



Thank you, Elsie Goodsell, for your photo of sunrise at Blue Bay

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter,

Thursday, 27 June 2024:

From the Pastor:

How could 10 weeks have possibly flown by so quickly? This weekend is the last of our time serving the fellowship at Ettalong. Heather and I want to sincerely thank everyone for the warmth and love with which you have welcomed us and allowed us to be part of the Church family here. We have been humbled by your words of encouragement and acts of kindness which have blessed us immeasurably more than I feel we have blessed you.

In her absence we need to make special mention of Heather Crawford's generosity in opening her home for us to use. That has certainly made it easier for us to get a feel for the community in which you serve as well as the ways you are striving to live out the gospel here on the peninsula.

So we prepare to hand pastoral charge back to David and Margie, confident that they are refreshed from their break. I do so with gratitude for David's trust in me to care for and feed you, and with the prayer that we have fulfilled that charge. I anticipate that David and Margie will return with renewed energy, vision and grace to lead Ettalong Baptist into the next stages of its ministry.

If, during the last 10 weeks, you have been encouraged in your faith; if you have been strengthened to serve the Lord with gladness; if you have been made aware of God's love and received a fresh insight into the saving work of Christ, then our prayers are answered and our time among you has achieved its purpose. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you all for the friendships made (and renewed) and for the privilege of partnering with you in the Gospel.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Phil and Heather.

Sunday Morning Worship 30th June at 9.30am:

Join us this Sunday with our Interim Pastor Phil Grebert. Our service will have a couple of our 'pilgrims' sharing some reflections from their trip.

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

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: https://youtube.com/live/W873Zsw_rtY?feature=share

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

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.**

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!!

Thank you, Nellie Feeney:

As some of you know, I (Lynette) have been struggling to learn about grants and applying for them. After much prayer for assistance, one of our Mainly Music and SHOUT!! mother's, Nellie Feeney offered to assist me. Her way of assisting, was - spending hours here finding a grant and submitting an application for us. Many Thanks Nellie.

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

We need one more Morning Tea Volunteer for set up please:

One more person is needed once every 5 weeks to help set up for morning tea, If you would like to bless others and join our roster, please contact Beth asap. Thank you, Phone, 0431 749 743.

LIFT Lunch Friday 5th July 12:30pm at The Everglades Woy Woy:

Ladies In Fellowship Together, will be having their monthly meeting on Friday 5th July at 12:30pm.

All ladies are welcome, no rsvp needed, just turn up & enjoy yourself! Any enquiries call **Marion 0401 344 814**

Tempo Terrific Band Concert 3rd August 2:30pm. Tickets on sale Sunday:

Due to popular demand, the Missionary Committee has asked the Tempo Terrific band to return to put on another concert to raise funds to support our 10 Missionaries here and overseas.

Come along and enjoy the music and the lovely afternoon tea. For catering purposes please purchase tickets as soon as possible. Some extra tickets will be available on the day.

Ticket price \$15 adult, \$10 concession, \$5 school student and family ticket \$30.

Tickets available now from Kerrie and Peter from this Sunday 30th June, in the lower hall after church on Sundays (Phone 43244412 or 0438477567)."

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.

Please contact Jane about 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.

Jane has asked that you let her know if you are going, and if you are staying or doing day visits, please.

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.

FREE – Electric Recliner Chair and Double Bed:

These pre-loved items are available to anyone needing them. Please contact Terry on **0478 258 315**.

Zoom Prayer Group are in recess until 23rd July:

Tuesday morning group 10am,

Tuesday evening group 7pm.

See Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Baptist World Aid Better World Gift Stall:

Wendy Creamer will be running this stall again later this year around October.

Last year our church sold 58 gifts, raising, \$853.63, which was an amazing result.

The Better World cards sold help Baptist World Aid's local Christian Partners for example to:

- Teach parents how to rear livestock, so they can have a steady income and keep their children in school.
- Provide emergency kits for when a disaster strikes, so families are protected from harsh living conditions,
- Inform mums, children, and bubs on best health practices so they can stay safe from disease and illness.

EBC Property Maintenance – Ongoing

There is **always** ongoing care and maintenance needed for our **EBC** property.

Please see a list of jobs below. Many people do already assist in an ongoing capacity, for which we are very grateful. However, there are numerous other jobs that can be done by others.

- Gardens- including reduce tree litter on NW corner
- Window cleaning inside and outside including, high windows
- Door locks and catches etc
- Outside hose down/ scrub grime, cobwebs etc
- Upper and lower gutters, November, February, May and September as needed.
- Assist Caroline for annual clean/disinfection of toilets seat attachments
- Spray – 'bugs/ wasp' etc
- door locks catches etc

Geoff will also advise which jobs need special training and equipment.

Geoff Toon **0405 020 649** can give you a further list to choose from.

Please consider volunteering in this important area of service.

Phil Grebert Interim Pastor

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

Crossroads Counselling with Meg Toon:

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

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

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)

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:

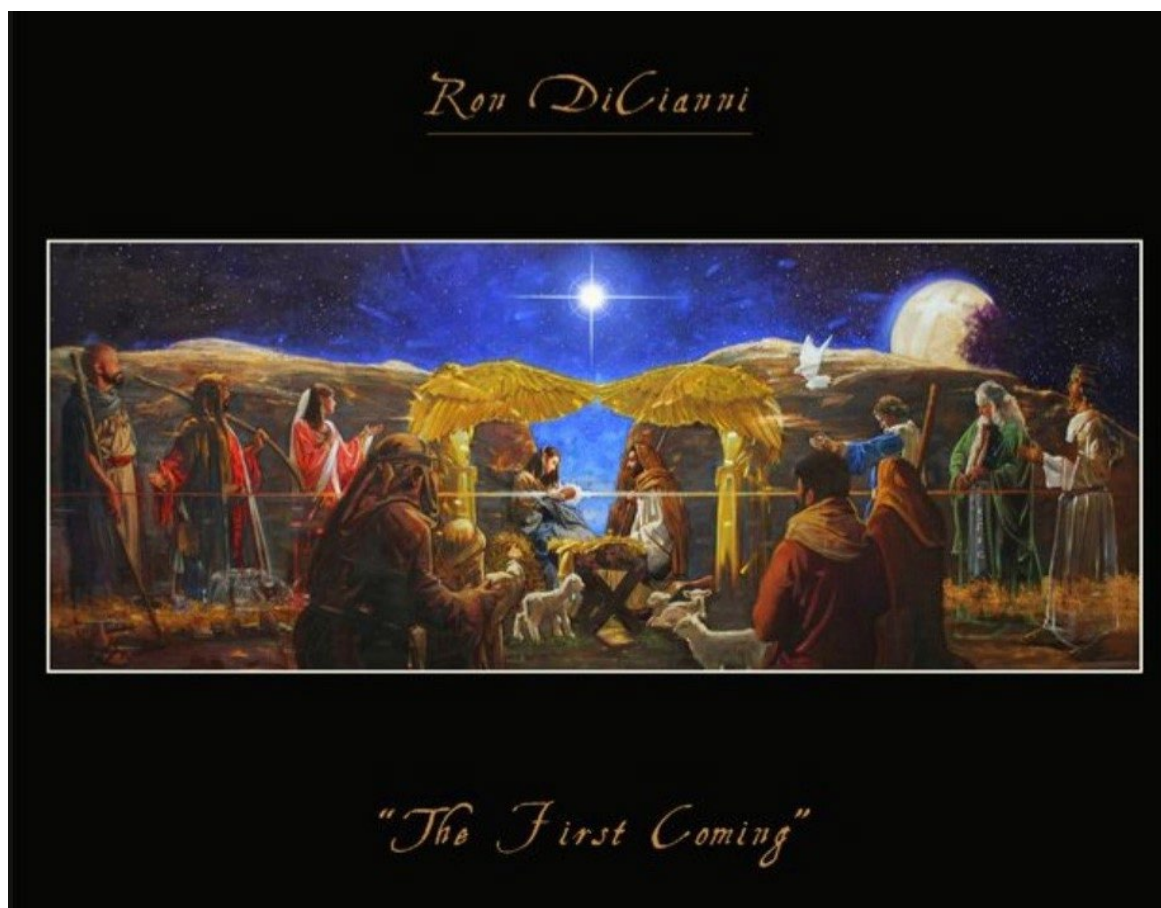
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'Holding Heaven' Luke 2:7 Artwork by Ron Di Ciani:

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