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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 how Jesus heals a man who has been blind all his life. This man was so happy that he tells everyone Jesus healed him. God has done so many wonderful things for us that we often want to share that good news with others. Telling others about the good things God has done for us is one way we serve Him and help others learn about Him. "One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:25 NIV

### SATURDAY PROGRAMS

What	When	Link
<b>Adult Sabbath School</b>	10am Saturday Morning	<a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzIjQU9iaW8zdz09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzIjQU9iaW8zdz09</a> <b>Meeting ID: 481 995 096</b> <b>Password: 675908</b>
<b>Church Service</b>	11am Saturday	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda">https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda</a>
<b>Afternoon Tea catchup</b>	4pm Saturday Arvo	Open invitation for those that would like to have a chat and cuppa. <a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/395777033?pwd=K2VvajVGdm9ON3dKbVloMlI3QyszQT09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/395777033?pwd=K2VvajVGdm9ON3dKbVloMlI3QyszQT09</a> <b>Meeting ID: 395 777 033</b> <b>Password: 395893</b>

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## Last Sabbath

Last weeks sermon was about M&M - Mary and Martha and the Master and what we can learn from each of them. Luke

- We notice Mary was a listener at the feet of Jesus. she is an example of Christian worshipping. She set aside her time and devoted her time to Jesus.
- We notice Martha and her labour - The issue was what she wasn't doing. Working without worship. Without worship there is doubt, discouragement, comparison, judgement. But Worshiping with heart there is gracious, merciful, forgiveness, compassion.
- We also notice the Masters love - his response to the frustrated busy Martha was loving and compassionate..

What can we do to be more like Mary?



Beautiful landscape photo on Arthur and Zorana's trip to Broken Hill  
Photo Cred - Capture by Art



# Lost Coins - Tim Pinzone

Many people know the stories of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Son.

On a surface level, these appear to be the exact same stories, with three separate analogies.

However, these three separate stories are an account of three different types of people who are found by the Saviour.

The lost sheep is an individual who over time loses her way without meaning or planning to. Just over the course of her life the things of the world steadily draw her away from Jesus. She eventually realises she's lost but she doesn't know how to find her Master or her flock. Regardless, the Shepherd finds her anyway and brings her home.

The lost son represents an individual who knows he's lost and intentionally disregards God's plans to pursue his own. In contrast to the Lost Sheep he knows the way back to the Father, but doesn't think he will be accepted back. However, on the way home he's accepted and there is great rejoicing because the son has been found.

These two while not exactly identical are very similar. When it comes to the Lost Coin however things start to change a little.

The coin is a non-sentient being, a coin does not know it is lost and a coin does not know that it has been found. It just goes on unaware of everything around it.

The lost coin represents all those who never believe in Jesus, these are people who may not know their Saviour and may not know the Gospel. These are people who don't know they're lost, yet Jesus has found them anyways. These are people who likely never hear the Gospel, never attend church, people who don't know the name or character of Jesus. They may not be vegetarian, and they may never get baptised. They probably haven't memorised last week's Bible verse and they quite likely have never studied the 2300 day prophecy, let alone even heard of it. These are people who are more likely to watch the Friendly Atheist over streaming into Zoom church.

Yet Jesus still finds these people and brings them home.

Jesus is so loving that He wants to accept people into His kingdom based on their heart, rather than their knowledge. He wants to save people based on their love for others, rather than their works.

Jesus wants to save people for who they are on the inside, rather than what they claim to be on the outside. Jesus will save all people's whether Sikhs, Muslims, Atheists, Jews, Hindus and the many thousands of different religious beliefs.

Anyone who fulfils the character and reflects the love of God - people who live their lives, never knowing a single thing about the Bible, but live righteous and faithful lives, will be saved without even realising that Jesus has found them.

Suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:8-10

# NOTICE BOARD

## *Church Floor update*

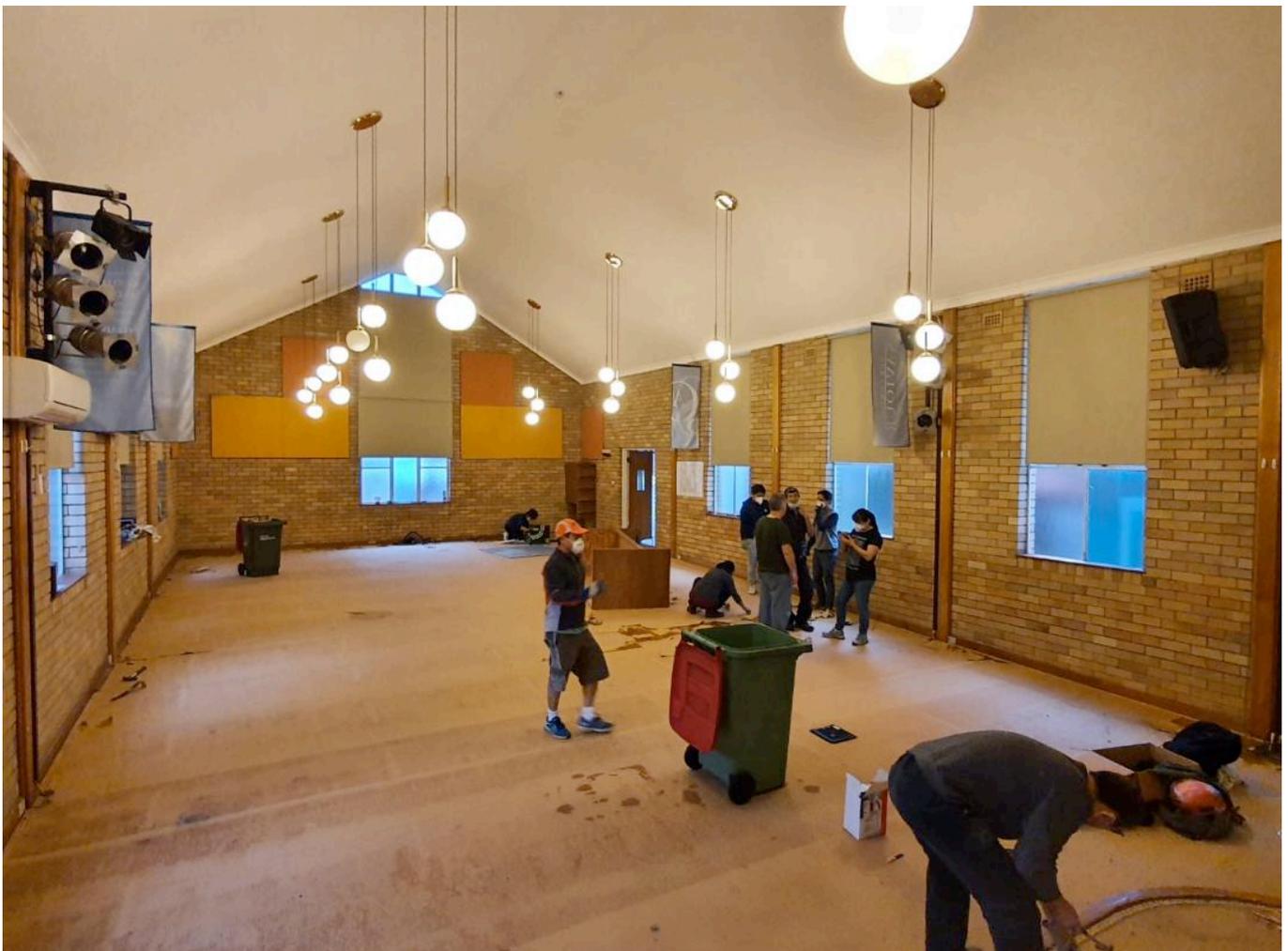
We have sourced 6 builders and obtained quotes from those most suited and the best one came in at **\$61,000**.

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 can be made at [egiving.org.au](http://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**

*Faithfulness*

A pastor was overseeing the usual Sabbath morning worship service. When it came time for the offering however, instead of the deacons passing around the offering bags, the pastor stood up with a single offering plate. He proceeded to squeeze through each row, stopping at each person, and intently watching them as they placed their offering onto the open offering plate. There was nowhere to hide. People squirmed in their seats, some turning red from embarrassment. Finally, when the offering had been collected, the Pastor stood up to preach. He acknowledged their discomfort at having him watch their personal offerings. Then he reminded them that God always sees what they give, moreover, He also knows how much they hold back, and it is He they should be concerned about pleasing, not the Pastor. It is an excellent, if not uncomfortable illustration of faithfulness.

Around this time of year, I am reminded of the generous, creative, and humble faithfulness that fills our church. Each one using the talents given them by God to serve the church and grow the kingdom of God. Each one faithfully serving in some great or small way, giving credence to the axiom that 'many hands make light work.' In the House of God, no task is too menial, no duty too trivial, that if it were not done, the Body of Christ would be the poorer and more sickly because of its absence. I welcome the fact that "ministering angels are passing through [our] churches, noting our faithfulness in our individual line of duty" 6BC 1060.

Thank you all for your inspiring and cheerful faithfulness. Let us continue to support one another bringing in the harvest until the great day of our Lord's return!

"I will search for faithful people to be my companions. Only those who are above reproach will be allowed to serve me" Psalm 101:6

# MEMORY VERSES

## 2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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*2 Peter 3:9*

*‘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*

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

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# \*\*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.

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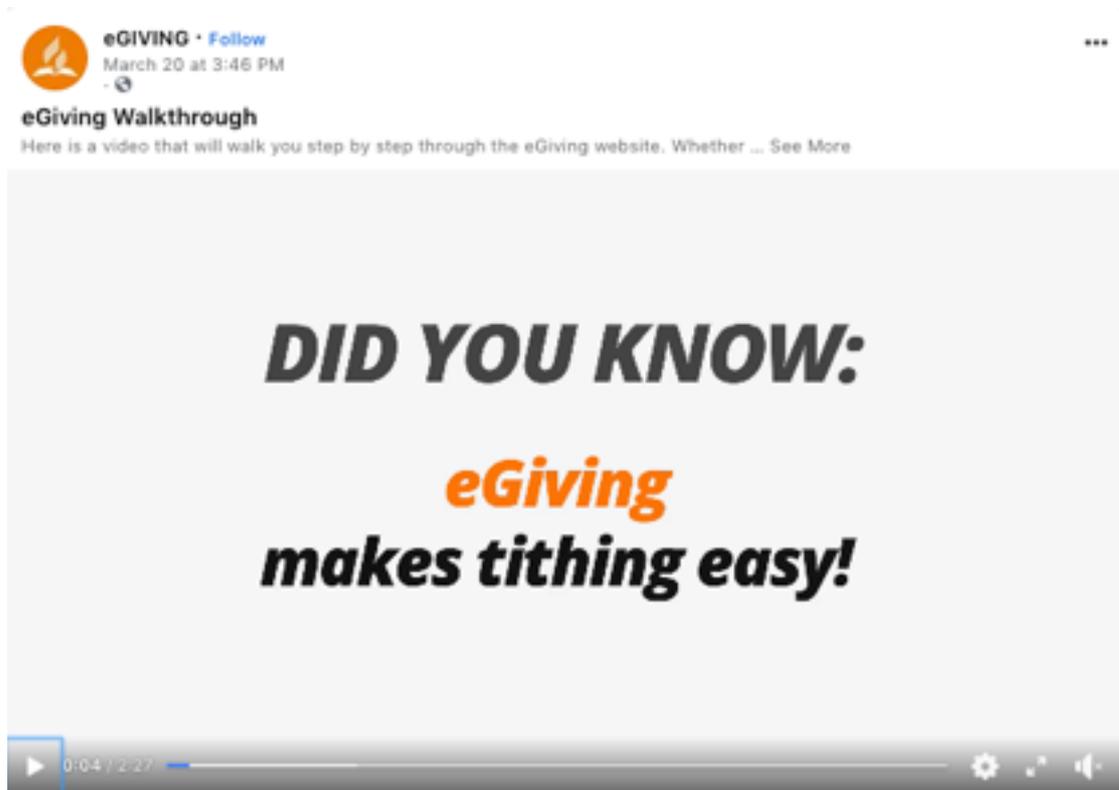
### Weekly programs

What	When	Link
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

What	When	Link
Sabbath School	10am Saturday Morning	<a href="https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096?pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzJJQU9iaW8zdz09">https://acts-technology.zoom.us/j/481995096? pwd=NjlVS2xkVU9DZmtVSzJJQU9iaW8zdz09</a> <b>Meeting ID:</b> 481 995 096 <b>Password:</b> 675908
Church Service	11am Saturday	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda">https://www.facebook.com/eppingsda</a>
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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

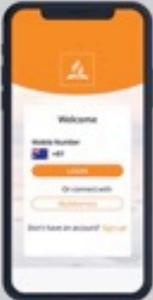
**Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".**



### 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".

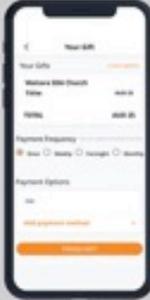


**HELPFUL INFORMATION**  
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings. Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter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