

# COMING UP AT ISLAND ECC

## TODAY Supported Partners

Remember Achim and Lhaki Appel, serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Uganda. Pray for safety for Achim's flying ministry and that the ministry will bring blessings to many people in those regions. Pray for Lhaki's outreach and discipleship to the Chinese community in Uganda. Praise God for the favourable resolution of a lengthy court case in which Achim was wrongly charged of hitting a cyclist with his car.

## TODAY Japan Mission Trip Sharing

The work in Japan to expand God's kingdom continues even after the relief work comes to a close. We have seen how God has been doing a miraculous thing of bringing many more to know Christ. Come join us as we share stories about what God is doing in Tokyo, Tohoku and Kyoto, and how local ministries have expanded. 2pm, 8/F, Room B.

## JULY 26 Blockbuster Movie Night

Summer is here! And what better way to celebrate the relaxed atmosphere than with a movie night! Join us for an all-church Blockbuster screening of the hit movie, The Avengers. We'll be popping fresh popcorn and providing all sorts of movie fare! Donation: \$20 per person. Doors open at 7.30pm and showtime will begin promptly at 8pm, 2/F.

## JULY 28 New Class: God@Work Class date revised

Finding purpose at work is one of the greatest challenges we face. This 6-week course aims to equip Christians to live out their Christian calling and find purpose in every aspect of their working lives. Class runs from July 28 to September 1, 2.45pm, 8/F, Classroom A. Please visit [www.islandecc.hk/classes/](http://www.islandecc.hk/classes/) for registration.

## Prayer Request Sharing

Feel free to share with us your prayer requests by email or by hand. These prayers could be praises and thanks or petition to God. Our 2/F Prayer Room is available on Sundays. Email [prayer@islandecc.hk](mailto:prayer@islandecc.hk).

### 10/F

- Renovations will start this week as we take over the entire 10/F.
- The Family Worship at 9.30 & 11.30am will be moved to 9/F for the remainder of the summer.
- In the short term, the 9/F will be congested due to the move of the Worship service and Nursery, in order that we can have a great launch in September of the new 10/F facility. We apologise to parents for any inconvenience.
- The new 10/F will provide a refurbished auditorium seating more than 300 people, 3 nursery rooms, main lobby with connect counter and coffee bar, 2 multi-purpose living rooms for care group meetings etc. and 1 classroom.
- With the expansion there are also many more great opportunities to serve and we will be looking for additional greeters, ushers, stewards and more! If you can help serve the church in this way, please email [serve@islandecc.hk](mailto:serve@islandecc.hk).

## Visit The City/Marketplace For —

### Job Opportunities

- Coordinator of Youth Ministries. A full-time position from 1 September.

### NEW TO ISLAND ECC?

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#### MEET US AT THE CONNECT COUNTER ON 1/F

We are so glad that you're here today and would love to get to know you! The Connect Counter is located on the 1F and volunteers are there to answer any questions you might have about Island ECC and its different ministries and events.

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#### JOIN THE CITY

The City is the online connection point for Island ECC. It's limited to the people who attend our church and over 1,000 people are already using this fantastic tool. By creating an account and logging in, you'll have access to weekly devotionals, updates on events, the chance to connect with others and more!

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#### CHECK OUR WEBSITE

By visiting [www.islandecc.hk](http://www.islandecc.hk), you'll have access to information about all our ministries, as well as a broad spectrum of resources - including video podcasts of sermons.

### WHAT IT MEANS TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

#### HE LOVES

God loves you because he chooses to. "God wasn't attracted to you and didn't choose you because you were big and important... He did it out of sheer love..." (Deut. 7:7-8). He loves you so much that...

#### HE GAVE

He gave Jesus, His one and only Son. While we do wrong things daily, Jesus is sinless. Though sinless, Jesus took our sin. He died on the cross in our place. Our response to this great gift is simple...

#### WE BELIEVE

We trust Jesus to do what we can't. We don't trust our own efforts to save us. We can't save ourselves. We don't place our trust in other people to save us. We believe in Him.

#### WE LIVE

God gives us brand-new life. We have joy because of his Spirit living within us. Little by little his Spirit changes us to be more like Jesus. No guilt in life, no fear of death. He gives life, now ... and for eternity.

You can tell God you accept Him now.  
"Father, I believe you love me. You gave your one and only Son so I can live forever with you. Apart from you, I die. With you, I live. I choose life. I choose you."

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## Blink

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. <sup>6</sup> "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

<sup>7</sup> The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>10</sup> In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. <sup>11</sup> The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. <sup>12</sup> In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." <sup>13</sup> "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:1-19

The best question ever

The demand of the resurrection

The role of blindness

A radical relationship

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photos: "The Ark" The Island ECC Dragon Boat on race day