



*Thanks, Janine Arrua, for Photo of Moon*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 28 March 2024:**

### **From Pastor David: A Compelling Message:**

Do you ever have bad days? Paul did. He describes some of them in his second letter to the Corinthians, “Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers.” (2 Corinthians 11:25–26 NIV)

But Paul wasn’t complaining. He was compelled to face all that because of Christ’s love for us. Paul stated, “Christ’s love compels us.”

At Easter we remember Christ loved us so much he was willing to die for us. But we also remember he is alive! Easter is a celebration of His resurrection: God brought Jesus back from the dead, proving he's broken the power of sin and death. He died to give us life!

Easter is not some memorial to a nice, good religious teacher who lived 2,000 years ago. It's a celebration of the fact that He is alive today. I'm living proof—and so are approximately 1 billion Christians who celebrate Easter. Jesus "was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 1:4).

And that’s truly compelling.

Pastor David

### **Good Friday 29th March @ 9.30am: Christ’s Compelling Love: A Love for All**

David will be preaching from 2 Corinthians’ 5:1 – 21, and especially verse 14. Includes communion.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/live/6PDJsUIb-bc?feature=share>

### **This Sunday @ 9.30am: A Love that changes the world.:**

David will be preaching from 2 Corinthians’ 5:1 - 21 and especially verse 17. After the 9.30am service is an opportunity for prayer at the front of the church with Jean, Merryll, and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:

<https://youtube.com/live/dbjNOBvqs0Y?feature=share>

## Sunday @ 4pm: SHOUT!!: Easter Hunt for the children.:

Join us from 3.30pm for coffee, refreshments, and activities for the kids. Today we will be learning about the true meaning of Easter and why we give eggs.



## Good Friday Offering:

An offering will be taken up on Good Friday for Crossover Australia. Crossover assists Baptist churches to creatively share the good news of Jesus in their communities.

**Give to this offering:**

**Give via Credit Card or Direct Debit:** Visit [crossover.org.au/give](http://crossover.org.au/give). When asked for the name of your church/organisation use **ETTALONG**.

**Give via Bank Transfer:** **Account Name:** The Baptist Union of Australia, BSB: 704 922, Account Number 100 008 872.  
**Reference:** CO ETTALONG.

Give cash or cheque: On Good Friday place your Cash or Cheque in the collection box at the main entrance door of the church auditorium.

## Easter Readings at The End of This Newsletter.:

At the end of this newsletter are Easter readings for each day. This Easter, take the time to reread the account of Jesus last week, his death and resurrection.

## Tuggerah Lakes Choral Society presents, He Lives! By Joe. E. Parks

Friday 29 March (Good Friday) 2.00pm Green Point Baptist Church 386 Avoca Dr, Green Point

## Ministry of Leftovers Closed over Easter, until 8th April:

Our upstairs market (Ministry of Leftovers), will be closed for Easter and the following week, reopening on 8th April. Thank you for your continued support. Caroline.

## Would you like to join the Worship Team?

Expressions of interest to join our Worship team, please contact Joseph on 0432 838 765

## LIFT Lunch Friday 5th April at 12.30pm:

All ladies are welcome to join us for a delicious meal and fellowship together at Yi An Chinese Restaurant in Woy Woy. Please contact: Marion to RSVP as soon as possible. 0401344814

## Welcome Lunch: Sunday 7th April:

In the Downstairs Hall. A great opportunity for new people to get to know our church family.

Twice a year the Church Fellowship joins together to share a meal and to welcome anyone who has recently started worshipping with us. If you are a Ministry Partner, there is a list in the church foyer for you to write down if you are able to contribute to the meal. Sheila Hooper. 0414 790 691

## EBC Maintenance Day: Saturday 13th April:

Thank you those of you who have already done your tasks. But we still have plenty of jobs that still need people to do them, please talk with Geoff so that you are prepared with the right equipment.

Does anyone have access to a good gerni, so that the outside of the buildings can be cleaned? I am sure we can find an operator if you are unable. We must also clean and disinfect the air conditioner filters and still need people to do that. The list goes on so please discuss what you can do. **On Sunday 7th April we have to do a head count** of hungry mouths for the following Saturday. Geoff 0405 020 649

## Trivia night, & Auction on Saturday 13th April 5:30pm.

Skills for Life are having a fund-raising night and would love you to come along. Date has been put back one week from advertising in the last newsletter Contact Les Baker for details.

## Men's breakfast 8am 20th April at BBF Café Woy Woy.

Please advise Graham Checkley 0403 520 278 or Ian Makepeace (Ph:0411 012 125) if you are attending.

## Ferry from Woy Woy to Davistown for lunch in May:

Skills for Life Fundraiser would love you all to join us! Catching ferry from Woy Woy to Davistown for lunch at RSL Club. This event will be held on a Tuesday or Thursday in May and will cost approximately \$60. Minimum booking of 25 people and two weeks' notice must be given. Please contact Les Baker for more information: 0412866513.

## High Tea at Ollie & Co:

Skills for Life are organising a fund-raiser at Ollie & Co Erina (at Norman Harvey carpark), cost \$35.00 per person. If you would like to attend, please contact Les Baker. 2 weeks' notice will be required to make booking for numbers. Thanks Les.



### A Great Morning at The Women's Breakfast:

Thank you to all the woman who joined us for breakfast last Saturday at Dailey's Kitchen. We all had a wonderful morning.

### Used greeting cards needed:

We are needing more cards donated. Could you please leave them in tray in Church foyer or get in touch with Maria Janos on 0404 009 300. Thank you.

### Bible Study at Peninsula Village, Volunteers Needed:

At present, Sheila and Heather lead the group on the first & third Wednesday of each month, 2pm-2:45pm. Both Sheila and Heather will be away in June and are asking for 1-2 people from the Church to fill in for them whilst they are away. The Village require volunteers to complete paperwork and have Police Record Check (The Village pay for this. Study material is available. Please contact Sheila Hooper.

### Christmas boxes needed for Samaritan's Purse

Large Shoe Boxes. Heather and Beth would like to acquire some larger than normal size shoe boxes for the Spring Fair, for sale of the Christmas boxes for Samaritan's Purse. If you have them at home now, or if you purchase boots or large runners this year, please keep and give these boxes to Heather or Beth.

### Spring Fair Preparation.

Spring Fair Plants. Autumn is here and it's time to trim up those plants, bushes in the garden, and divide and repot. Don't forget cuttings can be struck from those trimmings, ready for the Spring Fair!

If you need any help with pots or potting mix, just contact Joy on 0417443372, and/ cuttings into water and bring to Church and Joy will strike them.

Thank you for your support. Joy

### Yamaha Grand Piano to Be Gifted:

We received an email with this message last week. - "I am looking to give away my late husband's Yamaha grand piano to a passionate instrument lover, Organization, music department, individual, Church Or local schools in needs. Please kindly let me know if you will take it or have someone who will care for it."

### Advanced Notice - Skills for Life BBQ 20th July 12noon:

BYO BBQ lunch at Lions Park Woy Woy 12noon, 20th July, cost donation.

## Zoom Prayer Groups:

**Tuesday morning group 10am**

**Tuesday evening group 7pm.**

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## 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. You are welcome to join them.

## 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.

## Find important Church Documents on our Website Documents page:

You can download and print documents, or simply read and fill in documents online!

<https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/documents/>

## Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone 0448 431 234) or Elder—Jane Keuning (phone 0425 263 763)

## Note From the Office Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send any notices to this email address

[office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto:office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au) Blessings. David & Lynette.

## Photos For the Newsletter:

Do you have any photos you would like to share in the newsletter? Many of our readers (including me) love photos, and we enjoy seeing the photo at the top of the newsletter each week. If you have photos you would like to share for the newsletter, please email them or give them to Lynette Tilden for sharing in the newsletter.

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## Easter Readings for Each Day:

Take the time to read a portion of the account of Easter each day.

Palm Sunday, 1 April	Here Comes Your King	Matthew 21:1-11
Monday, 2 April	At The Temple	Matthew 21:12-17
Tuesday, 3 April	Jesus' Anointing	Mark 14:1-9
Wednesday, 4 April	Lords Supper	Mark 14:12-26
Maundy Thursday, 5 April	Betrayal & Denial	Mark 14:27-51 & 66-72
Good Friday, 6 April	Crucifixion & Death	Mark 15:21-41
Saturday, 7 April	The Burial	Mark 15:42-46
Easter Sunday, 8 April	The Resurrection	Mark 16:1-8
Easter Monday, 9 April	The Road to Emmaus	Luke 24:13-25
Tuesday, 10 April	Overcoming Doubt	John 20:19-29
Wednesday, 11 April	Forgiven & A New Start	John 21:1-19
Thursday, 12 April	The Ascension	Acts 1:1-11
Friday, 13 April	God's Gift of His Spirit	Acts 2:1-42

Easter Blessings to you and your families from Ettalong Baptist Church.

