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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.

You know those tunes that get stuck in your head and you just can't shake them. Maybe it is an ad jingle, a song you heard on the radio, some musical hiccup from your memory, something the kids practiced on their instrument but it's stuck and it isn't going anywhere except around and around in your head. Life often has its own playlist. Sometimes you "whistle while you work" Sometimes it's a song of sadness or despair, of frustration and futility. Try as you might you just can't seem to shake it and that tune persists, setting the tone for all you are and all you do. Between now and the end of the Christmas season, we'll invite Jesus to rewrite the music for our lives. Instead of the same old songs stuck on repeat, we'll allow Jesus to write us into 'A Christmas Playlist' and be swept into a song of hope for all eternity. Today we will explore what happens when we are stuck in a Song of Despair.

2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Reading Psalm 137

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.

# LETTERBOX DROPS FOR CHRISTMAS

Want some exercise? Can you help up with some letterbox drops around the Church to advertise our Christmas services? Please see Pastor Mark or Pastor Mat for some flyers...why not take one for a friend and invite them to join you this Christmas! We would love for the letterbox drop to go out this week.



## WHAT'S ON?

### THIS WEEK

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

**MON 9** **Conversational English Classes**  
Epping 10am

**WED 11** **Band 2 Practice**  
Epping 7.30pm

**THUR 12** **Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group**  
Epping 10am

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

**FRI 13** **Mainly Music**, Term 4  
Epping 10am

### NEXT WEEK

**SAT 14** **Christmas Warehouse**  
with Salvation Army 10am - 3pm

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

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## 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.  
**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY YOU CAN PLACE AN ORDER. \$35 per set of 3**  
See Josi or Elysia for more information.

**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.



**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.

Come, Lord Jesus, and put a new tune into our hearts this Advent. When life is full of despair or stuck in the same groove, soothe us with the next track of your faithful promise, for your coming plays a new song in our ears that you long to be sung from our lips. We ask this in your precious name, the name which alone has the power to save us from a song of despair. Amen.

### WE PRAY...

- For those whose lives are stuck playing a song of despair, that Christ would put a new song in their hearts.
- For those whose lives feel like a broken record that they may come to know the Prince of Peace.
- For the Church that God's peace may flow from our communities in this busy rush of a season.
- For all teachers and students as they finish school in these weeks that the year may end well.
- For all the firefighters and volunteers who continue to work tirelessly to protect homes and property from fire.
- For God to have mercy on this land and provide rain in the areas it is needed.
- For the Boronia Park Carols today and for North Epping Carols on Friday that the light of Christ may be clearly seen.
- 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.



## 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.

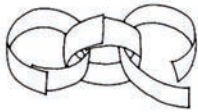


# It's time to bring out your Advent Calendar again!

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**

NEXT WEEK  
SUNDAY 15 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 1:57-79**

### SERVING...

#### EPPING

- Reading** Kaye Simpfordorfer
- Prayers** Dianne Bergen
- HC** Kathy Ironside, John Weiss
- Ushers** C Burnett & D Bergen
- Morning Tea** K Schuller, K McKenzie, N Moss
- Flowers** Elysia McEwen
- Data** Alex Schultz
- Music** Band 3
- Sound** John Klingberg

#### NEWCASTLE

- Reading** Sue Gesswein
- HC** Kim Johns
- Ushers** Carolyn Keane
- Morning Tea** Kim & Christine Johns,
- Flowers** Ruth MacConnachie
- Data** Lutzia Scherrer

## 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!**