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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.

Have you ever felt paralysed by anxiety or experienced the depths of despair? Or maybe you know someone else who has? Mental illness can be a very lonely, isolating experience, both for those who are going through it, and loved ones who see them suffering. Despite all the advances in treatment, despite all the ways in which our culture has become more enlightened and compassionate, somehow mental illness remains in a category of its own, regarded as some sort of peculiar affliction that is best dealt with by toughing it out, picking themselves up and getting out of it, or pretending that everything is ok. Many are embarrassed to speak about it, especially in the Church, where for too long we have been silent about mental illness. We have let people suffer in silence, and alone without the support of the community to get alongside, support and encourage them in the deep places of the soul. It's time for that to change. Join us today as we encounter a God who will never abandon us in suffering but love us with an everlasting love and draw us up out of a desolate pit.

FINAL WEEK OF SERIES:

Shhh.

WE DON'T
TALK ABOUT...



**Readings: 1 Kings 19:1-9
Ephesians 6:10-20**

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.

LifeWay's 2019 Annual General Meeting

to be held after a combined service at Epping
on Sunday 24th November
with a shared lunch to follow

Please bring a dessert to share!
Sausage sizzle and salads provided.

**The Book
of Reports
is available
TODAY
after
service.**



WHAT'S ON?

THIS WEEK

SUN 17 Kids Church Christmas Practice
Epping & Newcastle, after service

Epping Christmas Choir Practice
after the 9.30am service

Tears for Ryde
Ryde Baptist Church, 12pm - 4pm

MON 18 Conversational English Classes
Epping 10am

WED 19 Band 4 Practice
Epping 7.30pm

Leadership Team meet
Epping 7.30pm

THUR 20 Songbirds Mandarin Singing Group
Epping 10am

Mainly Music, Term 4
Newcastle 10am

FRI 21 Mainly Music, Term 4
Epping 10am

NEXT WEEK

SUN 24 Combined service with AGM
and shared lunch to follow
Epping, 9.30am
*** NO SERVICE AT NEWCASTLE**

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 interested, please give your name to Alex or Annie
by Sunday 1st December.

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.

When all hope is gone, Lord, you are born. When the darkness is complete, you come. When all things are beyond despair, you are right there, still with us. Lord Jesus Christ, you entered the deep darkness of the cross for us to bring light in our darkness, courage in our fear, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, joy in our sorrow and strength in our weakness that we may know the comfort of your abiding and unfailing love. We pray this in your precious name. Amen.

WE PRAY...

- For people who live with untreated mental illness and who are unable to find help and cannot afford medical care.
- For an end to the stigma of mental illness
- For the Church, that it may create a safe place for people to be open and vulnerable with their illness that they may find hope in you and strength in a supportive, praying community.
- For families torn apart by mental health diseases, and for families that hold-on-to one another during difficult times of illness.
- For those who have lost a loved one to suicide.
- For mental health caregivers, for scientific researchers, and for professionals who seek to bring compassion, treatment and healing to those who suffer from mental illness.
- For the 'Tears for Ryde' event today, that God would use this gathering as a catalyst for sharing the good news of healing and forgiveness in Jesus name with those struggling in the community.
- For people burdened by labels and stereotypes or who are victims of bullying and discrimination because of mental illness that all of us may act with more compassion and acceptance.
- For Tilly Mae Palmer as she is welcomed into God's family through baptism and her parents Brendan and Tarin.
- For the sick and those in need in our LifeWay family - especially Aaron von Stanke, Matthew Kassulke, John Fletcher, Barbara Lehtonen, Jenny Schneider, Hedi Krause, Erna Kutas, Audrey and John Scarce.



SIGN UP TO HELP TODAY

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.



DINNER HOSTED BY DUARTE'S Thursday 28th November at LifeWay Epping, 6pm-8pm

Join us as we praise God and talk together about what we are thankful for. Potluck - Bring your family's favourite dish for sharing. All ages are welcome.

Join us at

KIDS
CHURCH

as we...



Tune in to

CHRISTMAS



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

FLYERS AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Hey Kids, the Kids Church Christmas service is coming up fast. **PRACTICES BEGIN TODAY**. Please stay in Church after the service to start preparing to share the best message ever! Practices 17th and 24th November Epping and 17th Nov, Newcastle.

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?



Van Thay



Sok Lim

NEXT MEET

Wednesday 20th November
From 12pm - 1.30pm
at LifeWay Epping.

活道信义会舞蹈学习班
Dance Class

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Join us next week for a wonderful celebration to close out the Church Year:



Epping 9.30am

Combined Worship with Holy Communion and Live Stream followed by AGM and shared lunch

Newcastle

No Worship at Newcastle

– join us online if you can't make it to Epping.

Readings:

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

SERVING...

EPPING

Reading	Tessa Rawolle
Prayers	Peta Borchert
HC	Michelle Shpherd, Deb Dietz
Ushers	Peta & Manfred Borchert
Morning Tea	Susan & Brian Cornish, Anne Scheetz
Flowers	Susan Cornish
Data	Dianne Bergen
Music	Band 4
Sound	Colin Burnett

NEWCASTLE

No Worship at Newcastle
Sunday 24th November
due to combined service and AGM at Epping

– join us online if you can't make it to Epping.