



*Thanks, Jane Keuning., for photo of 'The Lamb of God'.*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 18 April 2024:**

### **From Pastor David... In the Footsteps of Paul:**

As I write this Australia is still reeling from the most evil act that took place at Bondi Junction. A man who was sick with schizophrenia was out of his mind. He took a large knife and went on a cutting spree through Bondi Junction, stabbing 18 people, six of them fatally. On Monday night Bishop Mar Mari Emmanuel of the Assyrian Orthodox Christ the Good Shepherd Church was stabbed while preaching an online sermon in a terrorist act by a 16-year-old boy. Early on Sunday morning Iran attacked Israel with over 300 drone missiles. Israel's military chief says it will respond to Iran's unprecedented attack on Israel while Iran warns if they do there will be a fierce and severe response.

These incidents have left many of us shocked and appalled. But it's not only newsworthy tragic events that have happened this week. I realise many of you who read this have faced and suffered your own tragic incidents this week, difficult and hurtful situations, even great suffering.

In our reading from Acts 13:13-52, Paul and Barnabas continue on their travels to Galatia, (today part of Turkey), to another city called Antioch, a very different city to the Antioch where the church was that sent them out at the beginning of Acts 13. On arriving at Pisidian Antioch they first went to the synagogue as they did wherever they visited. Paul spoke to the Jews and the Gentiles there. He gave a message of hope. In an evil world there is good news!!! God loves this hurting world, and he has sent Jesus Christ to save it. This is the focus of the Good News: Forgiveness of sins and freedom from guilt are available through faith in Christ to all people—including you. The offer of joy and an eternal hope is given by Christ. Have you received his forgiveness? Are you refreshed each day by the thought that you are right with God?

### **This Sunday @ 9.30am: Good News for An Evil World:**

David will be preaching his final message of our short Footsteps of Paul series from Acts 13: 13-52  
Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Jessie, Graham, and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/XJtUWM1p7E?feature=share>

## SHOUT!! is in recess this week:

SHOUT!! will return next Sunday 28 April.

As SHOUT!! is in recess there will be a story especially for the children in the 9.30am service. The story will be live streamed with the service above.

## Condolences:

Peter LeMay died last weekend. Peter was a member and Deacon of this church for many years and was the founding president of the Peninsula Men's Shed. We are praying for Pat, Sheryl, Matthew, and all Peter's family at this sad time.

Peter's funeral is 11am Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of April, in the Church Auditorium, followed by light refreshments in the Downstairs Hall.

## EBC Maintenance Day Thank you:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard at the Maintenance Day last Saturday.

### Ongoing maintenance:

One task that was started, but there is more to do, is WINDOW CLEANING.

I am aware that the lower hall sliding glass door inside and out is clean and some others outside in the vicinity of the walkway. So please when you have the opportunity, please clean some windows. I will produce a chart to put in the front office so you can tick off your achievements and for others to know what still needs doing. Thank you. Geoff 0405 020 649

**A huge THANK YOU to Geof Toon** for all the work you have put into this mammoth job!

## Newsletter will be out on Wednesday next week, due to Anzac Day.:

This will mean the **deadline for entries will also be brought forward a day (Tuesday)**. There will also be less staff to make this happen, we thank you for patience and understanding. David & Lynette.

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

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

## Would you like to join the Worship Team?

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

## Prayers for after 9.30am Church Service:

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to undertake this task. I have heard so many people tell me they have really appreciated the opportunity that this prayer time provides, and I have been blessed to hear some of the responses to answered prayer.

But we as a church could use just one more volunteer, please, for this role. It isn't an all-consuming task, as it is usually approximately once every 2 months that you will be on the roster and if you can't do this job on your rostered day, you can always swap with someone. Please speak to Heather if you can help out in this capacity.

## Prayer Request For The Footsteps of Paul Tour:

Thank you in advance of your prayers for this epic adventure we are setting off on. Please see the attached prayer sheet.

## May Mission Month:

May Mission Month will be held in our church from the last week in April to the first week of June. During this time, we will hear updates about what our missionaries are doing and we will pray for each one. If you feel God is calling you to financially support the work during this time with an extra gift you can either place your donation in the envelopes in the foyer which are clearly marked for the support of our missionaries, or give extra electronically through the church account clearly stating your gift is for our Missionary Partners.

We all praise God that so much has been achieved this past year through the work of our missionaries and the prayer/financial support congregational members have provided.

## Skills For Life Fundraising Events:

Skills For Life has a number of fundraising events planned to raise important funds for Mango Tree Academy in Kisii Kenya.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of May, Ferry Trip and Lunch @ Davistown RSL. \$65 per person. RSVP's and payment essential by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of April.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of June, High Tea at Erina. \$55 per person. RSVP and payment essential by 2<sup>nd</sup> of June

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park. Please give a donation on the day.

To RSVP for all events please see Les Baker or phone: 0412 866 513.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 2<sup>nd</sup> June:

Please help raise money for The Cancer Council. They do amazing work, and having been a volunteer for them myself, I know that they are self-funded. They reach out to help so many people and their families & they need all the help they can get. Let's face it, Cancer has had an impact on each and every one of us at some stage in our lives, whether directly, or indirectly. So, let's all get together for this great cause and celebrate life!

It would be wonderful if anyone would be able to bring food, cakes, slices, biscuits, scones, or even savory food would be appreciated. I will hang a notice in lower hall, that you can add your name and what you would like to bring.

Many thanks. Lynette.

## Spring Fair Preparation.:

- Please continue to keep this activity in your prayers for all the preparation that is happening now and in the future.
- Heather thanks people for those large shoe boxes, she only needs a few more, so if you manage to get one, between now and the spring fair they can be left with Heather or if she is away with Beth.
- It is not too early to sign up for duties, see the chart on the notice board in the large hall, you won't be expected to do the tasks if your plans change nearer the time, it's just that Heather wants to go away knowing that there is enough support for the fair.
- Keep planting those seedlings for the pot plant stall, they are always a good seller.

Thank you, Heather. 0419 297 496

## Zoom Prayer Groups are in recess for the remainder of this month.:

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.

## 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.

## Tempo Terrific Band, Free School Holiday Concert for the young & young at heart!

Come and enjoy some live concert band music with Tempo Terrific Band! 'Our own Meg Toon performs in this band'. There are three opportunities to enjoy these free concerts, and all are welcome.

- **Saturday 20th April 11am – 1:00pm at The Hive Erina Fair**

## Let's Continue to Shine Our Light, in Praise for Our Lord.

This week has seen some painful news close to home, but Our Father wants us to respond with love, and keep praising him, as it could have been much worse. During the time of the first incident, at Bondi, I kept hearing a song in my head that I am sure you all know well – 'This Little Light of Mine'. Then I heard the horrific news. I later remembered the song The Lord was playing in my head during the incident and looked for it on YouTube to see what the message was. I found this older clip from an American talent audition and was so moved (in fact, it's quite impossible to sit still through), that I knew he wanted me to share it with you all.

Please enjoy, stay safe and blessed always. Lynette. [https://youtu.be/7v6H0t1bLm0?si=QD4FPDSAAWT4T8\\_m](https://youtu.be/7v6H0t1bLm0?si=QD4FPDSAAWT4T8_m)

## 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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