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Welcome to LifeWay! What a joy to have you with us today as we conclude our vision series: Waypoints. If this is your first time with us or you are just visiting, we are delighted that you are here. Please fill in a visitor card and put it on the offering plate during the service or hand it to the ushers at the door – we would love to acknowledge your time with us today. If you would like to know more about or explore what it means to journey the way of Jesus, please speak with one of our Pastors or the people who greeted you at the door.

It's heard in changerooms, on courts and grounds of all major sports - "The best defence is a good offense." If you score more points, tries and goals than your opposition, then you will win. Jesus takes that saying to a whole new level when it comes to advancing the cause of the Gospel. For Jesus it isn't about winning or losing, but about mercy, grace and living in imitation of the Father who gives life and joy and shows compassion even to those who don't deserve it. In a world that is all too ready to win at any cost, Jesus shows a way forward that gives life, breathes hope, multiplies joy and advances his kingdom locally and globally in a way that is radically countercultural.

FINAL WEEK OF:
waypoints



TODAY'S READING
Luke 6:27-36; 46-49

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.



**APPLICATIONS
for the Cambodia Mission
Trip July 6-19 2019 were due
on Friday 1st March.**

Please see Pastor Mark urgently if you still want to apply.

**NEW SERVICE
AT EPPING**

The new 11.30am service at Epping that was due to start on Sunday 3rd March will now begin straight after Easter on **Sunday 28th April.**

With so much happening at this present time, the decision was made to delay the launch of this service until after Easter.

WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 3 Epping KidsWay 11am

Epping Ten:10 11am

MON 4 Conversational English Classes

Epping 10am

Purposeful Prayer

in back room, Epping 7.30pm

WED 6 Purposeful Prayer
in church, Epping 7am

Ash Wednesday Service

Newcastle 7pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Epping 7.30pm

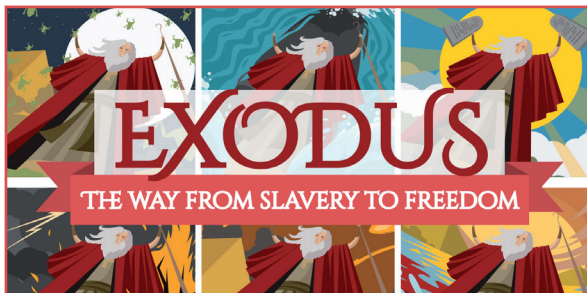
THUR 7 Mainly Music, Term 1
Newcastle 10am

Mandarin Singing Group

Epping 10am

FRI 8 Mainly Music, Term 1
Epping 10am

**JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST GROW
OPPORTUNITY FOR 2019 ...**



The way from slavery to freedom is never easy. There are highs and lows, trials and challenges, times of progress and times of regression. But through it all is a God who acts graciously and powerfully to rescue his people and lead them on a way that brings freedom and life. Join us this Lent on a five week walk of discipleship as we journey through the book of Exodus and discover a God who also acts graciously in our own lives to deliver us from slavery and give us fullness of freedom and life.

Mondays at Epping, 7.30pm

11 March • 18 March • 25 March • 1 April
15 April • (no session 8 April)



Ever wanted to be part of something that makes a real difference? Want to have an opportunity to help others deepen their faith and learn more about God? Do you want some support and someone to journey with through the Bible? Join a LifeGroup today!!!

Come and experience what a LifeGroup is like on Thursdays during Lent, 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Newcastle Church, beginning 14 March and discover the joy of growing in grace together.

See Pastor Mat for more details.



STEP UP TO *Communion*

PLEASE SEE PASTOR MAT IF YOU HAVE A YOUNG PERSON AGED 6-10 WHO HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED TO THE TABLE YET BUT WOULD LIKE TO.

Classes at
Newcastle
begin
Sunday
17 March



The Epping Church has been a hive of activity in recent weeks as cables have been run, systems added and the church upgraded as part of our greater vision and mission. A big thank you to our contractors Terry Deacon and Wayne D'Chong for their work, and to Joshua Simpfendorfer for his carpentry skills in making some necessary modifications. Thank you also to all those of you who donated to this project to make it happen. It's been a project in the pipeline for a couple of years but we pray that through it, God may reach more with his life-transforming grace. Over the next few weeks, the Newcastle sound system will also receive an upgrade.

NPP HAS COME TO LIFEWAY

The New Payments Platform has come to LifeWay. You can now give your offering directly through your bank account by simply using the following PayID'S:

For Newcastle offerings, the PayID is **offerings.newcastle@lifeway.net.au**

For Epping Offerings, the PayID is **offerings.epping@lifeway.net.au**

It's just another way of making your giving to the Lord easier.



PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord God, heavenly Father, in a world, where it is so easy to retreat and go into a defensive holding pattern when under attack, you call us to advance forward and be bearers of your love, grace and mercy. Fill us with your Spirit of courage that we may live so boldly, that more and more may experience your life transforming grace and enter into your kingdom where they can live fully forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, we pray. Amen

WE PRAY...

- For a radical courage to live with and show grace and mercy in the world even to those that we think don't deserve it.
- For us at LifeWay that we may always be prepared to advance the Gospel forward whatever the cost because nothing matters more in this world than Jesus.
- For the District as we prepare to elect our new Bishop, that God would guide and lead us in unity as we move forward in living out his purpose for this District at this time.
- For the Cross-Cultural committee of the LCA as they see a new person to mentor and guide the ministry to all nations here in Australia and New Zealand.
- For the Church that it may live and model mercy and compassion in all spheres of life and for forgiveness and mercy when the Church has failed to be the bearers of that love and grace in the world and to individuals.
- For those who live under the fear of judgment that they may know the mercy and love of Jesus for them.
- For the sick and those in need of healing that they may know fullness of life in Jesus especially Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Gordon Mangelsdorf, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

Need to get hold of Pastor Mat?

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(please note Mathew only has 1 "t")

NEW LENTEN SERIES BEGINS...



A place of
BARRENNESS

*Join us this Wednesday night for our
Ash Wednesday service*

7pm at Newcastle - 7.30pm at Epping

**Who is God calling you to reach
for the Kingdom?**

Grab your card today. Keep it in your wallet, on your fridge, in your car and think about how God may be using you to bring a L.I.F.E. that never ends.

Listen prayerfully
Invest personally
Form relationships
Extend invitation



**NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 10 MARCH**



A place of
HEALING

**Epping 9.30am with H.C.
Newcastle 9.30am with H.C.**

READINGS
Luke 5:27-32

**An interim roster for
Epping is now available.
Please collect your copy.**

**We are in the process
of transferring rosters
to a new system on
My LifeWay.**

SERVING...

EPPING

- Reading** Deb Dietz
- Prayers** Trevor Harders
- HC** Charles Bertelsmeier
Deb Dietz
- Ushers** Jo & Adam Brownnett
- Morning Tea** Helen & Rod Witt
Jenny Schneider
- Flowers** Peta Borchert
- Data** Liam Weiss
- Music** Band 2
- Sound** Josh Simpfordorfer

NEWCASTLE

- Reading** Ruth MacConnachie
- HC** Sue Gesswein
- Ushers** Maureen Macpherson
- Morning Tea** Sabina Pichler & TBA
- Flowers** Ruth MacConnachie
- Data** Sabina Pichler