

Growing in Christ † Gathering in Love †

**Going in Grace** 

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him - the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

Isaiah 11:2 NIV

# **Sunday 2 November 2025**Join us for morning worship at 9:30am on Sunday

If you can't make it, click the link or scan the QR code below to join us online

**LIVE STREAMING** 



#### **Our Values Statement**

Epping Church of Christ – Disciples from all generations and nations, Growing in Christ, Gathering in Love, Going in Grace.

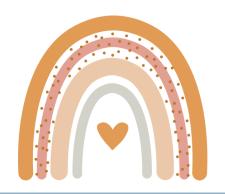
Justin Campbell will be bringing the message this Sunday. We will continue with the Holy Spirit series.

"Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

This proposal pleased the whole group. They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit; also Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas from Antioch, a convert to Judaism.

Acts 6:3-5 NIV

# SMX & Youth





#### Sunday



Fridays during school term 7 pm to 9 pm Bring \$5 for dinner

#### **Special Events**

31 Oct Social Friday

7 Nov Pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

21 Nov FUSE @ Asquith Church of Christ

19 Dec Christmas Light Hunt and Party



Come near to God. and he will come near to you.

James 4:8a

#### **SERIES OVERVIEW**

Relationships can't happen without communication, and our God is relational. He knows us and wants to be known by us. He is the God who speaks. Throughout His story, we see our Father talking to His kids. Whether in an audible voice or a gentle whisper, or through the godly advice of others, God speaks. And His words are always worth listening to. As you explore in this series the Old Testament stories of people who listened (and didn't listen) to God's voice, may you and the kids you lead tune your ears to the kind voice of our loving Father.

Lesson: God Calls Out to Samuel

Wonder Truth: God Speaks

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3

#### Wonder Ink WONDER@HOME

A Family Portal, easily accessible online. Inside, you'll find a wealth of resources, including engaging Bible story videos, the series' memory verse, thought-provoking discussion questions, hands-on activities to solidify the lessons from the Bible, and much more!









# Final Reminder: Last Edition to This Mailing List

This is the last edition of Newsabout being sent to this mailing list. Starting next week, we'll be using our new newsletter subscription list to send out church news and updates. If you haven't subscribed yet, please do so this week to stay connected!

To continue receiving Newsabout:

- Subscribe using this form here (or scan the QR code), or
- Contact the church office to be added.



Thank you for taking a moment to update your subscription and helping us keep our church family informed and connected!

Thank you to everyone who donated items and gift cards to help our family in crisis.

The mum of 3 was blown away with your generosity and kindness – we received a lovely message from her yesterday – here are a few highlights from it that we are able to share...

"It really warms my heart and makes me feel so supported and that I am making the best choice for my kids with how much you guys have helped... The kids and I are going to have a beautiful home filled with love, laughter and warmth. Its exactly what we need after all we've been through. I couldn't have done this without your help and support."

I know we have asked a lot of you this year and we really, truly appreciate your help.

Bless you!

Lope Connect Team



## a Month of Prayer

Beginning **1 November**, Saturday, and continuing throughout the month of November, join us as we dedicate this time to prayer. Use the prayer booklet you picked up last Sunday – or access the PDF version <u>here</u>.

We'll also send reminders via the ECC Congregation WhatsApp group to keep you on track.

Dear friends at Epping Church of Christ,

Warm greetings to you. We would like to belatedly thank you very much for your generous \$3,000 gift received at the end of June. We are sorry about the delay in acknowledging it. The Lord is good in meeting our needs and we thank Him for His goodness and for those who partner with us.

Chris is currently planning on another recording trip to Darwin from mid November in response to a request from SIL. There are further Scripture portions to be recorded in several Aboriginal languages. Final details still need to be sorted out.



May the Lord bless your fellowship together,







This Sunday, we will lovingly farewell James Lee as he embarks on a new chapter attending another church. We give thanks for the ways he has blessed our community with his friendship, service, and faithful presence. Let us come together to pray for James, wishing him God's guidance, joy, and continued growth in his faith journey.

## Garden Helpers Needed This Summer!

Lois & David, and Lyn & David have faithfully cared for our church garden for many years. They're looking for a few extra hands to help between December and February.

We'd love to set up a volunteer roster so the workload can be shared—just let the church office know which week you can help.

Have questions? Chat with Lois or contact the church office. Thank you for helping keep our church grounds beautiful!





The Great Gifts Catalogue is now available! You can pick up a copy at church or explore the catalogue online to see all the meaningful ways you can give. This is your chance to take part in practical acts of generosity that bring hope, love, and restoration to communities both here in Australia and around the world. Don't miss out on discovering how your gift can make a real difference!

## Right Now Media

If you've joined us for the Follow course, you've already had a taste of what RightNow Media has to offer – a world of rich, Christ-centred video content designed to help you grow in faith.

RightNow Media is a Christian streaming platform – often called the "Netflix for Bible study" – and it's completely free for all ECC members. You'll find thousands of videos covering everything from Bible studies, discipleship, leadership, and mental health to kids' shows and family resources.

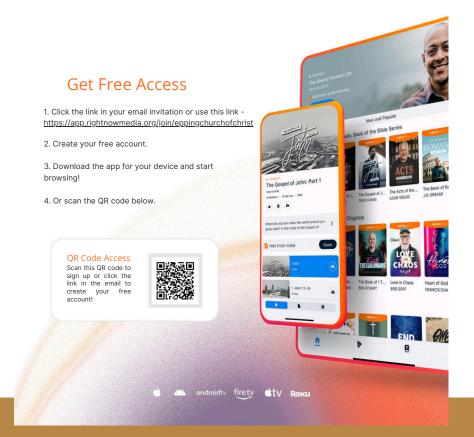
It's a great tool for your personal devotion, to use in your connect group, or to enjoy with your family. You can even re-watch our Sunday sermons anytime to stay encouraged and spiritually nourished throughout the week.

Don't miss this valuable resource – our gift from ECC to you. Start exploring today and let God continue to shape your faith journey through this amazing platform!

As you continue to use RightNow Media, we'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions. Please email your feedback to <a href="mailto:office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au">office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au</a> – your input will help us make the most of this resource together.

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#### Free Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos





# Connect Group Spotlight

Each week, we highlight one of our Connect Groups – where we grow in Christ, share life, and walk in faith together. Leaders can share updates, events, or prayer requests here, and anyone wanting to join a group or start a new one can reach out to our Pastoral or Admin Team. Come find your tribe!

# Connections

Say hello to Thursday Night Connections, led by **Rick** and **Heather Lewis**! This friendly group meets *fortnightly* on *Thursday, 7:30–9:30 PM* in West Pennant Hills. It's all about growing together as disciples of Jesus, sharing laughs, stories, and life along the way. Come join the fun and connect with amazing people!



It's time to celebrate our friends completing another lap around the sun this month!

Join us in cheering – and see if you share a birthday twin!

# November

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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15 November, Saturday 2 pm - 4 pm



# Let Involved - Make a difference

Church is a family, and every part matters. There are many ways you can use your gifts and time to serve at Epping Church of Christ.

Here are some positions you can consider:

- SMK leader
- Youth leader
- mainly music volunteer
- During the morning service
- Welcome & Announcement
- · Bible Reading
- Prayer
- Communion Helping
- Communion Talk
- Worship Team
- Sound Tech
- Presenter
- Pre/Post Service
- Welcoming on the door
- · Morning Tea
- Communion Prep
- Communion Wash-up
- Offering Count
- WAZZAS dinner to serve the community in Telopea every Thursday during school term at 16 Shortland Street, Telopea

Interested in serving at church? Contact the church office to find out more. Want to volunteer at <u>WAZZAS</u>? Email **Gordon & Gwyn Bromhead** at <u>wazzas@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au.</u>

Together, let's build up God's church and bless our community!



Justin is available for one-to-one appointments each week, alongside the monthly coffee catch-ups (the next one's happening on **2 December** at Java House Cafe).

Need some guidance, support, or just a good chat? Booking time with Justin is simple – just click [here] or scan the QR code to lock in a time that works for you!

#### Safe Church Training Survey

To those who attended the CSS training, we truly value your feedback and comments. We'd love to hear your thoughts on both the online and in-person training sessions. Please take a moment to complete a short survey to let us know.

**SURVEY** 



#### Thinking about Baptism?

Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus – symbolising new life, forgiveness, and being welcomed into God's family. It's also a step of obedience, following the example Jesus set for us.

If you're curious, interested, or ready to take that step, our pastoral team would love to walk with you. Feel free to contact Justin, Rees, or Katie to find out more.

#### **KYB Study**

We are continuing the remaining weeks of our Philippians study, running through 21 November.

You are welcome to join us at Telopea Christian Centre at 10.30 Fridays, and please speak to **Maisie** (0412 535 553) for any further details.

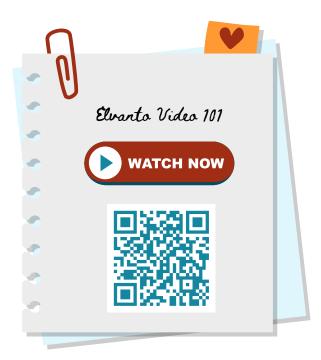


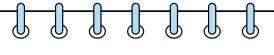
KNOW YOUR BIBLE FRIDAYS 10:30 BIBLE O 16 SHORTLAND STREET TELOPEA NSW



**KYB 2025** 







#### Elvanto

Stay connected with our church community! Log in to the database to check the directory, serving roster, groups, and update your details today. Click "LOG IN" or scan the QR code. Need help? Contact the church office.





#### Prayer Requests?

It's a true blessing to pray for one another as a church family. If you have a need or something on your heart, we'd love to stand with you in prayer.

#### • Share in Newsabout

Send your prayer request to the church office to be included in the Newsabout. This gives our whole community the opportunity to support you in prayer.

#### Need Private Prayer?

We also have a confidential prayer chain. For more personal or sensitive requests, email <a href="mailto:prayer@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au">prayer@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au</a>, and our trusted prayer team will be praying for you.

#### Want to Pray for Others?

If you feel called to support others in prayer, we'd love to have you on the prayer chain! Just email the church office to be added to the team.

Let's keep lifting one another up in prayer – it's one of the most meaningful ways we can care for each other.



#### ECC Songlist

Get familiar with the worship songs we sing at church – or sing along with your children at home! Our ECC playlist is available for you to listen to anytime. Simply scan the QR code to access the Spotify list or click <u>here</u>.



#### 2025 Church Camp Playlist

We've put together the camp worship song list so you can keep listening and be reminded of how great our God is. And don't forget our camp theme song "Constantly" – what a powerful anthem of God's unfailing presence!









Use the Bible App?

Add **Epping Church of Christ**as your church on the app
scan the QR code

Access plans, updates & more! Let's grow in God's Word – together.

#### ECC on Whatsapp

Add ECC WhatsApp Number



Join ECC Congregation Group Chat





INTERGENERATE AUSTRALIA and NEW ZEALAND



LIVING THE STORY

Being Intergenerational

What happens when all ages truly connect in community?

Join us for a transformative day exploring the power of hearing and living the story of God's people together.



#### Your story matters, join us.

Facilitated by Tammy
Preston with guests,
Miriam Fisher, Tim
Beliharz, Trevecca
Okholm & other local
practitioners.

Monday 3rd November 2025
9.00am-4.30pm
Baptist Churches NSW/ ACT
centre
Sydney
Cost: \$95

Register: www.intergenerate.com.au/events

#### Living the Story

"a transformative day exploring the power of hearing and living the story of God's people together." Churches of Christ in NSW & ACT is committed to seeing our leaders trained and resourced to reach and disciple our future generations.

**REGISTER NOW** 



#### **Annual Conference (AGM)**

When: 4 November, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Where: Online



Our church has been allocated 6 delegates for the Churches of Christ AGM. Joyce Chew, David Kelly, Ruth Stevens, Rick Lewis, Les Gainer, and Justin Campbell will be representing us.

Conference Executive is seeking to fill 4 positions:

- The Conference President, serving a 2-year term (expiring at the AGM in 2027)
- 3 Executive members serving a 3-year term (expiring at the AGM in 2028).

The Churches of Christ Property Trust is seeking to fill three casual vacancies with shorter terms:

- 1 member for a 4-year term (expiring at the AGM in 2029)
- Another 2 members for 1-year terms (expiring at the AGM in 2026).

#### **Collective Gathering 2025**

When: 12 November 2025 – 14 November 2025

Where: The Tops Conference Centre, 51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops NSW 2508



Who: All ministry leaders, elders, staff, key volunteers and chaplains of churches of Christ ministries across NSW & ACT.

#### Cost

Registrations closed

At Collective Gathering, ministers, elders, staff, chaplains, and key leaders of our churches of Christ ministries across NSW & ACT converge at Stanwell Tops for two days of connection, conversation, and collaboration. This year Michel and Claudia Hendricks from Life Model Works in the U.S. will bring us rich insight in developing thriving, spiritually-mature, disciple-making communities.

# DONATION OPPORTUNITIES



Funds for the Telopea Shed, Material Aid and Emergency Relief

You can make a tax-deductible donation by direct deposit to: Hope Connect Inc

BSB: **082 186** Account Number: **04609 8955** 

Email the church office and we can organise a receipt from HopeConnect for you.



#### Telopea and Epping Religious Education Fund (**TEREF**)

Scripture in schools is a valuable service our local churches offer. Support this fund that enables *Rees* to teach Special Religious Education (SRE) at Epping Boys High School. Your tax-deductible donation makes it possible.

BSB 082-186

Account No. 533580802.

Include your name in the description so a receipt can be issued.

Support the impactful work of Horizons by making a tax-deductible donation.



Scan the QR code or visit horizonsfamilylaw.org.au

#### Open Doors

Here's how you can contribute:

- Visit www.opendoors.org.au/asia
- Click on "Give Now"
- Enter your first name and last name
- In the 'Church Name' field, please type 'Epping Church of Christ' to ensure your donation is correctly tracked to our church's profile.





Medical Santo is facing an increasing demand for medications and rising costs.

To address these challenges, they need additional resources to support the clinic.

Your generous tax-deductible donations will help them meet these needs and continue their mission. Thank you for your support.





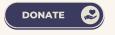




To support and contribute to the work of OBC, please consider making a donation.

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Or make a donation by direct deposit to:
Online Bible College

BSB: **032-501** ACC: **162151** 





Alison is currently serving as a full-time volunteer staff member with the Sydney Refugee Team and in Member Care/Spiritual Direction. As she dedicates her time and energy to these important ministries, we invite you to consider supporting her financially.





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#### Support SRE in Epping and Carlingford Schools

We need your help to continue providing Special Religious Education (SRE) in Epping and Carlingford schools. Your donation will support SRE programs and fund *Linda Quinn*'s coordination role in several Carlingford schools.







Our what's-on calendar can be synced to iCal, Outlook, or Google.

Find it at <a href="https://www.eppingchurchofchrist.org.au">www.eppingchurchofchrist.org.au</a> → Church Attendee Hubs

→ Calendar. Check it out!



Sunday Speakers					
9/11	Justin Campbell				
16/11	Justin Campbell				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	Coffee with Justin @ Java House Cafe Epping	5 mainly music	6 WAZZAS	7 Friday	8
9	10	11	12 mainly music.	13 WAZZAS Collective	14 Friday Youth	15
16	17	18	19 mainly music		21 Friday Youth	22
23	24	25	26 mainly musics	27	28 Friday	29
Towards 2035 Meeting						

# DEC 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	Coffee with Justin @ Java House Cafe Epping	3	4	5	6
CONNECT GROUP LEADER MEETING	8	9	10 mainly musics LAST DAY	11 WAZZAS	12 Friday	13
14 CHILDREN TAKE THE STAGE	15	16	17	18 WAZZĀS LAST NIGHT	Friday  Friday  LAST NIGHT  LAST DAY OF TERM 4	20
21  CHRISTMAS CAROLS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

#### **GIVING**

There are several ways you can process your giving: Simply visit our website, use Elvanto, direct transfer, in person on Sunday or contact the office if you wish to arrange to drop it off. Thank you for supporting the ministry in and through our church.

National Australia Bank (NAB) A/C Name:

**Epping Church of Christ Inc.** 

BSB No: **082-186** 

Account No: 50 924 3830



### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

We love to hear from you!

Feel free to let us know of things to celebrate and news to share. office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au or call us 9876 3370.

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(by email, WhatsApp, or phone)

Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm

Thursdays: 2 pm – 3 pm

Fridays: 1 pm - 3 pm















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The Elders are available for various pastoral concerns, ranging from needs or problems you are facing in ministries, counselling, prayer and Christian growth. Please raise your need with them.



**Management Committee** Guy Collishaw - President Jennifer Yuan Jonathan Barnett **Heather Lewis Anne Harris Rick Lewis** 

16 Shortland Street **Telopea** www.hopeconnect.org.au







Safe Church Policy

Safe Church Concerns Form

**Safe Spaces Team:** Anne Harris, Brigitte Carroll, Colin Reid

CSSTeam@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au



Epping Church of Christ acknowledges God as the Creator of all things — and over all people. As Psalm 24 says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." We recognise that we gather and minister on the land of the Wallumedegal people of the Dharug nation, the original custodians, entrusted by God with its care. We respect Elders past and present, and we affirm our call, as followers of Jesus, to walk humbly on this land in the way of peace and reconciliation.