



Newsabout

Epping Church of Christ

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Growing in Christ



Gathering in Love



Going in Grace



"Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

Daniel 4:27 (NIV)

Sunday 18 October 2026

**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.***



Rees Wilson will be bringing the
message this Sunday.



Week 3

Then Daniel (also called Belteshazzar) was greatly perplexed for a time, and his thoughts terrified him. So the king said, "Belteshazzar, do not let the dream or its meaning alarm you."

Belteshazzar answered, "My lord, if only the dream applied to your enemies and its meaning to your adversaries! ²⁰ The tree you saw, which grew large and strong, with its top touching the sky, visible to the whole earth, ²¹ with beautiful leaves and abundant fruit, providing food for all, giving shelter to the wild animals, and having nesting places in its branches for the birds — ²² Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.

²³ "Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, 'Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.'

²⁴ "This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king: ²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶ The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue."

Daniel 4:19-27 NIV

KIDS SPOT



We'll begin by joining the church family for worship in the chapel, then head out for a great group discussion before returning to the main service for communion.

Bring your Bible, bring a friend, and come ready for a fun and faith-filled morning!



KINGS AND PROPHETS



Word of Wonder

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10a

Wonder Truth

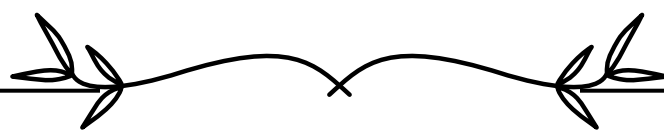
God Is in Charge

Scripture

1 Samuel 8–10; 13; 15

God's Big Story

Instead of trusting God to be in charge, the Israelites ask for a king. God grants their request, and Saul becomes king. When Saul's heart turns away from God, God removes the kingdom from him.



Term 4 Is Back in Full Swing!

With our children back at school, Year 12 students beginning their HSC exams, and SMK, Bridge St Youth, mainly music and WAZZAS all resuming, Term 4 is well underway! As we settle back into our routines, let's keep our children, young people, families, teachers and ministry leaders in prayer. May God grant them wisdom, strength, good health and joy in learning, and may this term be filled with meaningful friendships, opportunities to grow and moments to experience His love and grace.



Our next International Morning Tea will be on Sunday, **1 November**! We encourage everyone to bring a plate of food from your culture to share as we enjoy morning tea together. If you're planning to bring something, please let the church office know what you'll be bringing to help us with planning.



Alpha begins at ECC this Sunday, **18 October** for 7 weeks! Come along. Invite a friend to explore life, faith and meaning in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to register. Printed invitation flyers are available at church to share with friends, or you can use the digital invitation image [here](#) to send an invitation directly.



We look forward to welcoming Alison as our guest speaker on Sunday, **25 October**! Join us at 9:30am as we worship together and hear from God's Word. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic and to respect privacy, our service will **not be livestreamed** that morning. We warmly encourage everyone to join us in person as we learn and grow together.



2026 National Church Life Survey

Our church is taking part

This survey helps our church to listen to all voices, so we can gain valuable insights to shape the vitality of our church.

Our church will also add to a picture of church life across Australia, highlighting national trends and informing wider society.

OUR SURVEY PERIOD IS: 8 NOVEMBER

LISTEN TO Every Voice
SEE EMERGIN G needs
UNDERSTAND THE BIG Picture
MOVE FORWARD Together

Our church family will be taking part in the 2026 National Church Life Survey (NCLS) together during our Sunday service on **8 November**.

This is a valuable opportunity for everyone to share their experiences and help shape the future of our church. We encourage everyone to join us and complete the survey together on the day. However, if you're unable to attend for any reason, please contact the church office. We'll

be happy to provide you with either a paper survey or an online survey code, whichever is more convenient for you.

Parents & Carers of Children Aged 8–15

We'd love for our children to have their say too! Children aged 8–15 can participate in the Child Survey, but a signed parent/carers consent form is required. Please complete and return the form to the church office beforehand, or bring it with you on Sunday, 8 November.



Something special is coming to ECC!

As we approach the season of Thanksgiving and Advent, we're getting ready to launch Givevember — an opportunity for our church family to share God's love through practical generosity.

We'll be collecting food and household essentials for Hope Connect's Emergency Pantry, followed by festive food items to create Christmas hampers for families in need.

Stay tuned! We'll share more details soon about how you can get involved and help spread a little hope and joy this season.

Have you seen our email this week about the new "Getting to Know Our ECC Family" booklet?

We're putting together a printed booklet to help us learn each other's names, build friendships and strengthen our sense of belonging at ECC.

We'd love everyone to consider taking part! You can share a photo, your preferred name and a little fun fact about yourself. Participation is entirely voluntary, and your privacy will be respected.

Please check your email for more details and complete the consent form by Sunday, **15 November**.

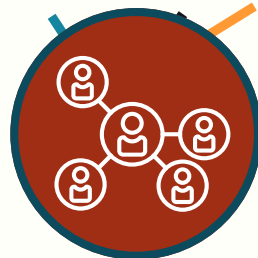
If you need a paper form or help with your photo, just speak to Karen at the church office. We'd love to get to know you better!



Hooray for You!

October

1	Jennifer Y.
13	Sandy M., Hudson
15	Percy
16	Bethany
18	Helen 
23	Rick



Connect Groups

Harris Connect Group

Fortnightly: Tuesday 7:30 pm
Bill & Anne Harris
@ Epping

Know Your Bible (KYB)

Weekly (in school term): Friday 10:30 am
Maisie Kew
@ Telopea

Lavender Ladies

Weekly: Thursday 10:00 am
Margie Kennard
@ West Pennant Hills

Prees Connect Group

Fortnightly: Tuesday 7:30 pm
Lyn & David Prees
Online

Sendama Connect Group

Fortnightly: Friday 8:00 pm
Robinson Sendama
Online

Telopea Connect Group

Fortnightly: Thursday 7:30 pm
Sue & Mike Fewchuk

Thursday Night Connections

Fortnightly: Thursday 7:30 pm
Heather & Rick Lewis
@ West Pennant Hills

Variety Hours (Young Adults)

Weekly: Tuesday 7:00 pm
Tom & Rees
@ Epping Church of Christ

Hearts & Homes (Families)

Monthly: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:30 am
Carol & Tim Yeo, Karen & Jonathan Cheung
@ Epping Church of Christ



Children's ministry leaders are invited to a special day of encouragement, connection and refreshment in God's presence.

Saturday, 24 October | 9am–3pm
 Liberty Church of Christ, Greenacre
 Adults \$35 | Kids Club \$10 per child

Come and be refreshed, encouraged and reminded that you're not serving alone.

Click [here](#) for more info & registration



The first Under The Canopy gathering will be held on **Saturday 17 October, 9:30am–3:30pm**, at Connect Church, 131 Woronora Rd, Engadine NSW.



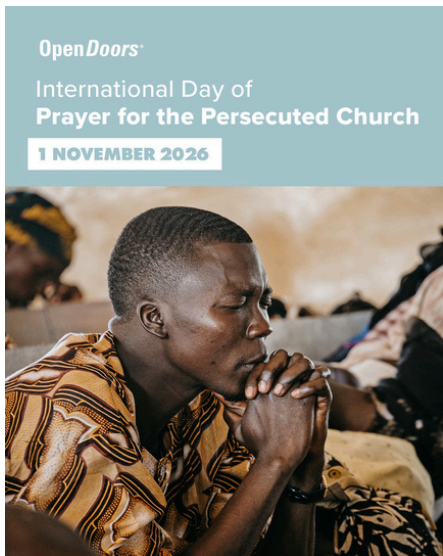
Under The Canopy gatherings are open for any women in the network to attend – especially if you are passionate about community-building or are yearning for connection with like-minded women. It stands within a rich heritage of women who have consistently recognised the importance of gathering together to strengthen one another in faith, develop leaders and equip women for lives of Christian service.  [Registration](#)



Each year, ministers, elders, ministry staff, chaplains and key leaders from Churches of Christ ministries across NSW & ACT converge for our Collective Gathering at The Tops with the purpose of strengthening our partnership through connection, conversation, celebration, and collaboration.



**churches
of Christ**
in NSW & ACT



You're invited! Join hundreds of churches across Australia and New Zealand on **Sunday, 1 November**, as we pray for the persecuted Church around the world.

We're lifting up our brothers and sisters in Christ and asking God for peace, protection, and healing for those who risk everything to follow Him.

We can't change the hearts of their oppressors, but God can.

Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX COLLECTION

This week to Wednesday 28 October

Epping Church of Christ
31 Bridge St, Epping

Tuesdays & Wednesdays
10 am – 2 pm

Sundays
Before 9 am or after 11 am

Thank you for sharing God's love through a shoebox gift.

Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AUSTRALIA | NEW ZEALAND

The Great Gifts 2026 website is now live!

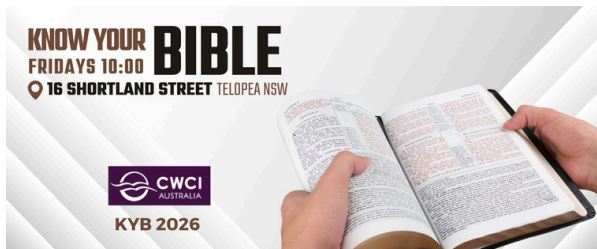
GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

How it works

- 1 Choose** a Great Gift that will support a project close to your heart.
- 2 Select** to receive it by mail or email to send on as a digital e-card or print at home.
- 3 Customise** your card: write a personal message inside.
- 4 Feel good** knowing that somewhere in the world, your gift will bless someone in need.

Looking for a meaningful Christmas gift that makes a difference? The 2026/2027 Great Gifts Catalogue is here! Sometimes the smallest gifts can bring the greatest change. Every gift in this year's catalogue is tax deductible and supports life-changing relief and development projects through Churches of Christ Overseas Aid (COCOA). This Christmas, why not give a gift that shares hope and makes a lasting impact?





KYB will return on Friday, **23 October** with an introduction to our final study for the year—the book of Ezra.

We hope to meet again at Telopea, with a **new start time of 10am**, finishing by 12:30pm.

We look forward to gathering again!



Gordon Bromhead is a registered Justice of the Peace (JP). If you need documents witnessed or certified, Gordon is happy to assist members of our church family. You can contact him on 0432 449 077 or at gordybromhead@gmail.com.



Hope Connect is seeking a casual team member to provide reception desk cover during staff sick leave and annual leave. Full training will be provided, making this a great opportunity to serve and support the community. If you're interested, please contact Jo Korman at jo.korman@hopeconnect.org.au



Receptionist
 Hope Connect
for members & friends of Telopea

Pastor Justin is available each week for one-to-one appointments, and we encourage you to connect with him outside of Sunday services.

Need some guidance, support, prayer, or just a friendly chat?

Appointments are 30 minutes each. If you'd like a longer conversation, you're very welcome to book two (or more) sessions back-to-back.

Booking is easy — just click [\[here\]](#) or scan the QR code to choose a time that suits you.





Find Your Place to Serve

Church is a family, and every person matters. Whether you're new or ready to re-engage, there are many simple and meaningful ways to serve. Take a step today – use your gifts, get involved, and 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.

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

Prayer & Praise

We've introduced a simple way for you to share prayer requests and praise reports — through our [online form](#) or the prayer box at the chapel entrance.

Submissions are collected weekly and prayed over in our services and by our prayer chain. We encourage you to share and let us stand with you in prayer.



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.

LOG IN



Elvanto Video 101

WATCH NOW

Sunday Morning Service

REAL TIME TRANSLATION



SCAN THE QR CODE TO ACCESS REAL-TIME TRANSLATION IN YOUR PHONE'S WEB BROWSER DURING THE SERVICE.

PLEASE USE THE SOUND OPTION ONLY IF YOUR PHONE IS CONNECTED TO HEADPHONES.

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.

Thinking about Baptism?

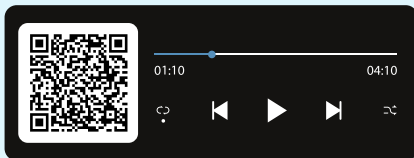
Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus — symbolising new life, forgiveness, and being welcomed into God's family. It's also a step of obedience, following the example Jesus set for us.

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 or Rees to find out more.



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](#).



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



Stay Connected on YouVersion



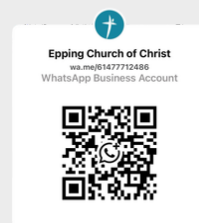
 Use the Bible App?

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.

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Donation Opportunities

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.



DONATE



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.



DONATE



To support and contribute to the work of OBC, please consider making a donation. Your generosity helps sustain our mission and initiatives.

Make a donation by direct deposit to:
Online Bible College

BSB: **032-501**

ACC: **162151**



or

DONATE



All donations are tax-deductible. You can choose to support a specific program or ministry area, or allow your gift to be directed where it is needed most.



A tax-deductible receipt will be provided by Hope Connect for all eligible donations.

Make a donation by direct deposit to:

Hope Connect Inc - BSB: **082 186**

Account Number: **04609 8955**

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Teloepa 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.

October

Sunday Speakers

25/10

Alison Roeth

1/11

Justin Campbell

Sun

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School Holidays

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School Holidays

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**SMK &
Sunday
Youth
Term 4**



Justin, Rees, Bec @ Team Fest

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Alison Roeth



November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1  International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17			20	21
22	23	24			27	28
29	30					



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.



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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

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.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Feel free to let us know of things to celebrate and news to share by contacting the church office.



31 Bridge Street,
Epping, NSW 2121



[Safe Church Policy](#)



[Safe Church Concerns Form](#)

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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.