



Thank you, Jessica Tilden, for your photo of a purple winged praying mantis

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter,

Thursday, 20 June 2024:

From the Pastor:

As Phil is still recovering from his cold/flu/virus and trying to rest, there will be no message from him this week.

I ask that we all pray for his speedy and full recovery, including healing his sore ribs from the excessive coughing.

Sunday Morning Worship 23rd June at 9.30am:

Join us this Sunday with our Interim Pastor Phil Grebert, as he talks about, 'Confessions of a Bankrupt Good Guy'.

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://youtube.com/live/RYmqPchcHLM?feature=share>

4pm SHOUT This Sunday, we will be asking, did Jesus feel sad?

This Sunday afternoon we will be finding out if Jesus ever felt sad or troubled and if so, about what?

Please join us, all are welcome to SHOUT!!

Prayers for our SHOUT!! Ministry/leaders and families please:

As Phil mentioned in last week's Newsletter, this ministry is needing your prayers to help it grow and meet the needs of these families attending.

Please pray also for more consistency in their attendance. Thank you.

Funeral Notice for Pat LeMay Friday 21st June. 12pm at 'Greenways':

Please pray for Sheryl, Matthew and their extended family as they grieve the loss of Pat, so soon after losing Peter.

Farewell Morning Tea for Phil and Heather. Sunday 30th June:

We would love everyone to be at Phil's last service and then join us for morning tea to **thank** Phil and Heather. **Could everyone that is able, please bring a plate for morning tea.**

Administration Announcement, ANNUAL REPORTS DUE BY 31ST JULY:

All Church Leaders & Ministry Leaders / Coordinators:

ANNUAL REPORTS are now due. Please send your reports to me by the **31st of July** for compilation of the Annual Reports booklet. Thanks to all those who have already sent reports through.

Please describe what your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, and plans and visions for the future or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Thank you. **Jean Lynch** Administration Deacon jeanelynch@gmail.com

Special guest to our Sunday service. Save the date. Sunday 11th August

Dr Gordon Reid was so impressed by the work our church does for the community, that he wants to come back. He is going to attend our morning service and stay for morning tea afterwards. This is a great opportunity for him to learn more about our church and our ministries.

Morning Tea is offered after our morning service:

If you would like to bless others and join our roster, either by setting up or cleaning up, please contact Beth asap. Thank you, Phone, 0431 749 743.

Skills For Life Fundraising 20th 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.

Bethshan Women's Retreat August 16 – 18 2024:

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

Sewing for The Ministry of Leftovers:

Maria Janos is looking for volunteers to help with sewing for MOL. Please contact Maria if you are willing and able to assist, so that she knows what to bring. Thank you. Phone: 0404 009 300

Used greeting cards needed:

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

Spring Fair Countdown has begun, under 3 months until our Spring Fair

- Please continue to keep this activity in your prayers for all the preparation that is happening now and in the future.
- **Christmas Samaritans Boxes** will also be on sale, ready to be sent. All you have to do is purchase one already filled. There will be a stall selling these so think about supporting this well recognized outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.
- 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.
- Would Heather be able to find 1 or 2 volunteers to run a new stall for the Spring Fair. The EBC tour group have discovered in Rome quite a different range of ice creams we could sell. Heather would organise the store, food etc. just needs someone to sell them. Please email her heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au if you can help. Thank you, Heather. 0419 297 496

Zoom Prayer Group:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Crossroads Counselling with Meg Toon:

Just a reminder of this service available to everyone. **Phone:** 0414 238 614

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.

Ettalong Baptist Church Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact:

Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone:0448 431 234) or Deacon—Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

Phil Grebert Interim Pastor

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

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.

Note from the Office. Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send notices to the email below:

office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

Find important Church Documents on Website Documents page:

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

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

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