



Feature

2015 Annual Church Meeting

On 22 March, 193 ER members and 5 non-ER members attended the Annual Church Meeting. During the ACM, we have received the 2015 Budget of HK\$34.4 Million.

YWAM

Along with ACM, Kidzone Special Program led by Youth With A Mission, YWAM, Tuen Mun Team. About 120 children joined at 9:45am session, about 80 children at the 11:30am session.

The YWAM team so look forward to ministering to the children year after year and we love having them! This was the 3rd Special Service YWAM has led during our ACM meetings.

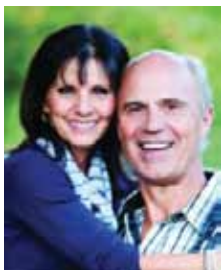
A big thank you goes out to them.

The children learnt about God's Kingdom and being a part of His Kingdom through drama, song, crafts and games.

We can't wait to have them back during the Summer when they lead our High 5 Performing Arts Camp from 13-17 July. More details to come in the coming months.

Family Ministry

4 March, Dan and Lisa met with Peter Wong (Juliana's husband) of Invitational Education to discuss how to maximize the return trip of Dr. Dave and Donalyn Currie to Hong Kong 23 November - 7 December, 2015. The Family Ministry Team is thrilled they are coming back! The Currie's days will be focused on providing staff development to the consortium of schools that make up EI. However, their evenings and weekends could be used to bless SAC. Building on the momentum from the Day Conference in January, the Curries could easily expand on either or both of their talks on Parenting and Marriage. Perhaps even a retreat. The DGS evening for Fathers was such a success (over 250 Dads turned up) that DGS is also keen to support and make the most of their visit. Stay tuned....



Music and Creative

March is another busy and exciting month for the ministry. Of course Easter preparation is still in the spotlight. Although we had less time to prepare than Christmas, many of our choir did a wonderful job to learn and practice on the music items. We've also got a skillful group of instrumentalists again to minister the church with beautiful music. Thank God that the choir, the ensemble and our conductor managed to meet twice for rehearsals in the last week of the month.

I believe it is not by chance that we come together for merely music making, but we in one as a vessel to bring praises to God. May this Easter be a life changing experience for those who come to our services, and may those who offered themselves to make our services happen be abundantly blessed by God.

Children's Ministry

For many of us it's tricky finding time to join training sessions because of hectic schedules, travels and other commitments.

But with the help of technology we are doing our first ever Webinar training. Our volunteers are doing a 7 week course in the comfort of their own homes with Dr. Bruce Wilkonson's, 7 Laws of the Learner series.

Sarina, a Kidzone volunteer, wrote: "I think the course is fantastic! Whilst I'm not a teacher nor do I have a degree in teaching, this kind of training means a lot. I have benefited from it a great deal both as a mum and Kidzone teacher. With family and work occupying most of my time this kind of E-learning provides the flexibility where I can watch it at 9:00pm and pause to tuck my girls into bed. I've watched Law #1 and have applied a couple of points already. Definitely will carry on watching the rest!"

YOUTH

We have just completed our Sunday morning series on 'Follow Jesus Through the Lens of the Persecuted Church.' It has been an exciting series with great Bible teaching, prayer activities, live testimonies, videos and more. After Easter we will start a new series called 'Just Like James' where the youth will study what God teaches us from the book of James.

Mission

English Prison Ministry Team received some great news from the inmates that some of them were able to go home after the court ruling. Although some inmates left the prison, but there were always new people joining the fellowship. Please continue to pray for our PM teams and that they can be effective in sharing the gospel and God's teaching with the inmates.

Pastoral

We are in the process of finalising arrangements for St Andrew's to host a branch of the St. John's Counselling Service in the Old Vicarage Pastoral Centre. Promotion of this autumn's Stephen Ministry Training Course will begin soon.

HOME4U

Sad to bid farewell to the sisters in the group, Christina moved to Malaysia and Apsara going home for good in Sri Lanka. We are grateful of their friendship and it is nice that we prayed for them before they left Hong Kong.



Donations Welcome

St Andrew's Church depends solely on the sacrificial giving of its members for its daily upkeep and the running of its ministries. Please consider giving regularly to the General Fund by placing a standing order with your bank and joining the *Planned Christian Giving* scheme.

By providing the church with a steady source of income, you will help St Andrew's to make plans and budget accordingly. More information can be obtained from the website or by calling the church office. Brochures are available at the Hub.