

A MYSTERY REVEALED

EPHESIANS 3:1-6

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**“THIS MYSTERY IS THAT THE GENTILES ARE FELLOW HEIRS,
MEMBERS OF THE SAME BODY, AND PARTAKERS OF THE PROMISE
IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL.”**



Evangelical
Community
Church

DECEMBER 10, 2023

TODAY - DECEMBER 10, 2023

Welcome to ECC!

Welcome to our Sunday worship service at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and learn from God's Word. If you have any questions, please email our church leaders.

If today's message has moved your heart, you may download the audio mp3 recording at www.ecchk.org. If you wish for someone to pray for you, please send a prayer request to weeklyprayer@ecchk.org.

Order of Service (10:30am)

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| Advent Reading — Joy | Yip Family |
| Worship in Song* | Greg Ng |
| Old Testament Reading | Jack Leibowitz |
| Pastoral Intercessory Prayer | Pastor Adam McCulloch |
| Scripture Reading | Ellen Ibarra |
| Worship through the Word | Pastor Adam McCulloch |
| Worship through Prayer of Thanksgiving* | Alex Chu |
| Announcements | Greg Ng |
| Benediction | Pastor Adam McCulloch |

*If you would like to enjoy the music used for this week's worship, please use the QR code to open our playlist.



ECC kindly requests that attendees refrain from taking photos or videos during services and events to ensure a fully present experience.



Happening Today

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| 9:15am | Youth Sunday School | 6/F, Metropole Hall |
| 10:30am | Worship Service | 4/F YMCA, Hall |
| 10:30am | <i>Children's Sunday School:</i> Team Miriam/Ruth (3-6), Team Joshua (7-8), Team Paul (9-10), Team Timothy (11-12). | 6/F Metropole, Hall 4/F Metropole MC 4/F Metropole MC |
| 2:00pm | <i>Filipino Ministry:</i> Fellowship and Bible Study | 4/F Metropole MC |

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ECC Website



ECC Facebook



ECC YouTube



Please visit our website and find us on Facebook by scanning the QR codes.

General News and Upcoming Events

Bus Caroling: Tickets Now Available!

Friday, December 15, Pick Up & Drop off outside YMCA Salisbury on Hankow Road

Join us in spreading the joy of Christmas throughout central Kowloon by hopping on the bus this December. Tickets are available at the Welcome Table, on a first-come, first-served basis upon full payment. The ticket prices are \$60 for adults and \$30 for children.

Round 1: 7:00pm-7:45pm (Boarding at 6:50pm) - Fully booked

Round 2: 8:00pm-8:45pm (Boarding at 7:50pm)

Christmas Gift Drive

We are excited to extend an invitation to everyone to participate in our Christmas Gift Drive from November 19 to December 10, 2023. This is a joint effort with the Children's Ministry, aimed at reaching out to foreign domestic workers in our community. We hope to share the gospel as the Holy Spirit leads us to a person He prepares to receive the gift of salvation. We aim to prepare 100 gift bags, each containing essentials like;

1. 100 jars of "Aqua Cream" this is essential to helpers who have not allowed to use warm water when doing the dishes or are not allowed to wear gloves in cold weather.
2. 100 bottles of shampoo 250ml, and toothpaste tube 200ml.
3. 100 packets of Christmas Cookies or treats

You may drop off your donations at the Donation Box located at the Welcome Table (Sundays only) or at the Church Office (Tuesday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.). For more details, please contact Ellen at ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org.

Job Opportunities

We are looking for an Accounting and Administration Manager to supervise our accounting and administration duties. Preferred candidate should have previous experience in audits, managing invoices, preparing budgets, and related fields. If you are interested in this position or would like to learn more about it, please contact Kathy at jobs@ecchk.org or visit our website <https://ecchk.org/about-us/job-opportunities>



Ladies' Tea Christmas Fellowship

Join us on December 17th at 2:00pm on the 4th floor of Metropole MC for the Ladies' Tea Christmas Fellowship. All ladies of ECC are welcome to attend this event for a time of fellowship. Chris Lo will be sharing a devotion on 'The Path to Inner Peace', followed by a time of reflection and sharing in small groups. To sign up, please visit us at the Welcome table.

Nomination for Elders

We are now accepting nominations for Elders through, Sunday, January 7, 2024. For a more complete description of the qualifications, roles and responsibilities of an Elder, please refer to the information sheet on our website "What's Happening" page or scan the QR code. Recommended nominees will be introduced to the congregation in February before election at the Annual General Meeting in March. Please submit the person's name and contact to Kathy via email.



Seeking for an Apartment

Pastor Shannon Brown is currently looking for a new apartment that will be a perfect fit for their family. If you have any information or know of any available apartments, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for any help you can provide. Please contact Pastor Adam if you have any recommendations.

Ongoing Ministries

Adult Sunday School (AdSS)

Sunday School: 9:00am at 4/F Metropole Building
Contact: grow@ecchk.org

Come and join our Adult Sunday School, where we explore into practical topics relevant to our daily lives. Our current quarter is centered around the “Fear of Man”. If you’re interested in attending any of our classes, you may scan the QR code to register.



| Date | Session | Topic |
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| December 3 | 11 | Fear of Man 4 |
| December 10 | 12 | Fear of Man 5 |
| December 17 | 13 | Fear of Man 6 |
| December 24 | 14 | No Class |
| December 31 | 15 | No Class |

Children’s Ministry

Contact: Rebecca/children@ecchk.org / CM WhatsApp 9786 3057

Our Children’s Ministry aims to nurture children and deepen their understanding of God and His Word. Registration is compulsory. If you have not registered your child yet, you may scan the QR code to register.

Parents are required to “**Check In**” their child/ren for Sunday School every Sunday morning by scanning the QR code. We need to do this to ensure safety and accurately count the children before heading to the MC.

Child Registration



Sunday School Check-In



Filipino Ministry

Contact: Ellen Ibarra/ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746

The Filipino Ministry is committed to offering a spiritual refuge for overseas Filipino workers. We aim to provide a loving environment where individuals can grow in their knowledge of God. Our community warmly welcomes anyone searching for a relationship with God, feeling homesick or lonely, and searching for a surrounding community of believers.

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| Saturday Group | 11:00am | Come and join our Bible study and fellowship at the Metropole MC |
| Sunday Group | 8:30am | Join us for BYO Breakfast and Prayer time, Metropole 4/F |
| | 12:45pm | BYO Lunch Gathering at Metropole Hall 6/F |
| | 2:00pm | Fellowship meeting is held at the Ministry Center, 4/F |

Men’s Gathering

Fridays, 8:00pm - 9:00pm, via Zoom | Contact: smallgroups@ecchk.org

Our Men’s Group meets every Friday night via Zoom for a time of Bible study and fellowship. Please email to sign up and to keep in touch on future studies, fellowship and more.

Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, via Zoom | Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Wednesday Prayer Meeting is on via Zoom. Please go to our website’s Ministries section and click “Prayer” to request a prayer visit, or to submit prayer requests. Please subscribe to the weekly prayer list using the QR code.



Small Groups Ministry

Contact: smallgroups@ecchk.org

Looking to get plugged into our church community? Joining a small group is a great way to get involved in ECC’s family. Check out our website and contact us for more information.

Wednesday Women’s Bible Study

Contact: [Judy/ judyleibowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:Judy/judyleibowitz@yahoo.com) or eccwwbs@gmail.com

Please join us for a time of fellowship and prayer every Wednesday at 10:30am on the 4th floor of the Ministry Center.

Youth Ministry

Contact: Nathan Wong/youth@ecchk.org or WhatsApp 6359 1192

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, we invite you to our Sunday school at the 6/F Metropole MC at 9:15am. For upcoming programs and activities, please contact Nathan. Please scan QR code to register.



Friendly Reminders:

Ministry Leaders: Bulletin announcements must be submitted to bulletin@ecchk.org **no later than 2:00pm, Wednesday**. Please refer to **For-Ministry-Leaders** on our website for guidelines. Late submissions will not be entertained. Thank you.



Ephesians 3:1-6

Pastor Adam McCulloch

The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given
to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have
written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the
mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the
Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same
body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

1. A Mystery Revealed (v.3-6)
2. The Messenger of the Mystery (v.1-2)

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Reflection Questions

Please take a few minutes with a Christian family member or friend and prayerfully consider the following reflection questions.

1. What is the mystery that Paul describes in Ephesians 3:4,6? Now that this has been made known, what should be the Christian's response to this information?
2. Paul says this mystery was revealed to God's holy apostles and prophets (Eph 3:4). Are apostles and prophets still part of today's church? Why or why not?
3. Paul says that God had given him a stewardship (Eph 3:5-6). What was Paul's specific stewardship, and what does it mean to be a steward? How are you being a steward of the gospel and other things that God has given to you?

Contact

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Financial Updates

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| FY2023/24 (April 2023 - March 2024) | |
| Annual Budget | \$8,374,985 |
| Mission Partners Support (part of the annual budget) | \$433,000 |

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| Last Week's Giving | |
| General Fund | \$134,038 |
| Mission Fund | \$1,000 |

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| FY2023/2024 (April - October 2023) | |
| General Fund Offering | \$2,523,614 |
| Other Incomes | \$340,397 |
| General Expenses | \$4,152,476 |
| Mission Fund Offerings | \$120,820 |
| Mission Partners Support Expenses | \$529,225 |
| <i>(all figures are unaudited)</i> | |

Check can be made payable to **“Evangelical Community Church Ltd.”** Please cross out the bearer and do not post-date checks. For US citizens wishing a US tax receipt, please ensure that your check is at least US\$100 (HK\$800) made out to **“Friends of Hong Kong Charities, Inc.”** with any designations written on the offering envelope (available at the Welcome Table) - NOT on the check itself.

Prayer and Family News

Contact: familynews@ecchk.org

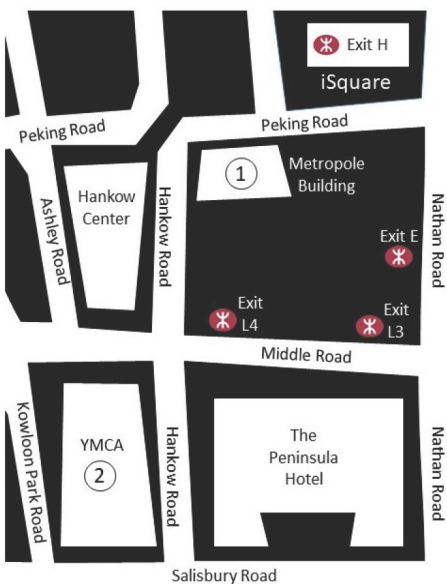
- Pray for the upcoming men’s retreat on December 9. Pray that many men from ECC would attend, enjoy time together, and form Christian friendships. Pray that men in ECC would embrace their role of being spiritual leaders in their marriages and families.
- Pray that during the Christmas season, God would give us opportunities to share the true meaning of Christmas with non-Christians. Pray that God would give all members of ECC a spiritual burden for those who do not know Jesus Christ as Savior.
- Pray for the Filipino ministry Christmas gift-giving on December 10th. This will be taking place in collaboration with ECC’s children’s ministry.

Ways to Give

- 1. Bank Transfer / Auto Pay**
Bank: The Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)
Account no.: 813-808748-838 – HKD Saving
- 2. FPS (Fast Payment System)**
E-mail: finance@ecchk.org | FPS ID: 106624844

For your offering made through bank transfer or FPS, please email finance@ecchk.org a copy of your transfer receipt for our registration and to ensure the transfer has been made correctly.

Please go to our website or scan the QR code for more information.



ECC Locations

- 1 ECC Office**
6/F, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

ECC Ministry Center
(Metropole MC)
4/F, Unit 401-403, Metropole Building,
53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

- 2 YMCA**
(Sunday Worship Service)
4/F, Assembly Hall,
41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon