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MINITORIAL

Some years ago I stood on the shores of Gallipoli and looked up into the rugged hills that rose rapidly from the beach. I shook my head as I imagined the slaughter that took place here at the landing site in such forbidding and exposed conditions that gave the few Turkish troops on the summit a huge tactical advantage. In the weeks that followed the ANZACS gave it their best shot (no pun intended) and, even though they retreated in defeat some 8 months later, our national identity and reputation were formed.

Walking among the grave stones of hundreds of dead diggers was a moving experience as I read the ages of many of those young boys and the inscriptions left by heartbroken families. One familiar statement was "He gave his life that others may live" and my mind goes to Jesus giving His life in our place. On ANZAC Day we are reminded of sacrifice, and heaven made the greatest sacrifice of all in sending Jesus to pay the ultimate price.

50 years on, surviving Anzacs and Turks had a reunion at Gallipoli. This statue in the photograph was made from a picture taken at that reunion. An old Turkish soldier holds the hand of his granddaughter as they await the arrival of the Anzacs. In the girl's hand is a bunch of flowers for their former enemy. It is beautiful to see how two former enemies now have such a close bond. Thanks to the life Jesus laid down for each of us, we now have a close bond with God, as Paul reminds us:

"For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God" (Rom 5:10,11).

Now that is worth remembering, and celebrating!



Darren Slade
President
Northern Australian Conference

INTERVIEW WITH OUR NAC MINISTERS

How is COVID19 impacting you?

It has changed my routine so much in terms of my work and my physical exercise. It has restricted my movements, personal bible studies, prayer meetings, sabbath services and my gym sessions. On the other hand it has opened up a lot of new opportunities to do ministry with the people and not for the people. Even though physical distancing is enforced, social distancing takes on a new perspective as video and voice conferencing reach another new height of frequent usage. Thanks to modern technology and the COVID19 pandemic which helps us to use this platform to reach out to people in their homes. There is more to gain from this experience that I wouldn't have realised and part of it is to know that church is not a building but we are a church.

What are you and your family doing differently?

We are spending more time and doing more work together as a family now than before. We are spending more time in studying the bible together, praying and fasting together, training and gardening together, praising and worshipping together. Sabbath is very relaxing and so uplifting as we don't have to cook or travel for church. Some of the new things that we have implemented in this season of lockdown, by God's grace, will be our new normal when we return to normalcy.

What do you miss?

I miss visiting people, home bible studies, face-to-face interaction, Big Camp and my gym sessions.

Is there a Bible verse that helps you?

Give your worries to the Lord, and he will take care of you.
He will never let good people down.
Psalms 55:22



Esava Koro
Minister
Northern Australian Conference

HELLO!

I'm here to help if you need!

My name is

I live locally at

My phone number is

If you need assistance due to COVID-19 I can help with:

☐ Picking up shopping

☐ Running errands

☐ A friendly phone call

☐ Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

I'm part of the

Church community



AUSTRALIA WIDE ONLINE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN



DIGITAL BIBLE WORKER TRAINING • ONLINE TRAINING FOR PASTORS & CHURCH MEMBERS TO ASSIST IN GUIDING CONTACTS THROUGH EACH PROGRESSION

MAY 1-4
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
SUNDAY
& MONDAY

PREDICTIONS OF HOPE: BEYOND CORONA

PRESENTED BY GARY WEBSTER &
ROBBIE BERGHAN

This series will be a bridging program that will connect better with a secular Australian audience.

Contacts will be encouraged to sign up for the upcoming Revelation Today Series.

MAY 8- JUNE 6
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
TUESDAY
& WEDNESDAY

'REVELATION TODAY' HOPE AWAKENS

PRESENTED BY JON BRADSHAW

This series will consist of 20 presentations over 4 weeks that will appeal to an international audience and be available in multiple timezones across Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Contacts will be encouraged to sign up for a ZOOM Masterclass.

JUNE - AUGUST
MULTIPLE SESSIONS PER
WEEK AT VARIOUS TIMES

ZOOM MASTERCLASSES PRESENTED BY LOCAL CHURCH PASTORS

This is the final bridging step to a local Church. Pastors & evangelists can run Secret's of Prophecy and other courses at various times throughout the day.

Contacts will be connected to their closest Church according to postcode.

Contacts that register through the landing page of 'Revelation Today' and the 'Prophetica' Style program will be connected with Pastors and local Church members (who have completed the virtual Bible worker training) who will walk them through each stage.



DIGITAL BIBLE WORKERS/PASTORS WILL CONNECT WITH CONTACTS VIA EMAIL AND PHONE AT EACH STEP AND CONNECT CONTACTS WITH THEIR LOCAL CHURCH

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CORNER

Have some fun in the kitchen this week. Enjoy using fruit and vegetables (with Dad and Mum's permission) to create your own masterpieces. Read the story of Daniel Chapter 1, this week to find out more about fruit and vegetables. Check out the 3ABN Kids Tiny Tot Kitchen – 'Fruit in a Cloud' episode on YouTube.

Memory Gem: "Please test your servants for ten days and let us be given some vegetables to eat and water to drink." Daniel 1:12



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EMERGENCY NOTICE

If you're unable to speak to the Triple Zero (000) operator you can still receive emergency help if it is not safe to speak, or you cannot speak.

When a 000 caller doesn't respond to the operator's question 'Emergency. Police? Fire? Ambulance?' the call is transferred to an interactive voice response (IVR). The IVR asks you to press '55' if you require emergency help. If you don't press '55' after being asked three times, your call will be disconnected. If you press '55' you will be connected to the police. If you are still unable to speak, the police will attempt to call you back and might also send a patrol car to your address. Police will use the address for the service (which would usually be either your home or billing address). This means it is important to make sure that your telco has the most up-to-date address details for your phone services.



eGiving Step by Step Guide.

Use the eGiving App to securely return tithes and offerings.

Did you know that you can return tithe, give offerings and make charitable contributions where ever you are?



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USERS

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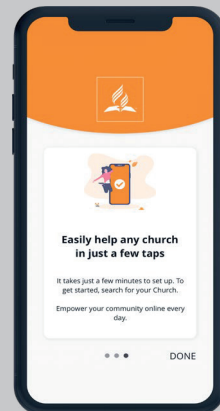
Search “eGiving” in the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android).

Once downloaded, open the eGiving app.



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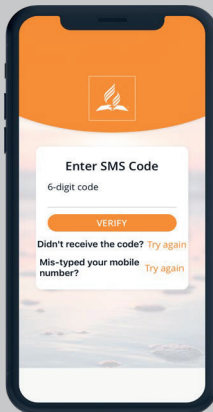
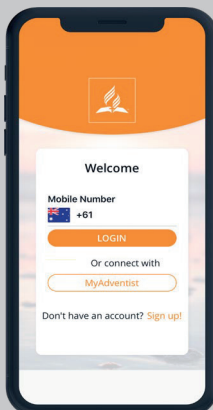
Tap “NEXT” to move through the introductory slides, reading the information as you go, then tap “DONE”.



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Sign-up Instructions

1. At the welcome screen, tap the flag and select your country. Then enter your mobile number and tap “LOGIN”.
2. You'll be sent a code via SMS (text message). Enter the code and tap “VERIFY”.
3. Then enter your email address and tap “CONFIRM” and enter your name details. Tap “OK” to dismiss the message on your screen.
4. You'll be sent an email with another verification code. Open your email, note the code and type it into the app and tap “VERIFY”.
5. Next, choose your preferred security method and tap “OK”.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

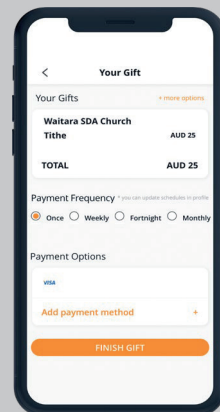
eGiving uses your location to help find your local church. A window will pop up asking you to choose your preferred privacy settings.

Simply select the option you are most comfortable with. If you can't find your local church, tap the search bar at the top of the screen, enter the name of your church, and tap the search button.

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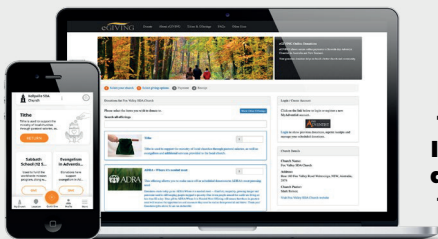
Returning Tithes & Offerings

1. To return tithe, press the orange RETURN button, then tap the line underneath “Amount & Payment Options”. Enter your amount, tap outside the box, and tap “CONFIRM GIFT”.
2. To also give offerings, tap “more options” at the top right hands side of your screen. Swipe down the list until you find the offering of your choice and select it. As before, enter your amount and press “CONFIRM GIFT”.
3. Select your payment frequency.
4. Under payment options, add a payment method.
5. Fill out your details then tap “ADD CARD”. Tap outside of the box to dismiss the message, then select the card.
6. Review the transaction details and when you are ready, tap “FINISH GIFT”.
7. Next, a confirmation screen will confirm that your contributions has been completed.



HAVE YOU TRIED USING THE EGIVING WEBSITE?

This website is linked to your local church bank account and deposits tithe and offerings to that account within 48 hours.



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**Australia: www.egiving.org.au
New Zealand: www.egiving.org.nz**

HELPFUL TIP!

Check your email inbox. The receipt should be available shortly after giving. It's useful to download and save the receipt for your own records.



ADVENTIST CHURCH in Northern Australia