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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.

Songs of Protest. Every revolution has them. Songs of solidarity that unite and inspire people to take action. Just the singing of these songs is considered a revolutionary act! Today we add to our playlist a song that Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor and theologian called, “the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung.” Sung by a young, pregnant and unwed girl, this provocative song of hope by Mary, the mother of Jesus proclaims a revolution that is still turning the values, priorities and activities of the world upside down centuries after it was first sung. Today you are invited to join the revolution - a revolution of love – and add your voice to a song of hope that will continue to change and transform the world one life at a time.

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Reading **Luke 1:26-56**

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.

Good news from heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing;
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of heaven.

Martin Luther



FROM ALL THE STAFF HERE AT LIFEWAY,
WE WISH YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS THAT
CONTINUES RIGHT THROUGH 2020.



OPENHOUSE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

at the Newcastle Manse,
Monday 27 January from 11am.

BYO Drinks. Please let Mat know if
you are coming. RSVP on the App or
website by Friday 24th January.



*For my house will be called a house of
prayer for all nations*
ISAIAH 56:7B

Come and join us as we gather
together in prayer for God's church
and the community of Newcastle
at **our monthly prayer meeting**

Thursday 23rd January
from 7pm at LifeWay Newcastle

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for volunteers
to hang lights and help set up
for our Christmas services
at Newcastle on

**Monday 23rd December
from 10am**

Anyone who can bring an
additional A-frame ladder for the
day would also be appreciated.

OFFICE HOURS

There will only be skeleton staff on over the next two
weeks. For any help or assistance, please contact
Pastor Mark and Mat, who are around all of December
and January. Many of the other staff will be taking
breaks over this New Year/January period.

New Time Out daily devotional available.

See Mark Simpfendorfer 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.

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!**

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

We praise you, our God, for keeping your promise to the people of old and raising up the Saviour, the Mighty God, to enter into our world and turn it upside down. Cause us, your people, to be pregnant with the hope of Jesus that is plain for all the world to see, that they too may join your revolution of love and sing a song that magnifies your glorious name. Amen

WE PRAY...

- For all Christians that we may be revolutionaries of God's love in this world.
- For a boldness to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised or without a voice in the world.
- For a willingness to let the love of Jesus transform our hearts that a song of hope is constantly heard from our lips.
- For those who feel forgotten or pushed away by the world, for refugees, the homeless and all those who are victims of injustice that they may know the Mighty God who can restore, redeem and do the impossible.
- For those travelling this Christmas that God would grant protection and a safe return home.
- 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.



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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

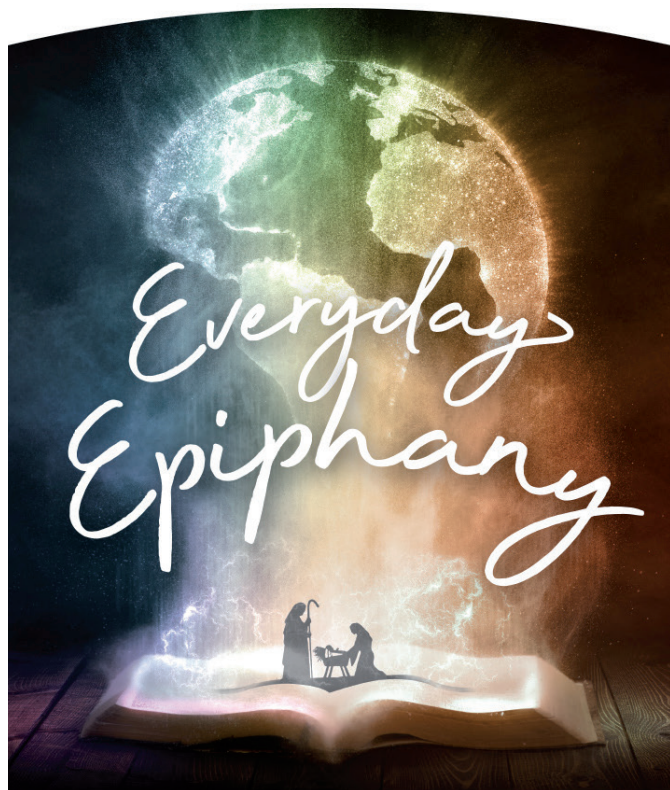
9.30am at Newcastle
9.30am at Epping

We've all had those 'Aha moments' -

those moments where the light turns on and everything becomes clear, those experiences that reorient and transform our lives in ways we never saw coming. But often those epiphanies are rare, that's why we remember them.

*What if you could experience an everyday epiphany?
What if you could live in 2020 with a clarity and insight that transformed every moment? It's possible.*

The coming of Jesus, the light of the world, intersects with our everyday lives illuminating a new way and revealing a clearer purpose. Let the light of Christ brighten your new year and turn every moment into an Everyday Epiphany of his grace in you and around you.



Light Shines *Light Strengthens* *Light Heals* *Light Reigns*
5 JANUARY 12 JANUARY 19 JANUARY 26 JANUARY

NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST



Join us next week as we
conclude our Christmas Playlist
and hear a Song for Eternity as
we round out 2019.

Epping 9.30am
with holy communion
and Live Stream

Newcastle 9.30am
with holy communion

Reading: Luke 2:22-38

SERVING...

EPHING

Reading	Jim Ironside
Prayers	Dianne Bergen
HC	G Lane, D Bergen D Dietz
Ushers	B MacDonald, M Pusep
Morning Tea	Paul & Ruth Niemczyk, Ian Bittner
Flowers	NA
Data	Josh Simpfordorfer
Music	Band 5
Sound	Ed Burke

NEWCASTLE

Reading	Ruth MacConnachie
HC	Kim Johns
Usher	Ruth MacConnachie
Morning Tea	Maureen Macpherson, Janette Jolledge
Flowers	Ruth MacConnachie
Data	Sabina Pichler