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Welcome to LifeWay. What a joy to have you join us. Whether you are a visitor checking us out to see if this is the Church for you, with family or friends, or are a regular. Here at LifeWay, we are on a journey as God calls us to be a people who are living, sharing and growing in his life. Wherever you are at, we would love to walk with you in the next stage of your journey. Please fill in a visitor card at the door with your details and leave it with the ushers or on your seat – we would love to keep in contact with you and acknowledge your time with us today.

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

KIDS CHURCH



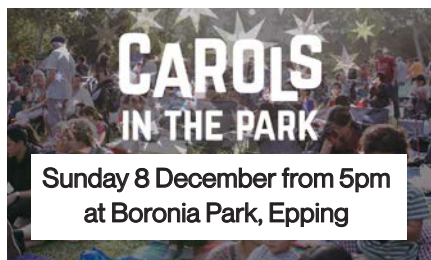
If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service.

In the rhythm of life, sometimes we find ourselves out of tune...ever heard a violinist or trumpeter play out of tune? Ever heard someone sing out of tune? Though the note or the voice out of tune was still making music, it was just a little "off". The ear would tell you something wasn't quite right. When we think of Christmas, we think of family, joy, peace, love and hope - but sometimes in the busyness of this season, what we hear and experience is not music to our ears. So today as we begin our season of preparation, we tune into Christmas and remember what Christmas is really all about.

LIVING **SHARING** **GROWING**
Jesus' love His hope with all in grace together

Pray For Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools

A group of people from local churches meets together for one hour, once a term, to pray for Cheltenham Girls' and Epping Boys' High Schools to support the students, staff, chaplains and Scripture program. Please join us on Thursday 5 December from 8-9pm at 9 Gloucester Road Epping. We will finish promptly. Enquiries: Katrina Collins 0400 488 459 / ckjsge@gmail.com



CAROLS IN THE PARK

Sunday 8 December from 5pm
at Boronia Park, Epping

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 1 KIDS CHURCH CHRISTMAS
Epping & Newcastle, 9.30am

Baptism of Anson Lam
at Marion Oataway's pool, 12.30pm

Youth Night - Combined Worship Service with Epping Church of Christ
at LifeWay Epping, 5pm - 7pm

MON 2 Conversational English Classes
Epping 10am

WED 4 Band 1 Practice
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 5 Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Mainly Music, Term 4
Newcastle 10am

FRI 6 Mainly Music, Term 4
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

SUN 8 Boronia Park Carols
Boronia Park Epping, from 5.30pm

SERVING THE COMMUNITY WITH LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

As part of LifeWay Epping's continuing service in the Community with the TOGETHER FOR RYDE network, we are looking for volunteers to help at two upcoming Christmas events:

Christmas WAREHOUSE

Saturday 14th December
10am - 3pm

Thursday 19th December
6pm - 9pm



Come and help at the Christmas Warehouse that gives Christmas hampers and presents or wraps presents for families that are doing it tough.



ANNUAL COMMUNITY Christmas DINNER



Sunday 15th December

We will need table hosts to love the guests and people who can set up and serve. Set up from 11am - lunch at 12pm. We especially need people who can host a table. Please let us know ASAP if you can help as our friends at the Salvos are really stretched at this time.

If you can help, RSVP to Alex or Annie TODAY

Christmas Nativity Candle Set

Decorate your home this Christmas with this beautiful set of 3 unscented candles. This is a brand new product that we are trialling with our LifeWay members, before making them available through ACR next year. They come gift boxed and are truly one of a kind - you won't find anything like them in stores.



Check out the sample in the hall after the service and pre-order yours today.
\$35 per set of 3
See Josi or Elysia for more information.

GIVING ON THE APP & WEBSITE NOW LIVE



You can now give offerings or donations for Cambodia or even pay for mainly music online. Simply go to the menu on the App and scroll down to **Give** or alternatively choose **Give** from the menu bar on the website. You can even set up a recurring debit through this portal. It's just another way to make it convenient for you to bless the mission and ministry here at LifeWay.



SIGN UP TO HELP TODAY

Volunteers needed for the Carols – Friday 13th December at Epping Oval. We need help with parking, to greet the community at the LifeWay Information tent, on food stalls and for set up and clean up. Please sign up on the form on the noticeboard today.



**CAMBODIA
MISSION**
a HOPE & a FUTURE

CAMBODIA MT2020 IS A GO!!

'Please come again.' That's the request of Pastor Vibol this last week via Messenger! If you are interested in joining us on our 4th Mission Team to Cambodia, please register your name on the App. Departing Monday July 6th, we will return on Sunday 19th. There will be a house to build in Tang Krang, and helping in running a children's and youth camp.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Come, Lord Jesus, and tune our lives into your purposes this Advent. Awaken in us your promises that the hope of this season may sing out and proclaim to the world how you are at work and moving in beautiful ways. We ask this in your name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For Christ to tune our hearts and lives into his purpose for us this Advent.
- For Anson Lam as he is baptised today after Kids Church (by full immersion) that God's promises to him may fill Anson with an eternal hope.
- For all Christians that we may live with the hope of Jesus firmly in our hearts this Advent.
- For those who feel hopeless about life that the faithful promises of God may breathe daily hope into our lives.
- With thanks to God for his awesome generosity as we have nearly funded 2 years of University for Van Thay and Sok Lim.
- For the kids of LifeWay whose enthusiasm and love for Jesus brings joy and gives great hope.
- For those whose lives are filled with darkness that they may see a glimmer of light as they hear the good news of Jesus.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Caitlin Toohey, John Fletcher, Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.



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YOUTH NIGHT

We are joining with Epping Church of Christ and taking a look at mentors and things that influence us.

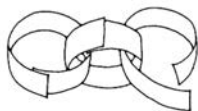
Sunday 1 December
at LifeWay Epping, 5pm-7pm

It's time to bring out your Advent Calendar again!

This year, we have some updated notes to cut out and add to each bag.

See Elise or Elysia for your copy.

After you read the note each day, you might like to join them together to make a paper chain garland to decorate your Christmas tree or in your home.



**Don't have an Advent Calendar yet?
There are still some available to
purchase after church - \$4 ea**

GROWING A HOPE AND A FUTURE

Give a Christmas gift of love and build a future for young people out of poverty.

Grab a brochure and give to support Van Thay, and Sok Lim, two students whom we have supported through High School go on to University and give their families and community a hope and a future. \$50 is a week at Uni including board and food. \$200 will sponsor one girl for a whole month. What can you do to help to give a lasting gift this Christmas?



**Thanks to your GENEROSITY we have
already funded 2 years of their Uni courses!**

**NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER**

**Join us next week as we
launch into Advent with our**

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading: Psalm 137

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Shane Burdack
Prayers	Karen Albances
HC	Selwyn Weiss, Deb Dietz
Ushers	Shane & Danielle Burdack
Morning Tea	J Vlassis, T Harders, S Escobar Silva
Flowers	Mary Pusep
Data	Shane Albances
Music	Band 2
Sound	Josh Simpfordorfer

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Ruth MacConnachie
HC	Sabina Pichler
Ushers	Maureen Macpherson
Morning Tea	Linda Aurelius, Annie Koch
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Carolyn Keane