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TODAY'S READING Revelation 7:9-17

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. Welcome to LifeWay. We are thrilled to have you here with 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 resurrection victory. 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.

Sometimes life hurts. That's the unavoidable reality in our world. Turn on the news and you see it. Look in the mirror and your body either bears the scars physically or your heart, the wounds emotionally. Being a Christian doesn't guarantee a safe passage through this world unscathed. Neither is being a Christian like a flu shot that immunises you from pain or loss. Luther once said that one of the marks of the Church is struggle. Wherever there is faith, there is also struggle and suffering. Living in suffering is not a sign of failure or even a lack of faith, but is actually testament to a deep faith that takes God seriously; that believes God's promise that suffering will never have the last word. That claims his victory which alone provides strength in suffering, hope amid hurt and gives courage to keep on living. We will explore and experience that promised triumph even if today it feels at a very real level to be another loss for you.

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



The mission team to Cambodia in July will be building two new homes, one in Beak Peang Village, and one in Tang Krang Village for two very poor families. They will also be extending the kids learning area at the church so the rain doesn't wet them.

Can you help us raise \$6000 to go towards these projects?

Please put your donation in an envelope in the offering plate marked Cambodia or do an NPP payment to finance@lifeway.net.au and mark Cambodia in the reference field.





RSVP TO ALEX DUARTE BY SUNDAY 2ND JUNE



A LIFEWAY BUSHWALKERS GROUP WILL BE STARTING SOON. Register your interest now by filling

in the form on our app.

Contact John or Bronwyn Klingberg for more information - email: bklingberg@optusnet.com.au



congratulations

Annika Juliana Zoe Knox was born on Friday 10th May to parents Charles and Lilly, and new big sister Emily! We join them in celebrating and praising God for the safe arrival of the newest member of the Knox family.

Living to Serve

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We are partnering with the Salvation Army for this year's Red Shield Appeal.

SATURDAY 25TH & SUNDAY 26TH MAY

Do you have time to stand at a local train station for an hour or two? Would you be willing to be part of a team to door knock in the Epping area to raise money that brings hope to those struggling in the community. Please see Pastor Mark if you are interested in serving in this way.



Starting very soon, the services at Epping will be streamed via Facebook Live every week. They will also be uploaded to the web and app following the service so you can watch at your convenience. There is a countdown clock on the webpage that will have a link that you can click on to join the service.

A NOTE ABOUT THE LIFEWAY WEBSITE For those on a Windows PC, please download Chrome, Firefox or Mozilla as your browser. There are two many glitches in Edge or Internet Explorer which will stop some things like the sermon playing. Loving heavenly Father, you sent your Son Jesus Christ into this world to suffer and reconcile the world to yourself. Strengthen our faith, so that we remain united with him and bear the fruit of love, even when we experience trial and suffering in our own lives. We ask this in the name of the Lamb who is our Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all those who are going through ordeals at this present time, that they may know the Lamb who is their Shepherd, who leads them beside streams of living water.
- For all pastors, as they shepherd the flock of Christ, especially for our LCA Bishop John Henderson and District Bishop Robert Bartholomaeus.
- For those who are suffering for their faith.
- For all who rule and govern, that they may be shepherds to their people. We especially pray for the Leaders we elected yesterday to serve the Australian people that they may do so with integrity, compassion and grace.
- With thanks to God for the new life he gives in the waters of baptism to Erin and Joshua Qin this morning and the promise that he will be with them in every circumstance of life.
- For the dying and those who mourn, that God would be present with them and comfort them.
- For those who have become lost or feel abandoned on the path of life.
- With thanks to God for the gift of a daughter Annika Juliana Zoe Knox born on the 10th May to Charles and Lily Knox.
- For God to make all things new for those who are sick or in need of healing, especially Jenny Schneider, Emily Cooke, Gordon Mangelsdorf, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.

FINDING THE BULLETIN ON OUR WEBSITE AND APP

The bulletin is located under the sermon

for the week. On the website simply click 'sermons' and then the date you are after. On the left hand side will be a link to download all the resources for that week, including the Bulletin, Living Out Loud and LifeGroup Guide. You can follow the same process on the App. Once you are on sermon page for the week you are after, scroll down to the bottom of the page and the bulletin will be under 'files' (just click 'show').





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FUNDRAISING FOR CAMBODIA MISSION

MISSION



Join us for some fun and games! Bring along your favourite board game/s, snacks and drinks.

RSVP by Sunday 9th June to Alex Duarte - let him know which game you'll be bringing to avoid double ups - phone or text: 0431 442 440.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 26 MAY



Epping 9.30am with Holy Communion

Epping 11.30am The Gathering

Newcastle 9.30am with Holy Communion

READINGS Revelation 11 & Revelation 14:6-13

> An interim roster for Epping is now available. Please collect your copy. We are still in the process of transferring rosters to a new system on My LifeWay.

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Pastor
Prayers	CHarles Bertelsmeier
нс	Karen Albances Debbie Dietz
Ushers	Helen and Rod Witt
Morning Tea	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk, Ian Bittner
Flowers	Peta Borchert
Data	David Hazell
Music	Band 4
Sound	Colin Burnett

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Vanessa Brown
нс	James Laundon
Ushers	Maureen Macpherson
Morning Tea	Vanessa Brown, Sue Gesswein
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Lutzia Uebergang