



*Thanks, Lynette. Tilden., for Photo of Pelicans at Woy Woy.*

## **Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 4 April 2024:**

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

In 4 weeks', time 15 friends, mainly from our church at Ettalong, with a few other people we know, will be travelling on a tour "in the footsteps of Paul." We will be travelling to Rome, Turkey, and Greece and visiting many of the same places Paul visited.

Over the next 3 Sundays in our 9.30am service we will be reflecting on Paul and his passion for Jesus Christ. We are starting this Sunday by asking, who was Paul?

Almost 2000 years ago, Paul, under arrest and facing a screaming mob, stood on the Garrison steps in Jerusalem to speak in his own defence. He began with these words. "I am a Jew., born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up here in Jerusalem as a student of Gamaliel. I received strict instruction in the law of our ancestors." (Acts 22).

Paul's world, The world of the 1st century. AD., dominated by the power of Rome, ~ Greek culture, pagan, superstitious ~ and our world have much in common. Certainly, both share the same deep need for the good news Paul brought of new life made possible through Jesus Christ, for hope to lift men and women from despair. As Paul brought his message to Jews and non-Jews, to Athens and Corinth and even Rome itself, some made an instant response. Others were violent in their opposition of Paul and his message. Who then was this man? A Jew of Jews with a mission also to non-Jews. A free born Roman citizen. God's man for his time.

## **This Sunday @ 9.30am: Paul Introduces Himself.:**

David will be preaching from Romans 1:1-17: Paul Introduces Himself. Paul the man, his message, his ministry, his motivation.

Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Noel, Melanie and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:

[https://youtube.com/live/U\\_4XjVDbA28?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/U_4XjVDbA28?feature=share)

## **Sunday @ 4pm: SHOUT!! BBQ dinner night. last SHOUT!! for term.:**

Chris Hewit will be talking about *Jesus Power to Change Lives*. Come from 3.30pm for coffee, refreshments, and activities. This Sunday night we are having sausages and honey soy chicken on the BBQ. Please feel free to join us and if you can bring a plate of food, it would be appreciated. Please contact Margy for more information, thanks. 0447 431 234

## **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 Tomorrow, 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

## **This Saturday 6th April, Salvation Army Concert at 5pm:**

Our Church is holding a performance by the Sydney Staff Songster's. All are welcome and invited to enjoy this opportunity. Flyer below.

## **Welcome Lunch: This 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 to 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 genni, 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.

## **Tempo Terrific Band, Free School Holiday Concerts for the young & young at heart! 1st Show on 14th April at 1:30pm Gosford Showground:**

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.

- Sunday 14th April 1:30pm performing at the Central Coast Regional Gosford Showground.
- Wednesday 17th April 11am – 1:00pm at The Hive, Erina Fair
- Saturday 20th April 11am – 1:00pm at The Hive Erina Fair

Flyer below.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Prayers for after 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.

## **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.

## **Free Hoover washing machine available:**

If you are interested, please call Diane on 0411 508 712. The machine is an average size and will require two men to pick it up for move.

## **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, which the Village pay for. Study material is available. Please contact Sheila Hooper.

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Sunday 19th May 11am after service.:

As Margy will be away at this time, she has asked me to organise this annual fund-raising event for Cancer Council Australia. All are welcome! It would be wonderful if anyone would be able to bring food, cakes, slices, biscuits, scones, or even savory food would be appreciated - *no hot food thanks* . Please contact me if you would like to come, and if you are able to bring food-so that we don't double up. Lynette 0426599809

## 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:

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.

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

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

## 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.



**Sydney** Umina Beach  
Ettalong Beach

**Staff Songsters**

**06:04:24**  
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**Saturday Evening Worship Concert**  
06.04.24 - 5.00pm  
Ettalong Baptist Church  
8 Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong Beach

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
07.04.24 - 10.00am  
The Salvation Army, Umina Beach Corps  
9 Sydney Avenue, Umina Beach

*Lunch to follow!*

Connect with us at:  
  
 @SydneyStaffSongsters

 

# TEMPO TERRIFIC BAND

*PRESENTS*



## Free School Holiday Concerts

at

*Central Coast Regional Show  
Gosford Showground*

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