

# Epping SDA Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our weekly Church Newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition with articles, news and photos.

If there is any **information** you would like to share or a **photo** you would like us to view, please email it to the address below.

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This newsletter can also be downloaded on our website: <http://www.eppingsda.org.au>

## Prayer Meeting this Friday Night 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 7:30pm Epping Church

From Arthur:

Hi Epping Church

Last week, the Light Your World series taught us about the importance of community and we are going to put the ideas and concepts to good use! All the Light Your World groups will be coming together at church to pray for Margaret Long and others who are unwell . **Everyone is invited to join us at church this Friday night at 7.30pm.**

We will start the evening by sharing a light supper together so please bring a soup and some buns to share.

We will commence our LYW study/discussion at 8pm and then hold a special prayer session at 9.00. We are aiming to finish the evening by 9.30pm.

This is an important community building session, we are coming together to provide prayer support for our dear members who are facing serious health issues. Prayer helps us to align our will to God's will, it helps to strengthen our faith and gives us peace in times of turmoil. Prayer also brings us up to God so that His strength can sustain us.

I trust you will see the importance of this occasion and find the time in your busy lives to be part of this event. It will mean a lot to those who are in need of prayer support.

## **This Sabbath @ Epping**

This week's service at Epping will be taken by **Pastor Michael Worker**. The Elder in charge is **Henry**. The sermon continues on the theme of "Light Your World"

This week's offering is for our **Local Church Budget**.

## **Light Your World Series**

The "**Light Your World**" series continues this week. This is a 5 week program which will help you learn more about Jesus and help the church refocus on our mission. It will combine some simple daily readings with **Weekly sermons** and **Cell groups**.

**This week, all cell groups will be meeting at Epping Church at 1930, Friday evening**

Next week, Cell groups will revert back to the usual venues at:

**Ben and Jess in Castle Hill 0404 091 345**

**Rod and Elaine in Strathfield 0408 166 292**

**Henry and Belle in Woodcroft 0411 098 755**

*Please take this opportunity to enrich your Christian life!*

We encourage everyone to support the program and invite you to participate in the Cell Groups.

### **Timetable:**

20 Feb - Sermon 1

26 Feb - Cell group wk 1

27 Feb - Sermon 2

5 Mar - Cell group wk 2

6 Mar - Sermon 3

12 Mar - Cell group wk 3

13 Mar - Sermon 4

19 Mar - Cell group wk 4

20 Mar - Sermon 5 - Praise Service

26 Mar - Inspire weekend

## Last Week at Epping

Pastor Chris continued on the Light Your World series with his sermon based on the theme of "Let Your Light Shine"

A key text was Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

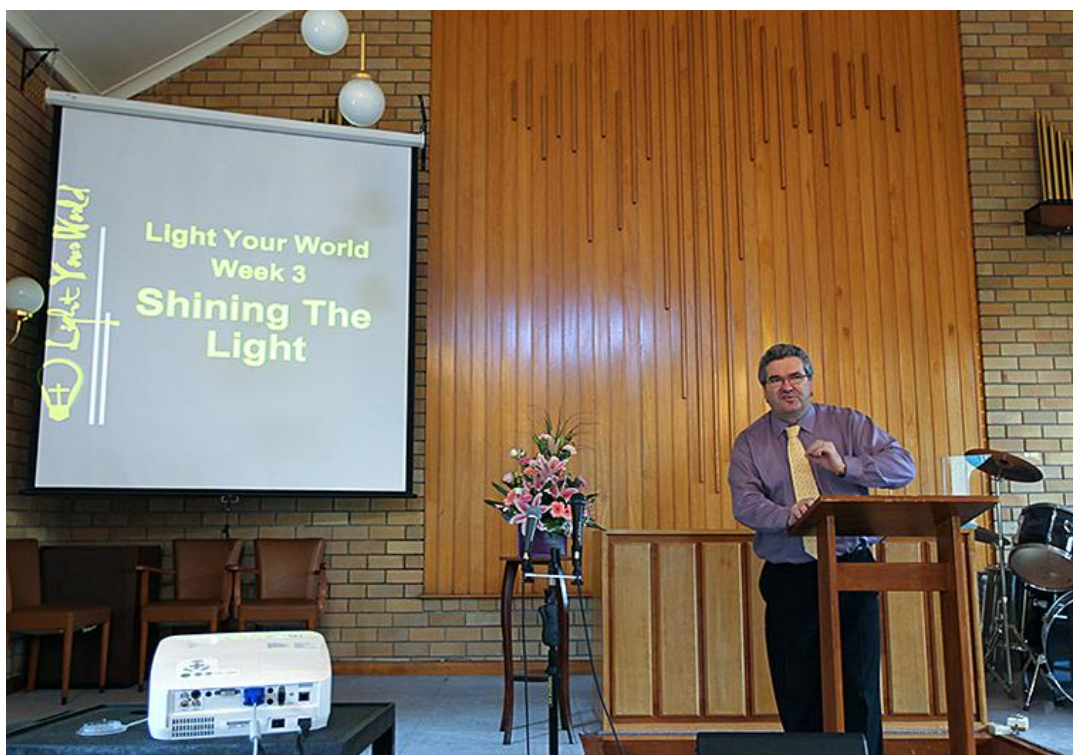
Pastor Chris posed the question "You are the salt of the earth ... You are the light of the world ... Are you?"

He went on to suggest that to be the light, we have to reflect Christ. However to reflect Christ, we first must connect with him.

Service is an essential part of being light to our world, whether it be at home, at work, at church or in the community. What would others say about you? Do you reflect Christ? Is yours a life of service?

Sitting on a Porch with your mate, under the stars in the evening, what would motivate him or her to open up to you? To seek solace, to seek friendship or to seek meaning?

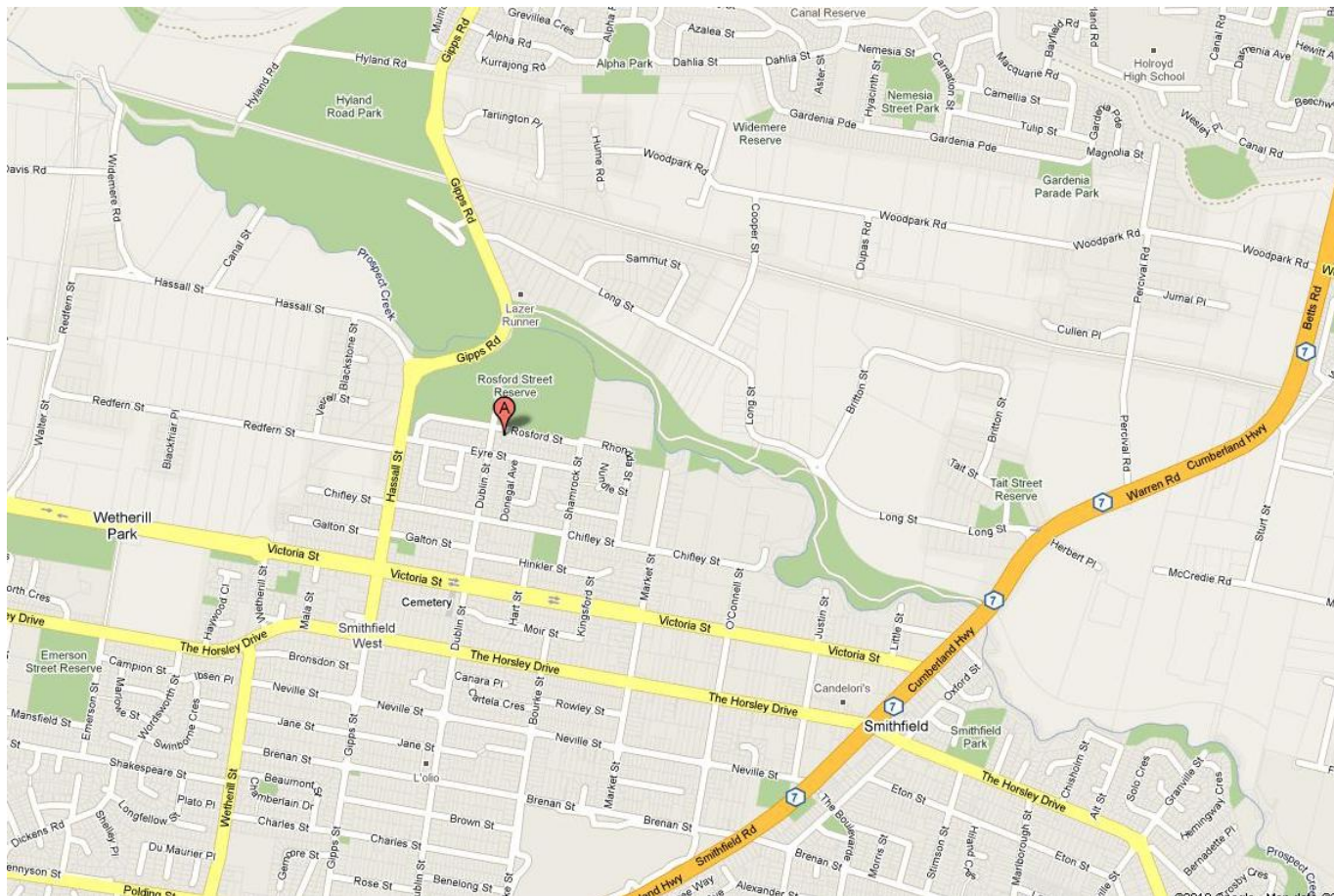
"What would Bob have seen in You?"



# Pathfinder News

## 1. Pathfinder Fair – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Due to double booking by the council the location for the Pathfinder Fair Day has been relocated. It will now be at **Rosford Street Reserve, Rosford Street, Smithfield**.



## 2. Camporee 2011

Australian Union Conference Camporee, Jan 4-9, 2011.

**The place is: Toowoomba, Queensland and it is at 700m elevation.**

The fee structure is:

Early bird \$170 (pay before 1 Sep 2010)

Regular fee \$190

Late fee \$220 (pay after 1 Dec 2010)

Anyone who is age 10 by the beginning of the camporee can attend.

For those who went to 12th Gate, you will love this one. The theme is UNDER OATH.

When the website is running, I'll let you know.

Seriously, you will regret NOT going to this camporee.



## **Inspire 2010 Growing in Discipleship – 25-28 March 2010**

From Pastor Michael Worker:

*“Worshipping, Growing in God's Word, Serving, Connecting and Sharing our faith. These are the five reasons we exist as a conference and the five reasons that you are on this planet. The process of growing in these five areas is what we call discipleship. I am excited to announce that in 2010 our conference is going to be putting a huge effort into resourcing you and your congregation for discipleship and it all starts with Inspire 2010.*”

*Inspire 2010 brings together three keynote speakers and a range of workshop presenters who God has especially gifted for communicating in the area of discipleship. The focus is both on your personal spiritual growth and on how that works together as a church to then impact Sydney. We will also be launching some exciting discipleship initiatives in our conference along with some great resources.*

*I am would love to see you at Inspire 2010. Together we'll connect in community, grow spiritually, worship God and be equipped to serve and share in inspiring ways. Please highlight this weekend on your calendar and make it a priority for your life”*

Check out the program and more details on the Inspire website:

<http://www.inspire2010.gscadventist.org.au/home/>

# Credit Card Donation Form



## Epping Mission Project

**Note:** This donation is to support the ICC Happy Valley Elementary School building project, ICC Orphanage, Philippines.

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**THANK YOU !!!**

## Prayer Requests:

<b>Sue Wood</b>	<i>Both Ken and Sue appreciate the care and support that you continue to show toward them. Please continue to remember them in your prayers</i>
<b>Bob and Nerelle McIntyre</b>	<i>Please remember Bob, Nerelle and Colleen in your prayers.</i>
<b>Harold Lin</b>	<i>Please remember Harold in your prayers</i>
<b>Margaret Long</b>	<i>Please remember Margaret in your prayers</i>
<b>Ivan Baxter</b>	<i>Please remember Ivan in your prayers.</i>

## Dates to Keep in your Diary:

<b>March 13</b>	<i>Light Your World Series Continues</i>
<b>March 21</b>	<i>Pathfinder Fair</i>
<b>March 25-28</b>	<i>Inspire 2010</i>
<b>May 1</b>	<i>Adventurer Investiture</i>
<b>May 21</b>	<i>Agape Feast</i>

## Photo of the Week

I'll be presenting some of National Geographic's Top 10 photos of 2009 over the coming weeks:



Photographer: Martin Schoeller

Hadza: December 2009

Like his ancestors, young Nija will grow up to roam the wildlands around Lake Eyasi in northern Tanzania—if outside pressures don't curtail his people's freedom first.

## Thought for the Week:

*"Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands."*

*Deuteronomy 7:9*