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LifeWay's 2019 Annual General Meeting

TODAY FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE.

There will be a lunch following the meeting. Sausage sizzle and salads provided. **There are still Book of Reports available today if you didn't get one last week.**

THANKSGIVING SERVICE



Readings: Joshua 3:7-4:7; 19-24

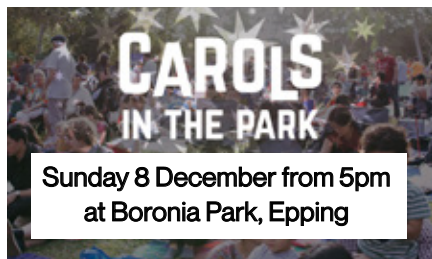
If you are visiting with us, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to stay for morning tea with us after the service.

Welcome to LifeWay. 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.

The high five, the chest bump, the goal or try dance, the ticker-tape parade, the wedding reception, graduation ceremony...all have one thing in common. They're celebration rituals. They are unique ways to celebrate special moments. So how do we celebrate in the Church? Sometimes in our desire to move forward we can fail to take the time to celebrate God's goodness, faithfulness, love. We settle for a quick "thank you, God"...a "burst" of worship and then on to bigger and better things. But today, as we come to the end of the Church year, we're **Pressing Pause**. It's time to temporarily stop the forward motion of life and ministry and spend some time in reflection and taking in all of God's goodness over the past twelve months... Today is a day to celebrate. For God has been good to us.

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 24** Kids Church Christmas Practice
Epping & Newcastle, after service
- Epping Christmas Choir Practice
after the 9.30am service
- AGM at 11.30am**
and shared lunch to follow
- MON 25** Conversational English Classes
Epping 10am
- WED 27** Band 1 Practice
Epping 7.30pm

- THUR 28** Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am
- Mainly Music, Term 4
Newcastle 10am

- FRI 29** Mainly Music, Term 4
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

- SUN 1** KIDS CHURCH CHRISTMAS
Epping & Newcastle, 9.30am

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

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. More details soon. Time is yet to be confirmed, but volunteers will be needed from the afternoon.

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

Faithful God, from eternity you have known us and included us in your story in this world that we may dwell with you forever. Help us never to forget but always to remember the wonders you have done, the grace you have shown to us and your abiding presence with us, leading us in every chapter of our life. May this day be one of celebration and a joyful response of praise and thanksgiving for all you have done, for all that you are doing and for all that you will continue to do for us and all people through the power of your Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that we may take times in our lives to press pause and remember God's faithfulness to us
- For LifeWay's AGM this afternoon that God would continue to fill us with thankfulness for what he has done and what he is continuing to do through the people of LifeWay.
- For those in the grip of drought or ravaged by bushfires that God would be their strength and helper hour by hour.
- For all the volunteers who risk their lives fighting fires to protect others, that God would watch over and keep them safe.
- For LifeWay's young people as they prepare to share the Christmas story with us again next week.
- For the Church that we may never be captive to the past or the future but see what God is doing in our midst right now and celebrate that often.
- For Xuiqing Chen who becomes a member of LifeWay today, that we may be a mutual blessing and encouragement to each other.
- For the family of Hedi Krause as they mourn her death, that God would comfort them with the good news of the resurrection which God has blessed Hedi with.
- 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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Join us at
KIDS CHURCH
as we...

**Tune in to
CHRISTMAS**

**Sunday 1st December, 9.30am
at LifeWay Epping & Newcastle**

Grab a flyer and invite your friends!

Hey Kids, the Kids Church Christmas service is next week. Practice is TODAY after worship in Epping. Newcastle will have their practice later this week. Please stay in Church after the service to start preparing to share the best message ever!

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 already, one of the girls is fully funded for the year. The second one is halfway there!

**NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER**

KIDS CHURCH

**Join us next week for
our special Kids Church
Christmas service**



**Epping 9.30am
KIDS CHURCH**

**Newcastle 9.30am
KIDS CHURCH**

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	KIDS
Prayers	KIDS
HC	-
Ushers	Shane & Karen Albances
Morning Tea	Daina & Samuel Lee, Kaye Simpfendorfer
Flowers	Josi Weiss
Data	Ed Burke
Music	Band 1
Sound	Rod Witt

NEWCASTLE

Reading	KIDS
HC	-
Ushers	Janette Gollledge
Morning Tea	Maureen Macpherson, Carolyn Keane
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler