



# Newsabout

**Epping Church of Christ**

**12 December 2025**

**Growing in Christ**



**Gathering in Love**



**Going in Grace**



**Sunday 14 December 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.***

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This Sunday, our children will take the stage to share a beautiful Christmas Story with us. Join us as they bring the joy and wonder of the season to life!


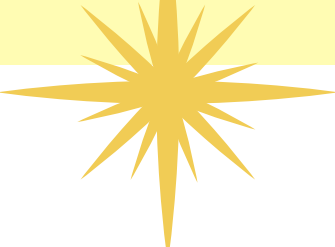
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Advent is the season of hopeful waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

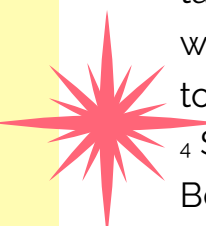
Advent Week 3, as we light the third candle: **Joy**.

May our hearts be filled with the true joy that only He can give.

**ADVENT BOOKLET**



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.




<sup>4</sup> So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup> He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup> While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

<sup>13</sup> Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests."



<sup>15</sup> When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

<sup>16</sup> So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, <sup>18</sup> and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

# SM2 & Youth



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

Parents: Please submit permission form for  
this event (an email from Rees)

## Special Events

12 Dec Christmas Light Hunt and Party



## CHILDREN TAKE THE STAGE

This Sunday, our children and youth, together with their leaders, will be taking over the Sunday service—you're in for a joyous treat!

For the privacy and protection of our children, the live stream is not public or searchable. If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch online using the dedicated link on page two. But it's definitely even more special to experience it live at church—we would love to have you in the congregation with us!

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!



REGISTER



LOGIN





# *Urgent Call for Garden Volunteers This Summer!*

We urgently need volunteers to help with a few simple but essential tasks over the hot months ahead:

- Keeping weeds under control
- Watering plants
- Picking up leaves

No green thumb required — just bring a smile and a willing heart!

We're asking each volunteer to commit to a 2-week slot between December and March. If you can help, please write your name on the roster in the church office for the period you can cover.

Let's care for God's church together — your help is needed now!



## WAZZAS CHRISTMAS DINNER & CAROLS

DECEMBER **18** AT 6:00 PM

16 Shortland St., Teloopa



# COMMUNITY *Christmas* CAROLS & BBO

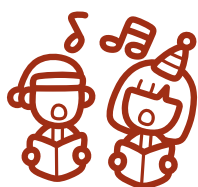


Join us on the Deck to celebrate Christmas with carols, stories, and free yummy sausage sizzle!

SATURDAY

DECEMBER **20** AT 5PM

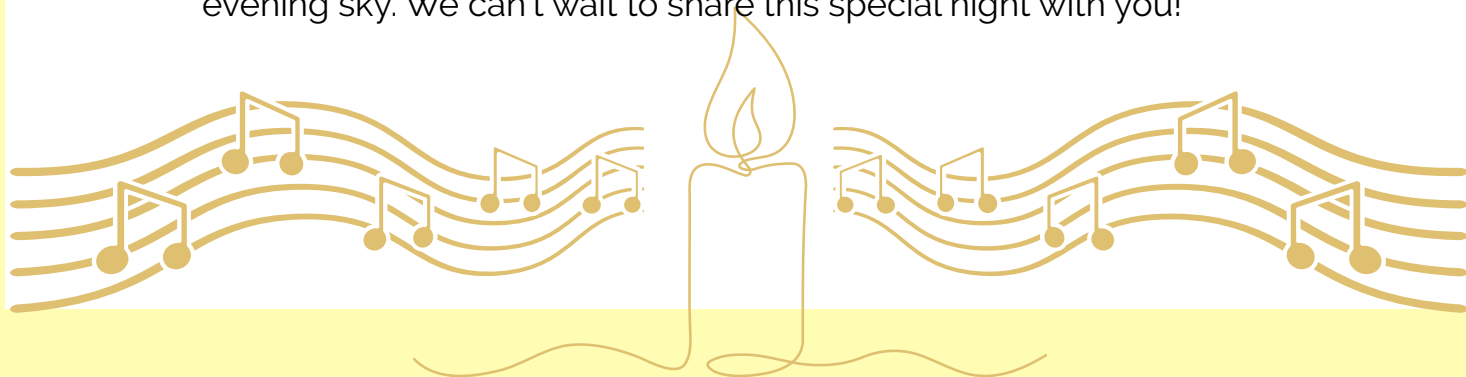
16 SHORTLAND STREET TELOPEA



CHRISTMAS  
CANDLELIGHT  
CAROLS  
SERVICE

Join us on **21 December** at **5pm** for our Christmas Carols Candlelight service! There will be **no morning service** on this day as we gather together in the evening for a beautiful night of carols, candles, and Christmas cheer.

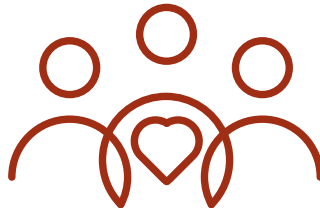
**Bring your picnic mats and lawn chairs**, invite friends and family, and come enjoy a festive community celebration under the evening sky. We can't wait to share this special night with you!



# Sunday Unplugged

This **28 December** and **4 January**, join us for Sunday Unplugged!

These post-Christmas services offer a more relaxed and informal way to worship God, with a gentle, unhurried pace and time to enjoy breakfast together. Come with an open heart to celebrate His presence, connect with fellow believers, and reflect on the joy of being part of our church family in a welcoming, casual setting.



## News from our mission partners



Dear friends at Epping Church of Christ,

Cheryl and I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500 that we received this week. We also thank the Lord for the way He continues to meet our needs.

May God bless your fellowship together,

*Chris & Cheryl Mason*

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# *main music Christmas Celebration*

Our last mainly music session of 2025 was a joyful celebration of Christmas in style! Thanks to our lovely mainly music leaders and the generous caregivers of our little ones, we enjoyed delicious party treats and a fun-filled music and dance party. Our resident Christmas tree, Christmas pudding, reindeer, gingerbread man, and Santa added to the festive cheer, while we made sure to share the true story of Christmas. We also celebrated a few children who are moving on to daycare and big school next year, presenting them with their mainly music certificates. Santa himself even came bearing gifts for our little ones! A heartfelt thank you to all our faithful leaders for their dedication throughout the year, to our wonderful mainly music children and families for bringing joy to every session, and a very special thank you to our fun and amazing leader, Katie, for her love, energy, and incredible effort.





*Pick up invitation cards at church and invite friends and family to celebrate  
this joyous Christmas with us!*

COME ALONG TO OUR  
**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**14 DEC  
@ 9:30 AM**



**CHILDREN TAKE  
THE STAGE**



**CHRISTMAS  
CANDLELIGHT  
CAROLS  
SERVICE**

**21 DEC  
@ 5 PM**

**25 DEC  
@ 9:30 AM**

**CHRISTMAS  
DAY  
SERVICE**





# 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!*

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Our **Young Families Connect Group**, led by Tim & Carol Yeo along with Jonathan & Karen Cheung, meets once a month on Sundays from 12–2pm, usually after the church service. Gathering in person—either over lunch at a group member's home around Ryde or at a local park—this group is all about connecting and supporting both parents and children through the wild adventures of life. It's a relaxed, friendly space to build community, share experiences, and grow together in faith.

Hooray for You!

December

2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4 JENNY F.	5	6
7	8	9 OLIVER	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 BEC COL	17	18 RAY	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 MARGIE	27
28 TOM	29	30	31 BEN R.			



*Selah – A Weekend to Pause, Reflect, and Rest in His Presence*

**Date of event**

16 January 2026 - 18 January 2026

**Venue**

51 Bendena Gardens, Stanwell Tops NSW 2508

**Cost**

\$190 (Individual) | \$330 (Couples)

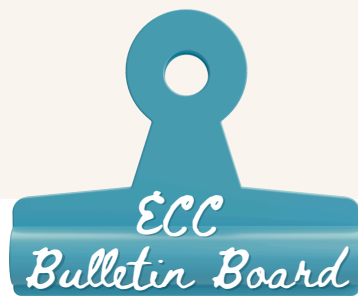
*Payment plan available: Reserve your spot with just \$60 (individual) or \$100 (couple).  
Pay the rest in chunks or in full before camp.*

**MORE INFO**

**REGISTER NOW**







# Get 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
  - Announcements Leader
  - Bible Reader
  - Corporate Prayer Leader
  - Communion Server
  - Communion Talk
  - Worship Team
  - Sound Tech
  - Presenter
- Pre/Post Service
  - Door Hosts
  - Morning Tea Crew
  - 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



[Want to serve at church?](#) Fill in our volunteer interest form online ([link here](#) or scan the QR code) or sign up in person at the church office!



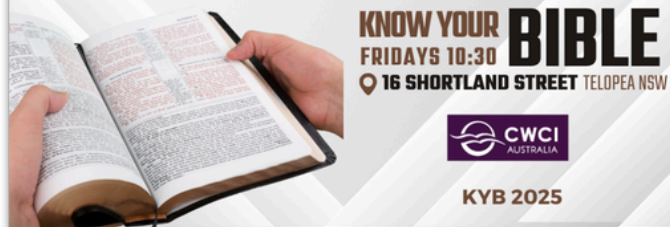
[Want to volunteer at WAZZAS?](#) Email **Gordon & Gwyn Bromhead** at [wazzas@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au](mailto:wazzas@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au).

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



### KYB Study

Our KYB study will be in recess until the New Year. We'll resume on Friday **30 January** with an introduction to our new study on Psalms (same time, same place). More details will be shared closer to the date.



Justin is available for one-to-one appointments each week,

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!



### 2025 CATALOGUE

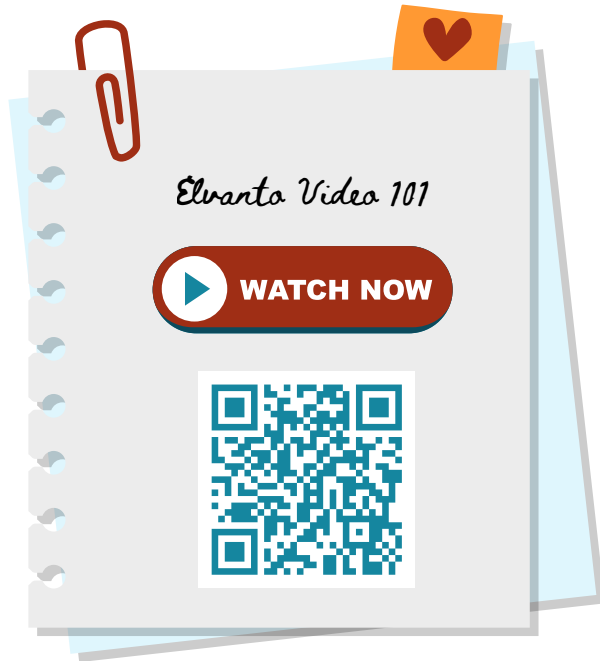
Great Gift  
Sunday

The Great Gifts Catalogue is here! Pick up a copy at church or explore it online to discover meaningful ways to give and make a real difference in communities near and far.

### 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.



### *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 [prayer@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au](mailto:prayer@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au), and our trusted prayer team will be praying for you.

### *Want to Pray for Others?*

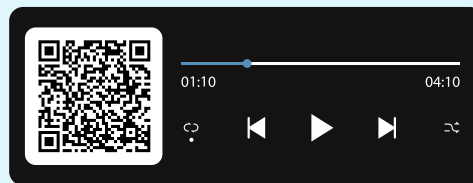
If your heart is moved to support others through prayer, we warmly invite you to join our prayer chain. Simply email the church office, and we'll gladly welcome you onto the team.

Together, we can carry each other's burdens, celebrate each other's joys, and surround our church family with the powerful gift of prayer. Your prayers make a real difference — let's stand together and lift one another up in faith and love.



## *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 [here](#).



## *Stay Connected on Your Version*



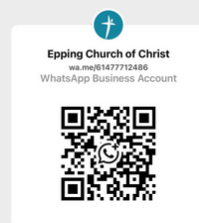
📱 Use the Bible App?

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





# 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  
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Support the impactful work of  
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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.



## 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 [www.eppingchurchofchrist.org.au](http://www.eppingchurchofchrist.org.au) → Church Attendee Hubs  
→ Calendar. Check it out!



# Dec 2025

Sunday Speakers	
21/12	Candlelight Carols
25/12	Christmas Day Service

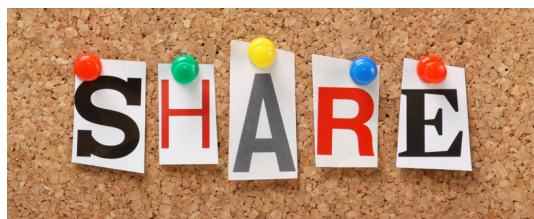
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1	2  Coffee with Justin @ Java House Cafe Epping	3	4	5	6
7  CONNECT GROUP LEADER MEETING	8	9	10  mainly music Christmas Celebraione	11  WAZZAS	12  Friday youth LAST NIGHT	13
14  CHILDREN TAKE THE STAGE	15	16	17	18  WAZZAS CHRISTMAS DINNER & CAROLS	19  LAST DAY OF TERM 4	20   Hope Connect COMMUNITY Christmas CAROLS & BBQ
21  CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT CAROLS SERVICE	22	23	24	25  CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	26	27
28  SUNDAY	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.



## 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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[9876 3370 | office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au](mailto:office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au)

Office hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 10 am - 2 pm

Additional contact hours: Thursdays: 2 pm - 3 pm

(by email, WhatsApp, or phone) 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.*

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**Safe Spaces Team:**

**Anne Harris, Brigitte Carroll, Colin Reid**

**[CSSTeam@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au](mailto: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.

