



Newsabout

Epping Church of Christ

17 October 2025

Growing in Christ † Gathering in Love † Going in Grace

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...

Phillipians 1:4-5 NIV

HOLY
BIBLE

King James
Version

Sunday 19 October 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.*

John Harris will be bringing the message this Sunday. John has served faithfully as the Field Coordinator for International Teams Netherlands, guiding and supporting mission work across the region. As he comes to the end of many fruitful years in missionary service, we give thanks for his dedication, leadership, and heart for God's mission throughout his time in ministry.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Phillipians 1:3-6 NIV

SMK & Youth

Back on this Sunday, 12 October



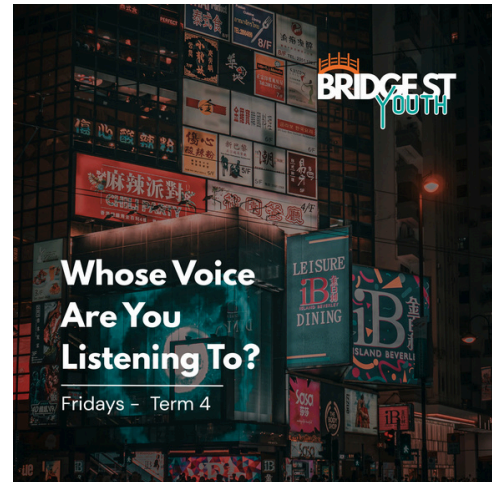
YOUTH

Sunday

APOLOGETICS
KNOWING WHY YOU BELIEVE
WHAT YOU BELIEVE

Serving Sunday

2 November



SMK

GOD RESCUES

LORD and King, you have reached
out your great and powerful arm. You
have made the heavens and the earth.
Nothing is too hard for you.
—Jeremiah 32:17

WORD OF
WONDER

GOD
RESCUES

SERIES OVERVIEW

We all love a good rescue story where a hero arrives just in time to save the day! Because of our sin, we all need to be rescued – and God had the perfect plan for a rescue mission to save His people! God's plan started long ago when He promised a Redeemer and Rescuer. The God Rescues series dives into four Old Testament stories of God working out His rescue plan among His people. In each lesson, kids will discover God's plan, power, and care for His people as He leads the way for the greatest rescue of all time – salvation through Jesus.

Lesson: God Provides in the Wilderness

Wonder Truth: God Cares for Us

Scripture: Exodus 14-16; Numbers 11

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





Raise the Roof

Help Us Care for Our Church Home

As Les shared at the AGM the roof of our church and internal ceilings were in need of major repair. Unfortunately we were unable to secure a Government grant for this work so the cost of this project – \$32,000 – is now our responsibility.

The roof repair has been completed. Thank you to those who have already given generously. If you haven't already done so would you prayerfully consider making a donation to assist us to cover the remaining cost of these essential works – in addition to your regular tithing. Ways to Donate:

1. Bank transfer to the church account (see details below) with reference: Raise the Roof Fund.
2. Cash in an envelope with a note for the Raise the Roof Fund, delivered to the church office.
3. Tap donation via credit/debit card – see the church office.

Bank Details

BSB: 082 186

Account Number: 509243830

Ref: Raise the Roof Fund

We appreciate your financial generosity in caring for our church home!

Safe Church Training



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



If you missed our in house workshops or are now interested in volunteering, there's still time to get certified. You can find other in-person or Zoom workshops and register [here](#).

You can still use the Coupon Code **[csseppingcoc2025]** for both the workshop and the online modules.

We'd like all volunteers to complete training this year for better record keeping.



Just Hope Fundraiser Dinner – **25 Oct**



We have one table reserved for ECC and currently **two tickets available**. Please contact the church office if you'd like to attend.



horizons
Family Law Centre

JUST Grace

Ministry Update | Spring 2025

Please Pray

Just Hope dinner

For the success of our upcoming Just Hope Fundraising Dinner in October. A night where we seek to build relationships with potential new supporters as well as strengthen our current partnerships with existing donors.

Ongoing cases

For the families we are serving, especially those who are currently in court, to be strengthened and sustained as they work for change.

Upcoming dates

For the upcoming court dates, mediations and events.

Restoring Hope

Natalia, Solicitor

When Theresa* first came to us she was in a constant state of fight or flight. Dealing with deep trauma and a troubled past had left her vulnerable, scared and, most painful of all, unable to see her children for some time.

She was a mother longing for restoration with her children, and she was ready to do the hard work required to change her life and her future.

Our team listened to her, shared words of hope, and reminded her that she was worthy of healing and transformation.

We worked with Theresa to bring her case before the court and secured therapeutic intervention to give her family the tools to rebuild.

Theresa demonstrated incredible strength, persistence and resilience whilst confronting her past and the scars they had left behind.

She trusted us as her advocates and began to rebuild herself and find her purpose again.

Through her perseverance, she was able to reconnect with her children. She has since been working towards her goal of parenting them again, not as a mother weighed down by guilt and shame, but as one renewed with hope.

After her case was resolved, she shared these words:

"By the time I got to you guys I was not in the right state of mind or had the right support. I felt no lawyer was there to advocate for me and my horrific past. I felt you both advocated for me so well. I've never really felt so seen and held in my life. You saved me emotionally and not just legally. Thank you to your organization for everything."

Her testimony reminds us why we do what we do. Advocacy is not only about legal outcomes, but about restoring dignity, hope and family bonds. For us, we trust that God uses our profession as a vessel for healing those broken, at the right time.

As Scripture reminds us, *"He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds"* (Psalm 147:3).

We are grateful for Theresa's trust and courage. Even in brokenness, there is always hope for new beginnings.

**Name has been changed*

Tackling domestic violence together

Todd, Solicitor

As a representative of Horizons, I was recently asked to deliver a keynote session at the Northern Beaches Domestic Violence Network's annual conference.

It was an incredible honour as I spoke to 120 frontline workers from 30 plus services about Apprehended Domestic Violence Orders (ADVOs).

ADVOs sit at the intersection of safety, policing and family law, which means a lot of different services deal with them. It's also an ever-changing legal landscape, which makes ongoing training vital, especially for those from a non-legal background.

As a Horizons supporter, you know we provide practical legal help to families in crisis through our free phone advice line, church-hosted advice clinics and where appropriate, ongoing support and representation.

What you may not know is that we are also deeply connected with other frontline services and like-hearted organisations in mutual partnerships.

As a community legal service, we know we are one part of a bigger picture: a multi-service, multi-disciplinary network of services creating safety and hope for domestic violence survivors and their families.

That's why it is a privilege to be invited into networks like this to share our knowledge and expertise with other dedicated professionals.

It also speaks to the fact that Horizons is a known and trusted voice in the sector.

Our 20-year legacy of providing quality free legal advice, being a consistent community resource that anyone can access, and showing love and grace to families in crisis has proven our reliability. And we wouldn't have been able to do any of that without your dedicated financial support, prayers and encouragement.

Thank you for being part of the solution and supporting us to not only provide practical legal services, but also to be an active part of broader initiatives to stamp out domestic violence.

Give Thanks

Positive outcomes

For the successful outcomes in some complex cases recently. Pray that there would be continued healing in these families as they continue the process of rebuilding.

The team

For our team, as we welcome our newest solicitor, Naomi, who will join our Sydney South advice clinic team.

Church partnerships

For the churches who host our advice clinics, who provide a place that people can freely walk into, be greeted by caring volunteers, feel loved and leave with practical legal help and a sense of hope.

Behind The Scenes

Answering a call on our free advice line

"For me, as I take a call, it's important to pause and to let somebody talk, because unless I do that and unless I create space for them as a human, I'm not going to understand where they're at. I'm not going to pick up on what they're feeling or what they're experiencing or how they're understanding the legal landscape that they now find themselves in."

"So I think pausing and listening is one of the most essential parts of tuning in to the real person in front of you. And that's a real gift that we, I think, can give people through the telephone advice line."

Lucy, Senior Solicitor

Meet Our Elders Team

We're thankful for our team of Elders who provide spiritual leadership and guidance for our church family.

Our Elders' Chair is David Kelly and Deputy Chair is Joyce Chew, serving alongside Gwyn Bromhead, Ruth Stevens, Rick Lewis, and Jonathan Richardson. We also appreciate the contributions of our Elder Observers, Rachael Cornish and Jonathan Cheung, as they journey with the team in this important ministry.



HOPETOBER



In the second half of our Hopetober appeal, we are excited to assist Hope Connect in bringing joy to families in the community during the holiday season.

- They will be providing 40 hampers filled with food.
- We would love to enhance these hampers with mince pies, Christmas cakes, shortbreads, and candy canes.

Look for the tree this Sunday, take a tag (or two!), and kindly return the items throughout our Hopetober month.

RightNow 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 office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au — your input will help us make the most of this resource together.

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Free Access to +25,000 Bible Study Videos

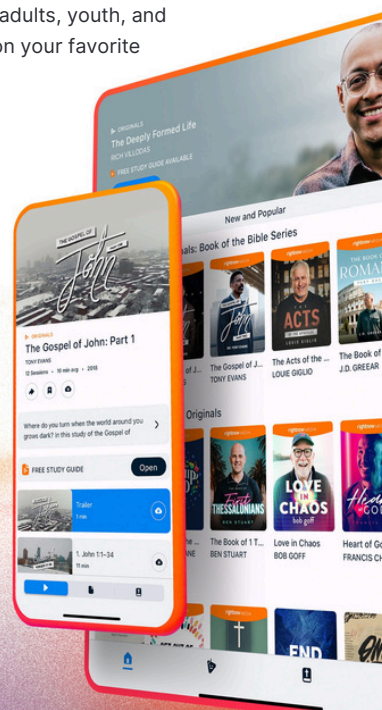
Every person in our church has free access to biblical video series for adults, youth, and kids — now streaming on your favorite device.

Get Free Access

1. Click the link in your email invitation or use this link - <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/join/eppingchurchofchrist>
2. Create your free account.
3. Download the app for your device and start browsing!
4. Or scan the QR code below.

QR Code Access

Scan this QR code to sign up or click the link in the email to create your free account!



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Connect Group Spotlight

We're excited to launch our new Connect Group Spotlight — a weekly feature that shines a light on the many Connect Groups across our church family!

Our Connect Groups are where we do life together — growing in Christ, gathering in love, and going in faith. Each week, we'll highlight one group so you can get to know the people, stories, and rhythms that make our community thrive.

This is also a space for Connect Group Leaders to share special events, updates, and prayer requests with the wider church family.

If you'd like to join a Connect Group, feel free to reach out to the group leaders or our Pastoral and Office Admin Team.

And if God has placed on your heart to start a new Connect Group, we'd love to chat! It's always wonderful to see new groups evolve — helping more people find their tribe and grow together in Christ.

Kicking off our Connect Group Spotlight is the **Harris Connect Group**, led by the wonderful Anne and Bill Harris!

This warm and welcoming group meets **fortnightly on Tuesday nights (7:30–9:30pm)** right here in **Epping** — face to face and heart to heart.

The Harris group loves to share life, pray together, and dig into Bible study with real-life application — growing together in faith and friendship.

If you're looking for a group where encouragement, laughter, and spiritual growth go hand in hand, this might be your tribe!



Doing life together means sharing laughter, meals, and milestones — and the Harris Connect Group has been doing just that!

Over the long weekend, the group gathered at Jenny and John's home in Blaxland for a relaxed lunch, followed by a local bushwalk led by John. Then on Tuesday night, they celebrated two birthdays — including their oldest member, Helen York, who turns 94 this Saturday!

A special blessing for Helen:

"Even to your old age and grey hairs I am he; I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you." — Isaiah 46:4 NIV

Happy Birthday, Helen — your joy, faith, and warmth are such a blessing to everyone in the group.



NOVEMBER

is our **Month of Prayer** as a church — a special time to come together in seeking God. Stay tuned — more details will be shared next week!

Hooray for You!

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!

October

2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

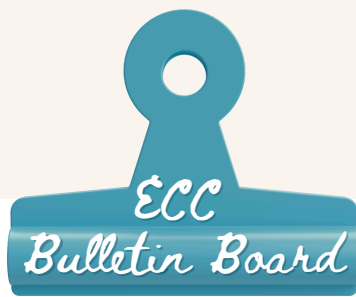
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Get Involved - Make a difference

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
- 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 WAZZAS? Email **Gordon & Gwyn Bromhead** at wazzas@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au.

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



We'll share the exact gathering spot at Dundas Park closer to the day.

Bring your favourite humans, drinks, snacks to share, and a picnic blanket.

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon of fun, friendship, and connection for all ages.

We can't wait to see you there!

Women's Ministry Gathering

Join us for an Advent Wreath Making Afternoon Tea – a time of fun, laughter, and holiday cheer. You'll create a beautiful wreath to use throughout the Advent season as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. *Cost: \$30 per person.*

Please [RSVP here](#) by **8 November** so we can prepare the space and materials.



15 November, Saturday
2 pm - 4 pm





Justin is available for one-to-one appointments each week, alongside the monthly coffee catch-ups (the next one's happening on **4 November** 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!



The Thank You & Suggestions initiative is a great chance to thank and encourage someone, or share feedback for our Pastors, Elders, and Ministry Leaders. Grab a card by the chapel entrance or use the QR code to send your note online. (Link [here](#))



Justin is away in the US and will return on 24 October. For any concern, please contact Rees or email office@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au / pastors@eppingchurchofchrist.org.au

KYB Study

Term 4 begins on Friday, **17 October**, and is an introduction to Philippians followed by 5 weeks of Bible study

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
16 SHORTLAND STREET TELOPEA NSW

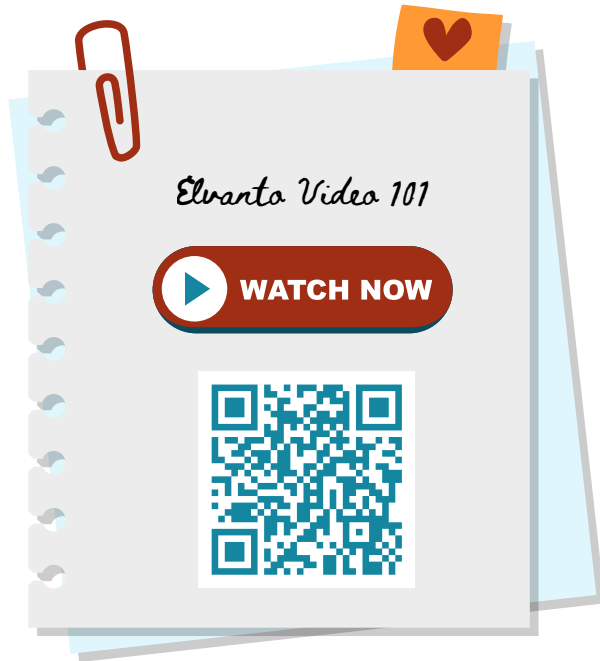


KYB 2025

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, and our trusted prayer team will be praying for you.

Want to Pray for Others?

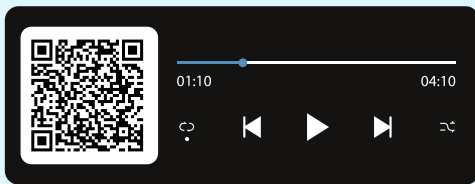
If you feel called to support others in prayer, we'd love to have you on the prayer chain! Just email the church office to be added to the team.

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 [here](#).



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!



LISTEN

Stay Connected on Your Version



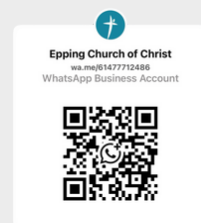
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Add **Epping Church of Christ**
as your church on the app
scan the QR code

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

ECC on Whatsapp

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Events & Conferences

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 (see details on the online registration form)

- Registrations close 30 October.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

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

OpenDoors®

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. Your generosity helps sustain our mission and initiatives.



Or make a donation by direct deposit to:
Online Bible College
BSB: **032-501**
ACC: **162151**



SYDNEY
refugee
TEAM

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.





Never miss an event!

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

Find it at www.eppingchurchofchrist.org.au → Church Attendee Hubs
→ Calendar. Check it out!



Oct 2025

Sunday Speakers

26/10	Rees Wilson
2/11	Justin Campbell

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Operation Christmas Child						

Nov

2025

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IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. This project is a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts.

We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and send them to local partners around the world that use them as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving gift-filled shoeboxes, many children accept an invitation to participate in **The Greatest Journey** discipleship program and millions of children each year are making decisions to follow Christ.

Since 1993, more than **232 million** children in more than 100 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and over **23 million** children have made decisions to follow Christ after participating in **The Greatest Journey**. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?

NATIONAL
COLLECTION

**OCTOBER
13-27**



Scan code
for inspiring
stories and to
find out more
about Operation
Christmas Child



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- A collage of various toys and objects. At the top left is a doll with long brown hair wearing a red dress and brown boots, standing next to a colorful soccer ball. To the right is a purple envelope containing a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and two children) sitting together. Below the envelope is a set of ten colored pencils in a black case. To the left of the pencils is a red spiral-bound notebook. To the right of the notebook is a jump rope with wooden handles. Below the jump rope is a yellow building block with the word 'HARMONICA' written on it. At the bottom left is a blue ball with a spiral design. At the bottom right is a pink piggy bank shaped like a pig's head with a pink bow on its ear. Large green numbers '4', '5', and '6' are visible on the right side of the collage.

6 DROP OFF: Take your shoebox gift to **Epping Church of Christ** during **National Collection, 13-27 October 2025.**



You can send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home! To get started, scan this QR code or visit operationchristmaschild.org.au/pack-online



GIFTS FOR GIRLS

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



A "WOW" ITEM

- Doll
- Soccer ball or football and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Dress-ups – crown, fairy wands etc

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comborbrush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun band aids
- Eating utensils
- Water bottle
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Bags, backpacks, or purses
- Hair accessories
- Hats
- Wristwatch or jewellery
- Torch with extra packaged batteries

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Skipping rope
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolour set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colourful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Sewing kit
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games

TOYS

- Balls – tennis ball, bouncy balls,
 - Frisbee®
 - Building blocks
 - Finger puppets
 - Slinky®
 - Yo-yo
 - Kaleidoscope
- Cars, trucks and boats
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Small kite
- Water guns (that don't look like weapons)
- Playing cards

PERSONAL NOTE

Include a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.

*Samaritan's Purse encourages Operation Christmas Child shoebox donors to include a personal note in each shoebox gift.

DO NOT INCLUDE

* SOAP*

- Food, lollies, chocolate, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Second-hand, used or damaged items or clothing
- Scary or war-related items – toy guns, knives, wearable camouflage clothing, military figures, skull and crossbones, Halloween items
- Seeds or organic matter

- Liquids – shampoo, bubbles, or liquid paint
- Medication or vitamins
- Play Money
- Breakable items – glass, porcelain or clay
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades
- Bibles, religious material, or tracts (children receive OCC's The Greatest Gift booklet at the Outreach Event)

*Due to increasing customs regulations and challenges in many countries, all types of soap will NO longer be allowed in shoebox gifts starting in 2025.



GIFTS FOR BOYS

SHOEBOX GIFT SUGGESTIONS



A "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Musical instrument
- Large toy truck or car
- Skipping rope

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Comb or brush
- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Fun adhesive bandages
- Eating utensils
- Nail clipper and file
- Small blanket
- Water bottle

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape

CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags or backpacks
- Hats
- Wristwatch
- Flashlight with extra packaged batteries

CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Binoculars
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Fishing kit
- Skipping rope
- Colouring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Playdough
- Stickers
- Craft kits or colorful rope/twine
- Books or picture books
- Tool set with work gloves
- Gardening kit/gloves
- Card Games

TOYS

- Ball
- Frisbee®
- Building blocks
- Slinky®
- Yo-yo
- Kaleidoscope
- Toy cars
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures
- Small kite
- Water guns (that don't look like weapons)
- Playing cards
- Baseball and mitt

PERSONAL NOTE

Include a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group.

*Samaritan's Purse encourages Operation Christmas Child shoebox donors to include a personal note in each shoebox gift.

DO NOT INCLUDE

▪ SOAP*

- Food, lollies, chocolate, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Second-hand, used or damaged items or clothing
- Scary or war-related items – toy guns, knives, wearable camouflage clothing, military figures, skull and crossbones, Halloween items
- Seeds or organic matter

- Liquids – shampoo, bubbles, or liquid paint
- Medication or vitamins
- Play Money
- Breakable items – glass, porcelain or clay
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knife, saw, or razor blades
- Bibles, religious material, or tracts (children receive OCC's The Greatest Gift booklet at the Outreach Event)

*Due to increasing customs regulations and challenges in many countries, all types of soap will NO longer be allowed in shoebox gifts starting in 2025.

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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.

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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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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.

