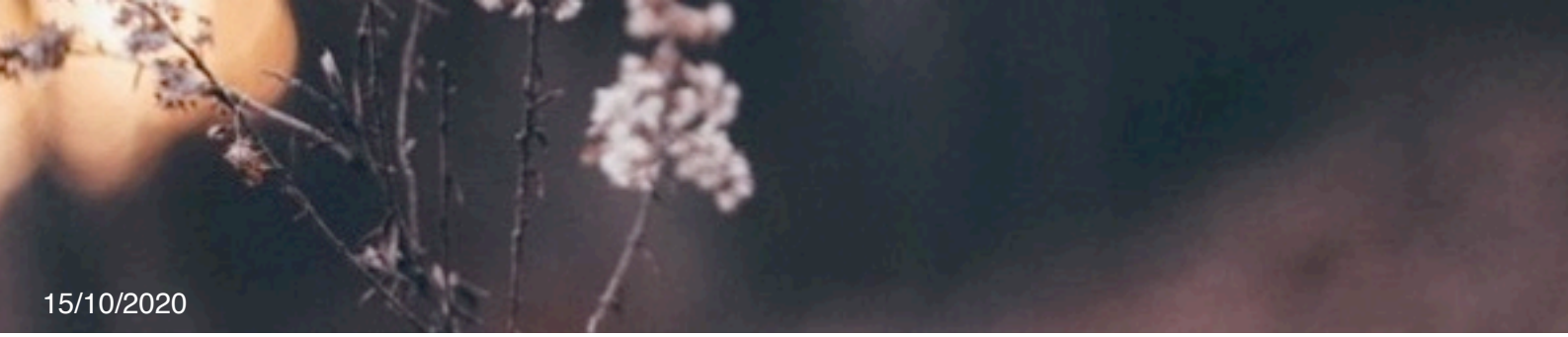
Epping Church!

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

Yesterday we learnt about how busy Jesus was healing people. Although He didn't get much rest, He was happy because He had helped many people. We too can help those who are unwell by bringing them food or other things they need, or praying for them. We serve God when we help sick people. "I was sick and you looked after me" Matthew 25:36 NIV

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



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Last Sabbath

Last Sabbath Pastor Nigel spoke about Esther 4:10-17
3 lessons that we can take away from Esther's story.
1. God will make a way - Mordecai had optimistic faith, he was able to encourage Esther to do what needed to be done - which was was to risk her life in order to save her people.

2. God loves to use women and men to fulfill his plan - God used Esther and Mordecai as they were filled wit the Holy Spirit, unqualified devotion

3. Esther's cry was to do or die - she was willing to surrender all even at the cost of her own life, even with King Xerxes who has a history of being brutal at times.

God is calling us to surrender to him, to serve the Lord, what do you think your calling is?

NOTICE BOARD

Church Floor update

We have sourced 6 builders and obtained quotes from those most suited and the best one came in at **$61,000**.

So far we have raised **$17,800** in the Building Fund and we will need much more to hit our target.

I encourage members to please give generously. Donations an be made at egiving.org.au, choose Epping Church and the Building Fund icon

Work will start soon and hopefully we can have the church fixed before the end of the year!

Thanks also to our Building subcommittee of Michael, Henry and Cyrus!

Prayer Requests

- Please pray for Lebanon as they have experienced a terrible bomb, whilst dealing with covid.
- Please pray for Penny who is experiencing health challenges
- Please pray for Arthur's friend, Winnie whose cancer has shrunk, please continue to pray that God may continue to heal her.
- 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

Borrowed Smiles

Today I am going to cheat a little bit and share with you a couple of thoughts that came across my Facebook feed. One is to make you think, the other is to make you smile. I hope you enjoy…

#1
"As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, tipping generously, waving at police, sharing food, giving children a thumbs-up, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at passersby, and buying a stranger a cup of coffee.
Why? Because I will not stand to live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing kindness, understanding, and judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving with yourself. If you can't find kindness, BE kindness."

#2
I have a fear of speedbumps.
I'm slowly getting over it.

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" Eph. 4:31-32.

MEMORY VERSES

Say to those with fearful hearts. 'Be strong and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you'
Isaiah 35:4

"Rejoice in Hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
Romans 12:12

"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."
Ephesians 4:32

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

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

Saturday Programs

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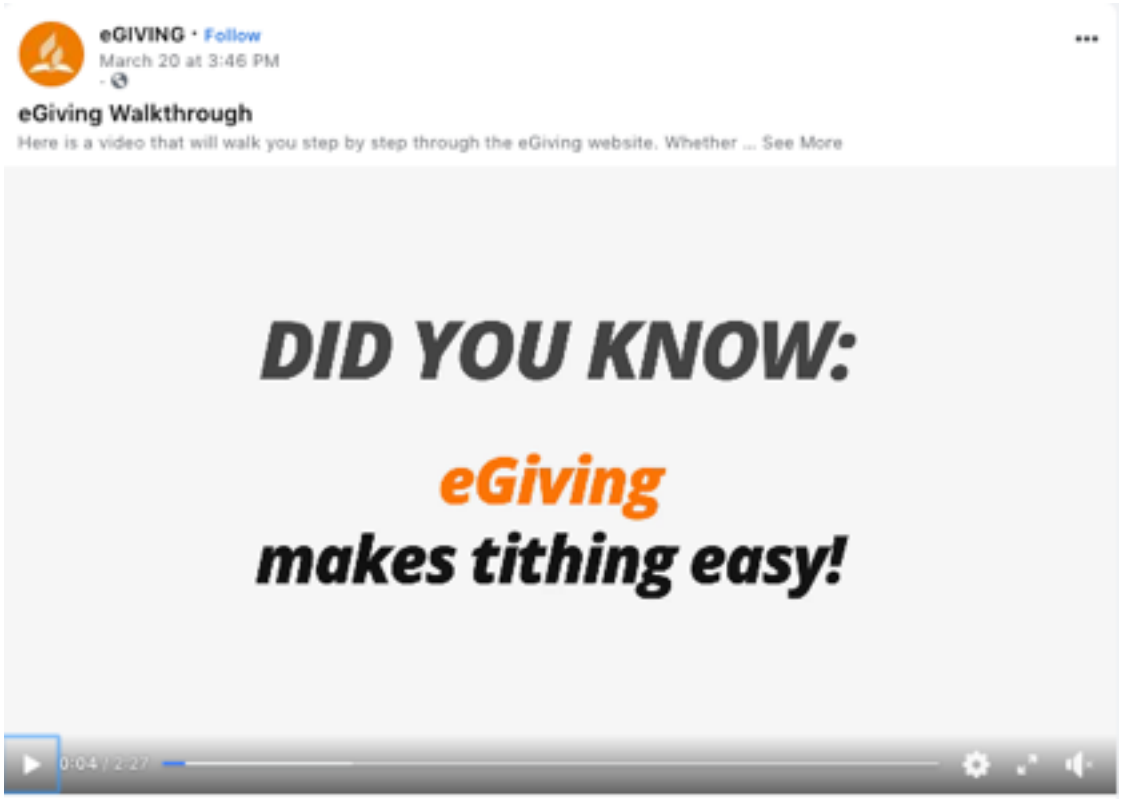
eGivings walkthrough



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 tithe, 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.

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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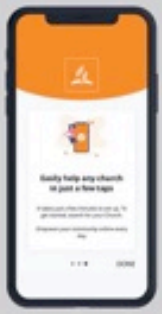
Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".



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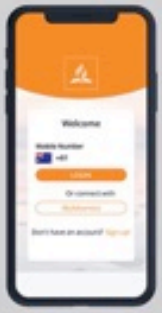
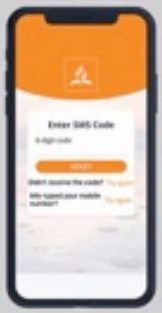
Sign-up Instructions

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.

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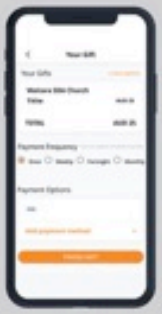
Returning Tithes & Offerings

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.



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.

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.

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