



*"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge".
Thank you, Denise, for today's photo.*

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 16th November 2023

9.30am Service This Sunday 19th November:

This Sunday we will be continuing our series on Resolving Everyday Conflict, reflecting on Paul's letter to Philemon.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/Wlh3GKkYfSw?feature=share>

After the 9.30am service we have an opportunity for prayer or praise at the front of the church. Come to the stage after the service. Jessie and Graham and others would love to pray with you.

Alternatively please ask for prayer by leaving a request on our website, or use the cards on the Welcome Table. <https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/contact/>

4pm Service: SHOUT!!

Join us from 3.30pm for activities and refreshments, and our service from 3.30pm.

Christmas Services:

Sunday 17 December, 5pm - Families Nativity Service

Sunday 17 December, 6pm - BBQ Dinner and Children's games

Sunday 17 December, 7.30pm – Carols in the church auditorium with a visit from Father Christmas.

Sunday 24 December, 9.30am – Christmas Eve Service

Monday 25 December, 9.30am – Christmas Day Service

Name Labels – Please Help Us All Learn Each Others Name:

To help us learn everyone's names we are wearing name labels in the 9.30am service.

When you arrive for the service, there are labels at the entrance to the auditorium. Please write your first name on a label and wear it so other people can learn your name.

Do you have a name badge? You are very welcome to wear your name badge if you prefer.

Your Worship Feedback Is Requested and Welcome:

We are currently considering worship songs to sing in our services next year, and we would value your feedback. Please reply to this newsletter, or email Joey Arrua directly with your thoughts and feedback:

- 1). Are there any worship songs we sing, or have sung, that other people in our church, or visitors to our church, might enjoy or find helpful in 2024?
- 2). Are there any worship songs we currently sing, or have sung, that you would like to sing in 2024?
- 3). Are there any Christian songs that our church should learn?
- 4). Do you have any other ideas we could try in our worship services?

Please clearly add your name and a contact email address or phone number to your email.

All reply's will be forwarded to Joey Arrua, or email him directly at: josepharrua@gmail.com

LIFT Christmas Lunch:

Our Christmas celebration lunch will be at Yi An Chinese restaurant in Woy Woy, on Friday 1st December at 12.30pm.

Contact: Marion 0401 344 814

Men's Christmas Dinner:

Our Christmas celebration dinner will be held at Yi An Chinese restaurant in Woy Woy, on Saturday 2nd December at 6pm. (\$30 banquet). Contact Ian Makepeace or Graham Checkley.

Greetings from BJ David:

We received a letter this week from BJ David, our mission partner in India:

The Most Respected Pastor, Rev David Gilchrist, and the blessed members of Ettalong Baptist Church.

Many greetings to you in the most loving name of our dear Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On 12th September I went to the Bible House here in this city and bought:

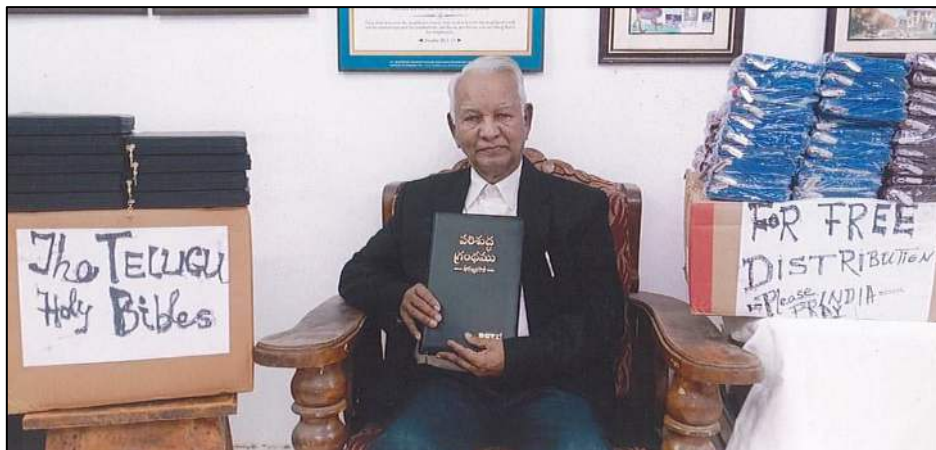
- 10 Telugu Bibles of large size
- 10 Telugu Bibles of normal size
- 24 Telegu Bibles of good binding

These Bibles are for my ministry of free distribution to the poor. Mostly village families. Kindly pray for my free Bible distribution ministry here in this part of India.

Ettalong Baptist Church has been a great source of love and support to me from the year 1987-1988, when I had the privilege to visit you all. I never can forget the love this church has been showing to me in the name of our dear Saviour and God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for me in the Ettalong Baptist Church. May the Lord Jesus bless you abundantly.

B J David



Newsletter From the Webb's:

Attached to this newsletter is a newsletter from Clint and Ros Webb. Please pray for them as they prepare to return to Lebanon. Pray for their neighbours and friends in Lebanon.

Men needed to serve at the Women's Gingerbread House Making Night – Monday, 4 December 2023:

Please contact Margy and let her know you can help. Phone: 0447 431 234.

Advanced Notice – January Craft Preparation Day:

This January we are again holding a craft preparation day for the Spring Fair. Saturday 13th of January 2024, 9am to 2pm in the Downstairs Hall. See Heather for details or to register interest. All materials etc. is supplied and morning Tea and lunch are provided. All welcome.

Old Greeting Cards Needed:

Maria Janos is recycling old greeting cards into new cards. Please donate your used greeting cards. You can leave them in the container on the cupboard in the church foyer.

Pensioner Postage Stamp Donations:

The cost of postage is quite expensive. A number of pensioners in the church are able to buy Concession Stamps. With a free Australia Post Concession account, pensioners pay just 60c per stamp, instead of \$1.20. You can buy up to 50 stamps per year, in booklets of 5 for \$3.

Click here to find out more (or ask at your post office): <https://auspost.com.au/sending/stamps/concession-stamps>

If you receive this newsletter or cards from the church office by mail, and you have spare concession stamps you can donate to help defer the costs of postage, it would be much appreciated. Your gift of concession stamps can be given to the Reception Office at any time.

Skills For Life Christmas Lights Fundraiser:

Skills For Life raises support for Mango Tree Academy in Kissi, Kenya.

Tuesday 19th December, 6pm

Christmas Lights and Decorations Tour.

Includes delicious sausage sizzle.

Limit 20 people on the bus.

\$30 per person, which covers bus hire and fuel.

Contact Les on 0412 866 513

Sunday Morning Prayer Group 8.45am to 9.15am:

A small group of people meet to pray each Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the back of the Downstairs Hall. They would love you to join them and to pray particularly for our worship services.

Zoom Prayer Groups:

Tuesday morning at 10am and Tuesday evening at 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist, or Elder—Jane Keuning

Find important Church Documents on our Website Documents page:

If you haven't already go to our documents page on our website at: [Ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au / documents](http://Ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/documents)
You can download and print documents, or simply read and fill in documents online!

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If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter by email, please reply to this email with the word UNSUBSCRIBE and we will remove you from this email list.

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 using the bank details below.

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 box at the main entrance door to the auditorium for cash or cheques.