



Thank you Jane Keuning for this weeks photo.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 7th December 2023

New Email Address and Newsletter Editor:

Lynette Tilden has commenced in our Church Office and will be taking over as editor of the weekly newsletter. Wendy Creamer will continue to assist Lynette with the proof reading and distribution of the newsletter. Thank you to Wendy and Lyn for keeping the church informed through the newsletter.

If you have an item for the newsletter you can email Lyn directly at office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

If you want to be added or removed from the email list please email Lynette at office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

9.30am Service This Sunday 10th December:

This Sunday we will be concluding our series on Resolving Everyday Conflict, looking at the topic, "The Healing Choice To Forgive," reading from Matthew 5:21-26.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/4-o7zQ0M7PM?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. Heather and Jane 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 4pm. We are thinking together about Christmas. We will be playing water games so prepared to get wet!!!

Christmas Services:

See attached flyer. Printed flyers available to give your family, neighbours and friends.

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 – Carol Service

Monday 25 December, 9.30am – Christmas Day Service

Christmas Hampers:

Please place your gifts for hampers on the table at the back of the church auditorium **BY THIS SUNDAY, 10th December.**

Please give generously. We need Christmas food and gifts and general grocery items. Please bring in gifts of non perishable food, new toys or other gifts to place under the Christmas tree for the hampers or consider making a financial donation towards the cost of the hampers. See David Gilchrist.

Alternatively you can give money which we can use to purchase goods for the hampers. Please **DO NOT** place second hand items under the tree.

Please nominate people for hampers by this Sunday. There is a form attached to this newsletter that you can do this with.

Wednesday 13 December:

11am Assembling Hampers. (Please note the change of time) We need some volunteers to help assemble hampers. Please let David Gilchrist know if you can assist.

Once the hampers are assembled you can deliver the hampers to the people you nominated.

Morning Tea Roster:

A new morning tea roster for Sunday mornings will be prepared soon. If you are able to be included on the roster please contact Beth Wykes. Also if you have dates that you would like to avoid please let Beth know. Beth's phone number is 0431 749 743.

Your availability is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Gingerbread House Making night

A big thank you to everyone in our church family. For those who prayed, gave supper food, decorated the hall, set up that morning, and came and helped that night. The biggest shout out however goes to Ian and his helpers who were working in the sweat box, also known as the kitchen, who cooked and cleaned and restored the hall after all our participants left. All our guests had a wonderful time and Jane even said it was our best Gingerbread House Making night yet! God truly blessed us all. Margy

New Years Eve Fun and Fundraiser:

New Years Eve, 7pm we are holding a buffet dinner and a video movie night in the downstairs hall. Dinner and Movie \$20 each. All money received will go to help Nat make it to 2024 Walking in the footsteps of Paul tour.

Please let Heather Crawford know for catering purposes that you will be joining us.

"Walking in the Footsteps of Paul".

Elaine Halliday has kindly offered for those going on the Footsteps Of Paul Tour, to join her in the community room of her villa complex for afternoon tea at 2.30pm on Monday 8th January 2024. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know each other, for David and Heather to talk about final arrangements etc. Please rsvp to Heather (ph 0419297496) who will give you the address. Thank you.

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.

Please let Heather Crawford know that you are interested in helping.

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.

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

Woy Woy PWA (Presbyterian Ladies Association) Christmas Carols & Lunch:

The Woy Woy PWA warmly invite you to their Christmas Carol Service and lunch, Tuesday 12th of December, 10.15am at St David's Presbyterian Church, Woy Woy. A donation will be accepted to help support PWA ministry and mission. Please RSVP by Saturday 2nd December by phoning Sue Briggs

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.

Giving:

As Christians, we believe it is especially important that we give financially to support God's church. Prayerfully consider and budget what God would have you give.

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.

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.

Thank you

To those who have contributed pensioner priced stamps for sending out Newsletter via mail.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
CHRISTMAS
at **SEASON**
ettalong
baptist church

17TH DECEMBER CAROLS



Family Nativity
 A casual, interactive
 experience for *all ages*

TIME **5 PM**



Community BBQ
 Food & entertainment,
 all welcome

TIME **6 PM**



Community Carols
 Join us to sing &
 celebrate (...& see Santa!)

TIME **7:30 PM**

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Christmas Eve
 Our Sunday Service, with
 extra Christmas flair!

DATE **24/12**

TIME **9:30 AM**

Christmas Day
 Our service celebrating the
 birth of Jesus

DATE **25/12**

TIME **9:30 AM**

JOIN US AT
8 Barrenjoey Road
Ettalong Beach NSW 2257
"the church on the roundabout"