



Newsabout

Epping Church of Christ

23 October 2026

Growing in Christ



Gathering in Love



Going in Grace

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Mark 5:34 (NIV)

Sunday 25 October 2026

Join us for morning worship at 9:30am on Sunday

We look forward to welcoming Alison as our guest speaker this Sunday. 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 this week. We warmly encourage everyone to join us in person as we learn and grow together.

Our Values Statement

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



When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

³⁰ At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

³¹ "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'"

³² But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. ³⁴ He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe."

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:21-43 NIV

KIDS SPOT



This term at Bridge St Youth, we're diving into Psalm 23 and discovering what it means to trust God through life's ups and downs!

We'll kick things off with worship in the chapel, head out for some real conversations and great discussions, then rejoin the church family for communion.

Bring your Bible, grab a mate and come hang out with us — we'd love to see you!



KINGS AND PROPHETS



Word of Wonder

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10a

Wonder Truth

God Helps Us

Scripture

1 Samuel 26

God's Big Story

Because of Saul's disobedience, God chooses David as the next king. Saul is jealous and tries to kill David. With God's help, David honors God by sparing Saul's life.



Alpha kicked off at ECC last Sunday, 18 October, but it's not too late to join!

There's still time to come along, invite a friend and explore life, faith and meaning in a relaxed and welcoming environment. We'd love to see more people join us over the coming weeks, so please keep spreading the word!

Scan the QR code or [register here](#).

You can also share our [digital invitation](#) with someone you'd love to invite.

Have you seen our email last 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!



This Wednesday at mainly music, we celebrated a very special milestone as one of our little friends, who has been coming along each week since last year, graduated and got ready for her next big adventure — big school!

It was such a bittersweet moment for us. We're so excited for her, but we'll certainly miss her familiar face, and her smiles. It's been such a privilege to be part of her growing-up journey. We wish her every blessing as she takes this exciting next step!

What's On in November?!



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 intending to bring something, please let the church office know what you'll be bringing to help us with planning.



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.



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/carer consent form is required. Please complete and return the form to the church office beforehand, or bring it with you on Sunday, 8 November.

Thanksgiving Dinner

A Time to Gather & Give Thanks!

Thanksgiving is a much-loved holiday in the United States, celebrated each year on the fourth Thursday of November. With harvest traditions, it has become a special occasion for families and friends to gather around the table, share a meal and reflect on the blessings of the past year.

While Thanksgiving isn't traditionally celebrated in Australia, we love the heart behind it — gratitude, generosity and togetherness. So this year, we're bringing a little Thanksgiving tradition to ECC, with our own special focus on giving thanks to God for His faithfulness and appreciating the people He has brought into our lives.

More than just a dinner, we really hope this will be an opportunity for our whole church community to come together across generations and cultures, share meaningful conversations, strengthen friendships and enjoy the simple joy of being around the same table. We'd love you to be part of it!

Thanksgiving Dinner Details

Saturday, 28 November 2026

Arrival from 5:30pm | Dinner served at 6:00pm

Epping Church of Christ, 31 Bridge Street, Epping NSW

Dinner Cost:

- Adults (13 years and over): \$15
- Children (5–12 years): \$5
- Children (0–4 years): Free

Would You Like to Bring a Plate?

We're also looking for a few volunteers who would be happy to bring a salad or dessert to share, in addition to purchasing their dinner ticket. This is entirely optional, but we'd love to include some homemade favourites on our table! If you're able to contribute, simply let us know what you'd like to bring when completing the RSVP form.

RSVP by **Sunday, 22 November**

Please register using [this RSVP form](#) or contact the church office by Sunday, 22 November, so we can plan for catering and seating.

Whether you're new to ECC or have been part of our church family for years, there's a place for you at the table.

Let's gather in love, share a meal and give thanks together!



As we journey through November and into the Advent season, we're inviting our whole church family to come together and share God's love through practical generosity.

This year, we're partnering with Hope Connect to support individuals and families in need through two special giving opportunities.

Part 1: Fill the Pantry | Early November

During the first few weeks of November, we'll be collecting non-perishable food and household essentials to help restock Hope Connect's Emergency Pantry, providing practical support to people experiencing hardship.

Part 2: Share Christmas Joy | Late November – Mid December

From the last week of November through the first two weeks of December, Givember continues! We'll be collecting festive food items and Christmas treats to help Hope Connect prepare Christmas hampers for families in need, bringing a little extra joy and care during the holiday season.

How Can You Get Involved?

Starting **Sunday, 1 November**, simply collect a shopping bag (or a few!) from the church office, fill it with items from the suggested donation lists below, and return your filled bags to church during the collection period.

Whether you fill one bag or several, every contribution makes a difference. It's a simple but meaningful way for us to share what we have, care for our neighbours and bring hope to our community.

Let's make Givember a season of generosity, kindness and love in action!



givember

- Long Life Milk
- Canned food:
 - Soups
 - Beans
 - Vegetables
 - Fruit
 - Baked Beans
 - Tuna
 - Ham
 - Spaghetti
- Breakfast Cereal
- Jams
- Peanut Butter
- Vegemite
- Muesli Bars
- Pasta
- Rice (1kg bags max)
- Cooked Rice Pouches
- Long Life Ready Meals
- Crackers
- Coffee
- Pasta Sauce
- Simmer sauces
- Noodles
- Dry Cat Food
- Cat Treats
- Dry Dog Food
- Dog Treats
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

Thank you for your support!



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Christmas Appeal

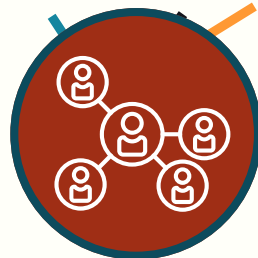
- Mince Pies
- Christmas Cake
- Shortbread
- Chocolates
- Candy Canes

Thank you for your support!

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.

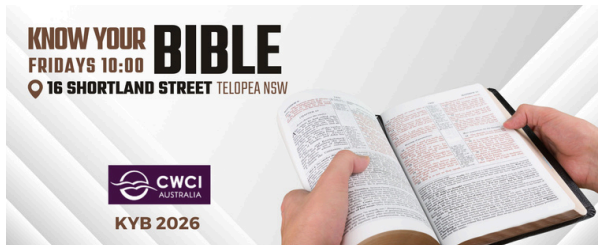
Click [here](#) for more info & registration



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



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!

Operation Christmas Child SHOEBOX COLLECTION

**Shoeboxes accepted until
Tuesday 10 November**

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.



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How it works



Choose a Great Gift that will support a project close to your heart.



Select to receive it by mail or email to send on as a digital e-card or print at home.



Customise your card: write a personal message inside.



Feel good knowing that somewhere in the world, your gift will bless someone in need.

*The Great Gifts 2026
website is now live!*



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). Browse the catalogue online or pick up a printed copy at church, and discover how you can share hope and make a lasting impact this Christmas!





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 of Hope Connect Church

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



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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?

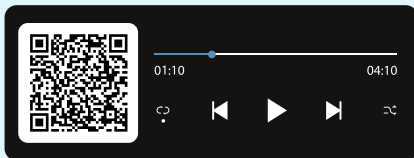
Baptism is a public declaration of faith in Jesus — symbolising new life, forgiveness, and being welcomed into God's family. It's also a step of obedience, following the example Jesus set for us.

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?

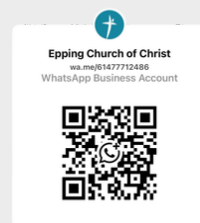
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as your church on the app

scan the QR code

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

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Group Chat](#)



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**

DONATE



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

1/11

Justin Campbell

8/11

Rees Wilson

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School Holidays

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Drastic 2026

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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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

*Thanksgiving
Dinner*



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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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.