



*Thank you Les for this week's photo.*

## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

On Monday this week we celebrated ANZAC Day. I had the privilege of once again helping the RSL take their local services. It is a simple opportunity for us as a church to support an important community organisation, to help our community celebrate the brave men and women who have fought and died for our nation, to pray for peace in our world, and to give thanks to God our help in ages past, and our hope for eternity to come.

Blessings, David Gilchrist

### 9.30am Service This Week:

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 9.30am**

This week we welcome Ulrich Jaeger from the Gideon's. There will be an opportunity for you to give a small donation for the Gideons to purchase Bibles to give away. Rick Keuning will be leading us in communion.

<https://youtu.be/pfDUHyEKsgg>

**Song Playlist:** The songs we are singing this Sunday:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDAa9SEvIGqAs4sKhIPRXtuLL6AAkV2IT>

**4pm Family Service with SHOUT!!**

Recommences this Sunday 1 May 2022. Come early from 3.30pm for kids games, hot chocolate and good coffee.

### Giving:

As Christians, we believe it is especially important that we give financially to support God's church. You may give your weekly offering using the following methods:

**1). Through direct electronic transfer.** You can do this using online banking or ask your bank teller to set up an electronic transfer for you.

**2). Deposit your offering directly into the church account** at any branch of the Westpac Bank.

**Our account details are:**

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church

BSB Number: 032 527

Account Number: 350 062

**3). Use the Red Box at the back of the church auditorium BEFORE our 9.30am Worship Service.**

### Zoom Prayer Group:

Tuesdays 10am. See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## May Is Mission Month and May Mission Appeal:

During May, Baptist Mission Australia spends a month especially promoting mission. As a church we also especially focus on mission through May. Each week from 8 May until the first week of June our mission committee will be presenting our Mission partners who we support, and we as a church will especially be praying for them. **During May is also an opportunity for you to give generously to mission.** We have not had our big May Mission Fete since the start of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and instead we are asking you to give generously to a special mission appeal. This is an opportunity for you to give above and beyond what you would normally give to the church. Think and pray about how you might save up or set aside some money in May to give to this appeal. You can give to our mission appeal electronically by marking your gift May Mission or you can place it in an envelope marked May Mission and place it in the Red Box at the back of the church.

## LIFT LUNCH

All ladies welcome to come to lunch at *Everglades*, Woy Woy at 12.30pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## Ministry Opportunity:

Ministry Of Leftovers is in need of a volunteer for Thursday mornings 9am-to 12 noon, to help serve customers in our free Café, and to help serve the men from the Men's Shed. Contact Caroline 0427 309 399 if you are able to help.

## An Outreach activity .....

An invitation has been received from the Leaders of the Gin Gin Baptist Church in Queensland for our church to run an outreach activity in their church during the lady week of July this year. The Elders have endorsed the concept and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would be interested in serving in the way. They are a small Baptist church in the middle of a farming community and have no pastor at the moment. You don't need to be an experienced speaker or prayer person, just be someone who wants to share the love of Jesus and encourage Christians in a struggling church.

**You will have an exciting opportunity to attend or help run some outreach in a farming community. Eg;**

- 1). Attend or share at a men's breakfast, prayer meeting or coffee morning
- 2). Attend a special outreach activity for women, such as a cooking demonstration afternoon tea, bible study or coffee time
- 3). Attend their worship service on Sunday and maybe share a testimony, etc.

For more information contact Heather 0419297496.



## Divorce Care Support Group:

Divorce Care is a 13 week seminar/support group that will help you heal from the hurt. It's a warm caring environment led by people who understand what you are going through. Gain hope for your future!" Interested? You can find more details and register online at <https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/146535> or speak with Ben or Natasha.

## Pastor's Leave:

I am on holidays this week, but will be back in the Church office Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Blessings, David Gilchrist