



# ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

## EEC Newsletter

May 2025

### In the Storm of Life

Ever been in the situation where you know your love for God is strong and you are longing to serve God and do His will, then you hit a storm in your life. Is it normal for Christians to face storms in their lives? Yes, and these may result from our own actions or come out of the blue to us not of our doing. The big question is how do we react in those situations?

Even Jesus disciples encountered troubles. Jesus has just fed the 5,000 and they would have been on a spiritual high having witnessed Jesus working a miracle. *Matthew 14:22 "Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowd."* The disciples were obedient and got into the boat to cross the sea. Unknown to them, Jesus had just sent them off into a storm while He went up the mountain to pray for them, for the test they were about to undergo. They were to learn how to identify Jesus in the storm. They could see Jesus in His work of miracles, healing, forgiving sins, bring salvation, providing, His power over Satan, but when the storm hit and they felt alone, where was Jesus? The boat was tossing about in strong winds, and they were depending on their own ability to get themselves out of the storm and it did not look good for them. Just before dawn Jesus walked on the water to them. In the disciples fear they thought they saw a ghost because they were not expecting to see Jesus. Jesus spoke and told them to have courage and not be afraid. Only when Jesus was in the boat with them, did the disciples see Him for who He is and worship Him saying "Truly you are the Son of God".

When we are in the darkest storms of our lives we could also be in danger of seeing a ghost and not recognising Jesus, if we are not expecting Him to be with us. In the storm we cannot rely on our own strength and must look to Jesus and trust and rest in His power and take shelter under His wing until the trouble passes. Jesus is with us in the storm, we are not alone and He will bring us safely through it. *Hebrews 13:5 "For God has said "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."* God is not remote but close to us. *Psalms 139:5 "You hem me in from behind and before; You lay Your hand upon me"*



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### Verse of the Month

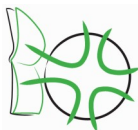
"Keep me  
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apple of Your  
eye;  
hide me in the  
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wings"

**Psalms 17:8  
(AMP)**

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Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

			1	2	3	4 Prayer 9.45 10:30am Alan
5 No Ladies BS Bank Holiday	6 Prayer and Praise 19:30	7	8	9	10	11 Prayer 9.45 10:30am Shane. Genesis 12:30
12 Ladies Prayer 10:00 - 12:00 am	13 Bible Study 19:30 Shane - Isaiah	14 Kindred Group 14:30 - 16:00	15	16	17 Praise Event Holy Family School 1pm-8pm	18 Prayer 9.45 Service 10:30am Mossy
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## People / Events News

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

**John 11:25-26  
NIV**



Avril giving her testimony (left). Children receiving Easter eggs (right). Easter songs by Genesis Group and Bondar family (below).



## Quote

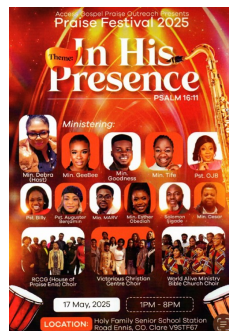
"A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me."

**Andrew Murray**

## Praise & Prayer

**This month, please pray for**

- † Regina and Robbie travelling to Japan to visit Leo.
- † Praise Festival 2025 held on the 17th May at the Holy Family Senior School, Station Road Ennis from 1pm to 8pm.



As the church we are very thankful to Mykola Bondar for presenting the magnificent painting he has done for the church, which is now hanging in the entrance hall.



## Tell Us About it!

If you've got some news make sure you tell us about it!

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## ENNIS EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Know Jesus-Make Him Known

This church is a New Testament community of faith. Our teaching and practices are based on the Bible. We seek to serve our local community, reaching out with the love, hope and salvation found through faith in Jesus only.

## Pastoral Team

Barry Pavitt  
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Shane Angland

