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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.

Everybody sings...in the car in the shower, along with ads on TV...wandering around the house doing odd jobs...on the job? Sometimes life has its own tune... maybe it's a song of despair as we looked at last week. But sometimes it is a melody of expectation. A song that sings toward something new - a promise a pledge a commitment just waiting to be fulfilled. Young children know that sort of song when the tree goes up in the lounge room; there's a promise just waiting to be kept. But when the promise is long in coming or seemingly forgotten, it can be hard to believe the promise even if it is right in front of our faces. This week we get to sing with a vocalist named Zechariah, who has been waiting so long he's almost forgotten how to sing. But when the promise is kept and the expectation fulfilled you can hear his song across the centuries. Today you are invited to join in singing and experience the joy that this song of promise brings.

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Reading Luke 1:57-79

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.

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

# Christmas at North Epping Carols

## thank you

A huge thank you to all those who volunteered their time to help at the North Epping Carols on Friday. Your support of this community mission focused event is a wonderful witness to the community and an outworking of our mission statement of sharing His hope with all.



### We are now on social media!

Please like us on Facebook @ AustralianChristianResources and follow us on Instagram @shopacr. We would love it if you can share our pages with your friends and family to help us in equipping all churches and enriching lives.

## Nativity candles - a great success!



What a wonderful response we have had to our Christmas Nativity Candles. Thank you to all those who purchased a set - a total of 48 sets have been sold! With such a positive response, it has been confirmed that we will make this product available publicly via ACR in time for Christmas next year. If you have any feedback about this product, we would love to hear it. Please speak to Josi or Elysia.

### The new Time Out daily devotional will be available this week.

See Mark Simpfordorfer or Pastor Mat to order yours today at the reduced price of \$20. Four LifeWay writers have contributed to this edition.



## WHAT'S ON?

### THIS WEEK

**SUN 15** Christmas Lunch Hosting  
with Salvation Army from 11am

**MON 16** Conversational English Classes  
Epping 10am (final for the year)

**WED 18** Band 3 Practice  
Epping 7.30pm

**THUR 19** Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group  
Epping 10am (final for the year)

**Mainly Music**, Term 4  
Newcastle 10am

**Christmas Warehouse**  
with Salvation Army 6pm - 9pm



**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.

# 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.



## PASS ON A CHRISTMAS FLYER

Christmas is a great time to invite family, friends and neighbours to hear the good news of Jesus. Grab a flyer from the foyer and pass on to someone with an invitation to join you for one of our Christmas services.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Your promises stand firm through all generations. Great is your faithfulness O God. Come and let your coming fill us with a song of joy that arises from a heart set free, a mind made clear and a soul renewed because you have visited us and fulfilled all your promises to us. We ask this in your precious name. Amen.

## WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that we may see the blessings of God in our midst each day.
- For those who have trouble trusting God's promises that they may experience the fulfilment of his promise in Jesus this Christmas.
- For the Salvation Army Dinner that many of our members are serving at today that the joy and love of Jesus may overflow into the lives of those who come.
- For the Church that the Playlist of Christ may be heard in every city and country across the world clearly this Christmas
- For all the aged and those in our nursing homes that they might be treated with dignity and respect, love and compassion.
- Tiffany Schneider and Tim Baillie who recently announced their engagement that God would fill them with joy in their love for each other and Christ.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Pastor Vibol and Sokry, Caitlin Toohey, John Fletcher, Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

*We would love for you to join us this Christmas*

## CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

A Song of  
DESPAIR  
A Song of  
PROMISE  
A Song of  
HOPE



## CHRISTMAS EVE A Song of JOY

7pm at Newcastle  
7.30pm at Epping

## CHRISTMAS DAY A Song of LIFE

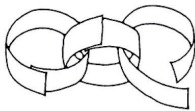
9.30am at Newcastle  
9.30am at Epping

# 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 22 DECEMBER

Join us next week as we  
continue our Advent series

## CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



**Epping 9.30am**  
with holy communion  
and Live Stream

**Newcastle 9.30am**  
with holy communion

**Reading: Luke 1:26-56**

## SERVING...

### — EPPING —

|                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Reading</b>     | Diane Bertelsmeier              |
| <b>Prayers</b>     | Trevor Harders                  |
| <b>HC</b>          | Jo Schultz, Rod Witt            |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | M & K Simpfordorfer             |
| <b>Morning Tea</b> | C & D Bertelsmeier,<br>B Donati |
| <b>Flowers</b>     | NA                              |
| <b>Data</b>        | Georgia Schultz                 |
| <b>Music</b>       | Band 4                          |
| <b>Sound</b>       | Colin Burnett                   |

### — NEWCASTLE —

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Reading</b>     | Hanna Fauchon          |
| <b>HC</b>          | Neil Tschirpig         |
| <b>Usher</b>       | Annie Koch             |
| <b>Morning Tea</b> | Megan & Neil Tschirpig |
| <b>Flowers</b>     | Ruth MacConnachie      |
| <b>Data</b>        | Daniel Tschirpig       |