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Epping Church!

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



In yesterday's lesson, Jesus told the story of the lost sheep. The Shepherd leaves the other 99 sheep to go look for the one lost sheep. He is so happy when he finds it and brings it safely home. God's gift of grace includes watching over us wherever we go and whatever we do. He keeps looking for those who are lost because He wants to lead them safely to His home in heaven.

"[Jesus says], 'You can be sure that I will be with you always' ". Matthew 28:20 ICB

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=K2VvajVGdm9ON3dKbVloMlI3QyszQT09 Meeting ID: 395 777 033 Password: 395893

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Last Sabbath

'Staying positive in a negative world', sermon by Pastor Nigel.

Four things we can work towards to stay positive in a negative world.

1. We must respond to Gods Love Philipians 4:6-7

He loves us no matter what the circumstances, he reveals his love in nature and the bible amongst other areas too. We just have to open our eyes and hearts to his Love.

2. We must reprogram our thinking Philipians 4:8

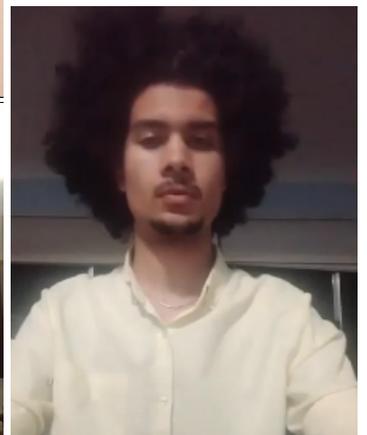
Today, the internet is in our faces about the negative news all the time. It is affecting us physically, mentally, psychologically. But if we remain positive with the help of God, we will develop our faith building efforts. We must figure out our own growth how ever that is, whether it be through prayer, mentoring, devotion, we need to develop our faith building efforts to fight the negative impacts of the negative world.

3. We must recognise the best in others. Philipians 4:8 "...think about things that are excellent and worth of praise" not one of us are perfect, no church or group is perfect, we must remember the positives in others rather than focussing on the negatives.

4. We must reach out to the lost and hurting. Philipians 4:9

As Paul changed his life around and reached out to the lost as his passion and purpose, we must do the same no matter who is in need.

So will you work towards these changes to be more positive in this negative world?



NOTICE BOARD

Message from the Tungs

Dear Friends and Family of Epping church, we just want to say how wonderful it is to belong to this family. We are so grateful for all those who have sent their thoughts and prayers on our behalf. We thank you for the cards, flowers and food that have been sent to us. We are at home now and recuperating nicely and progressing well in the healing process. Your love means so much to us. Thank you and God bless each of you. Henry and Belle :)



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, 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



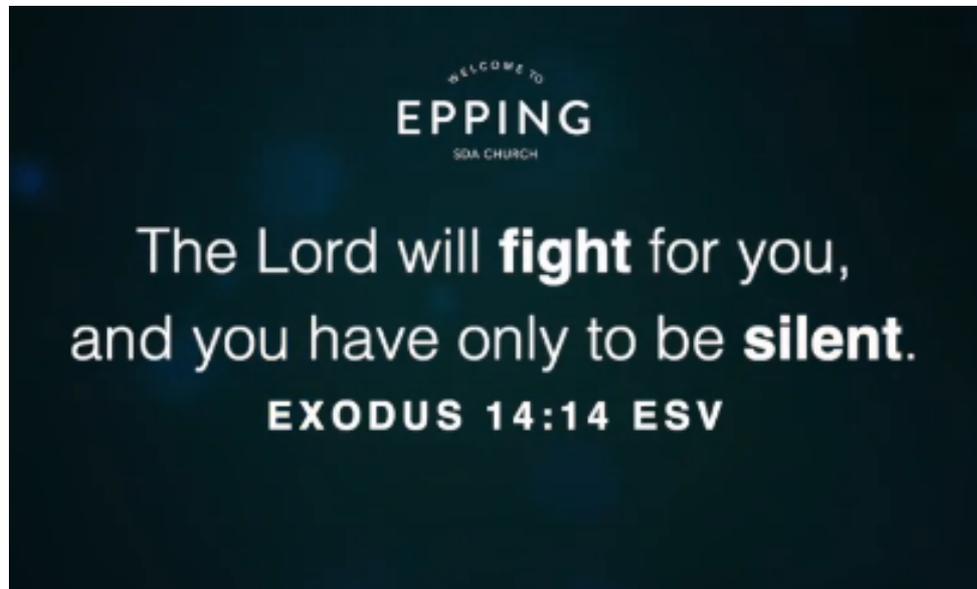
Same Same

The One true God who created the world...
is the same God who destroyed it with a flood,
is the same God who destroyed the tower of Babel,
is the same God who slew Goliath,
is the same God who sent the plagues on Egypt and freed Israel,
is the same God who walked on water,
is the same God that fed 5000+ people with 5 loaves and 2 fish,
is the same God who raised Lazarus from the dead,
is the same God who saved Daniel in the Lion's den,
is the same God who cast out demons,
is the same God who saved Esther and her people,
is the same God who wrestled with Jacob,
is the same God who made Joseph ruler over Egypt,
is the same God who gave Solomon wisdom,
is the same God who gave Samson his strength,
is the same God who played with the children,
is the same God who forgave Peter his denial,
is the same God who gave us the Bible,
is the same God who gives us the victory over sin,
is the same God who answers your prayers,
is the same God who wipes your tears when you mourn,
is the same God who protects His people in times of persecution,
is the same God who has promised to return.

The same God that has worked for His people in ages past, is the same God we serve today in 2020 (MLT 94). Can you see the work of His hands all around you?

“Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations” Psalm 90:1.

Memory Verse



The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.

Exodus 14:14

'But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere.'

James 3:17

"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."

2 Peter 3:9

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.

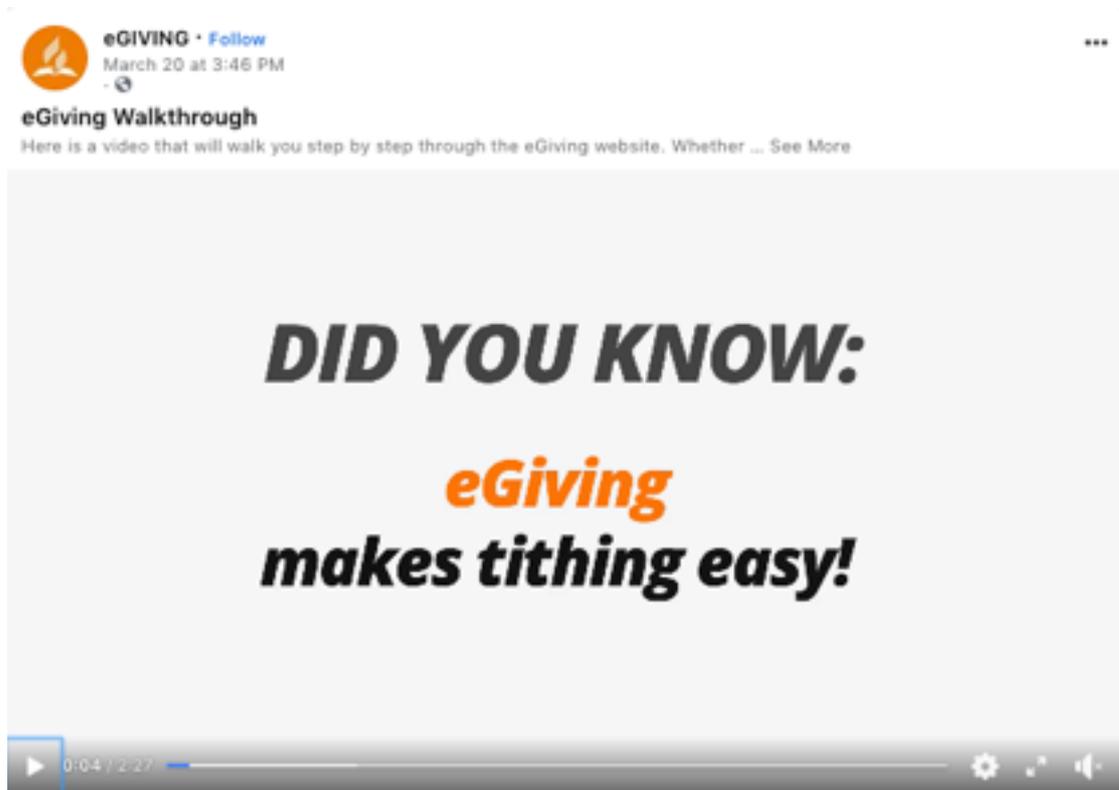
Weekly programs

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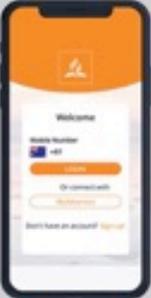
Tap "NEXT" to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap "DONE".



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Sign-up Instructions

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".

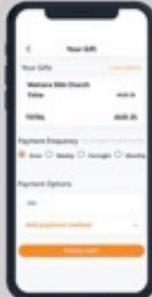


HELPFUL INFORMATION
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings. Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the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





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.