



Thank you Winda.Indriawati. for your photo of Autumn Leaves at Bensville.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 16 May 2024:

Sunday Morning Worship 19th May at 9.30am:

Join us this Sunday with our Interim Pastor Phil Grebert, who will be speaking about Belonging and Belief Luke 5:1 – 11.

We will also be hearing from Benwell, who will be speaking to us about the missionary work in Kisii and leading us in prayer for them. We will also be hearing from Liz Edminson, about Youth Life.

Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Greg, Elizabeth, and others. The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/live/wK2X5IZ9Ob4?si=9n7n92I1n5hp_4Tz

4pm SHOUT (join us from 3:30pm for refreshments and activities):

This Sunday afternoon come and hear about the wealthy man's decision to walk away from Jesus.

Please join us, all are welcome to SHOUT!!.

Our May quarterly Meeting will be held at 11am on Sunday 26th May:

We would like you all to join us please. Thank you. Merryll.

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.

This Saturday May 18 is our National Day of Prayer. OneChurch Central Coast:

We have an opportunity to join with Christian leaders and churches of all denominations in our region, to pray, celebrate and give glory to God on the National Day of Prayer. Below is a list of Churches, with their addresses and times of their prayer service. It would be a truly miraculous event, to have so many people all praying together at the same time.

If anyone is wanting to not only go to any of these services but would like to offer a lift to any that can't get there on their own, please contact me, and if there are people interested in going, but would need a lift, also let me know please, so I can try to arrange the details. Many thanks and God Bless you always, Lynette.

- **OneChurch Central Coast – East**
(Terrigal Uniting Church) 380 Terrigal Drive, Terrigal. 18/05/2024 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- **OneChurch Central Coast – Central**
(Liberty Family Church) 129 – 131 Erina Road, Gosford. 18/05/2024 10:00am – 11:30am
- **OneChurch Central Coast – North**
(C3 Tuggerah) 127 Gavenlock Road, Tuggerah. 18/05/2024 10:00am – 12:00pm
- **OneChurch Central Coast**
(Coast Community Church) 22 Adelaide Street, Tumbi 18/05.2014 10:00am – 4:00pm

Requests have been made by several people to keep praying for Joy:

“Pleased to report Joy and Rob are back with us, Praise God, at our hotel ready to continue our trip tomorrow. Joy has had a plate and screws put in her shoulder and she has painkillers if she needs them. Please continue to pray for travel mercies, we have 4 nurses with us so she will be looked after in terms of changing dressings etc. and Rob is a loyal worker. All praise to God.” Heather.

Thank you from the Keuning Family:

Jane wants to thank everyone for their prayers for her daughter's housing problem and let you all know that she has found a new home. Thank you for your prayers, Jane.

Sunday 2nd June is our Annual Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:

We still need more food please. Store bought or baked items will be graciously accepted and appreciated.

Anyone wishing to help with food, please speak to me after Church on Sunday morning, phone, email me or write on the list. [LIST is hanging in lower hall.](#) **Let's HELP this wonderful charity please.**

Please speak to me in person, on phone or email, if you would like to help. Many thanks. Lynette.

Phone: 0426 599 809. Email: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

Thank you to the generous people who have told me what they are buying or baking to bring in, and others offering with setting up and making the hot drinks. I truly appreciate your help with this.

Men's Breakfast 8am on Saturday 15th June at BBF Café Woy Woy:

All men welcome. Please advise Graham Checkley 0403 520 278 or Ian Makepeace 0411 012 125 if you are attending.

Women's Retreat 2024:

Yes, amazingly it is that time of the year again.

"At Women's Retreat @ Bethshan, we realise the need for deep discussions, sharing of lives, connections with like minds, relevant Bible teaching, great food and contagious laughter. If you need a break from life, a recharge of spiritual batteries and a safe place to share, this is the retreat for you.

Registration: 01/06 - 26/07/24

Retreat Date: 16-18 August 2024. See Jane Keuning for details or phone: 0425 263 763.

Skills For Life Fundraising 20th of July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park:

Skills For Life is having a fundraising event planned to raise important funds for Mango Tree Academy in Kisii Kenya. Saturday 20th of July, BYO BBQ at Lions Park. Please give a donation on the day.

RSVP, please see Les Baker or phone: 0412 866 513.

Adjacent Road Works

The NSW Department of Transport (DOT) has advised us that three projects in our area will be undertaken in the financial year starting this July. For more information visit web site: Blackwall Road intersection upgrades | Transport for NSW.

A foot/cycle path will be constructed on the road reserve around EBC property, from the pedestrian refuge on Barrenjoey Road to the Memorial Ave parking area. This will include adjustments to the ramp to our western doorway and some tree trimming to provide necessary sight lines for traffic.

The initial work will be the modifications to the numerous underground services which may take some time and not be obvious. The Council parking area at Memorial Ave will be restricted at times so be aware that when coming, your usual spot may not be available. We will keep DoT informed of our needs to minimise disturbance to our programs.

There will inevitably be some disturbances on the local roads with stop / go controls so please allow extra travel/parking time. We will endeavour to keep all EBC users up to date as the project proceeds. If you have any questions, please talk to Geoff who will liaise with the appropriate DOT representatives if he doesn't already know the answer. Pastor Phil and Geoff

A Reminder about Our Prayer Chain:

"Hi everyone, this is Pastor David letting you know that Lynette is taking over managing the prayer chain. Please save this address to your contacts and if you have a prayer request, please email Lynette at this address, ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued prayers.

Blessings. David Gilchrist."

Would you like to join the Worship Team?

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

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.

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.

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)

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.

Phil Grebert Interim Pastor

Contact Phil by phone.: 0414 632 089 or by email philbertgre@outlook.com

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 Blessings. David & Lynette.

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/>

Just for Giggles:

I was sent an email from one of our church members, The heading was "The art of relaxing and sleeping". I thought I would share one of the images each week, just for fun!



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