



Thank you, David, for your photo of God's beautiful Creation, the Swiss Alps in Summer.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 15th August 2024:

From the Pastor:

The Bible has been banned, burned, scoffed, and ridiculed. Scholars have mocked it as foolish. Kings have branded it as illegal. A thousand times over, the grave has been dug and the dirge has begun, but somehow the Bible never stays in the grave. Not only has it survived, it has thrived. It's the single most popular book in all of history. It has been the best-selling book in the world for years.

This Sunday we welcome Ulrich Jaegar from the Gideons International who will be sharing with us. The Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. While they are often recognised for their work leaving Bibles in hotel rooms, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

At SHOUT!! this week we are speaking about Trusting God. Please pray for SHOUT!! and the families who attend. Pray that all who attend will truly seek to trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.

Blessings
Pastor David

Sunday Morning Worship 18th August at 9.30am, service:

This Sunday 9.30am we have a special guest, Ulrich Jaegar from the Gideons International.

Bible Passage this week is: Mark 4:1-20

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/IE1-gESfyss?feature=share>

SHOUT!! this Sunday 18th August 3:30pm. 'Trusting God':

Please come and join us at SHOUT!! this Sunday from 3:30pm for great coffee, afternoon tea and activities and games for the children.

Women's Retreat @ Bethshan:

Everyone that has asked for a lift to our women's retreat at Bethshan, please make sure you are at the church by 7:50am on Saturday morning. Thank you Jane. Phone: 0425 263 763.

Annual Church Meeting - Sunday 25th August, 11am to 1pm:

Please find minutes from our May meeting on the Noticeboard in the Downstairs Hall.

Thank you to Jean for compiling our book of Annual Reports. Thank you to everyone also who submitted a report. The reports will be emailed to Ministry Partners this week with a limited number printed and available from the Church foyer. Please use the reports to give thanks for all that God is doing and to pray for our church.

Thank you to those who have agreed to be nominated for leadership positions.

Thank you to:

- Rick Keuning who has been nominated for a second term as Deacon / Church Treasurer.
- Jimmy Chamberlain who has been nominated for a first term as Deacon.
- Helen Brooks who has been nominated for a first term as Deacon / Church Secretary.

The elders are also asking 5 people to form a Finance Team to assist the Church Treasurer. The names will be available in next week's newsletter.

We have a need for a Property Manager or a Property Team Coordinator. We have many people in our church who faithfully work on our property in various areas. It would be wonderful to have someone who can coordinate the Property Team. Please see David Gilchrist, Wendy Creamer, Helen Brooks or Shaila Hooper to find out more.

Finally, we have a need for someone to join the nominations team. See David Gilchrist if you are able to help.

Men's Breakfast at BBF Café Woy Woy this Saturday, 8am:

Please join us for our men's breakfast. **All men welcome.**

Contact Ian Makepeace for details: **0411 012 125**

Only 3 weeks until our Spring Fair, Saturday 7th September:

Flyers have been printed! Please take some to give to friends and do a letter box drop.

1. A reminder to all that cakes, slices and sweets would be welcomed to sell on the cake stall at the Spring Fair on the first Saturday in September. Cakes sell out very quickly, so we need lots of cakes, slices etc. If you are not a cook but would like to donate SR flour, eggs or butter please contact Julie Shannon or Heather Crawford.
We will be handing out plates and a list of the requirement later in the month but for now it is just a reminder to start thinking about what to bake.
2. We have a new Italian Ice cream stall. Special thanks to Jimmy and Ruth Chamberlain, John Stagg and Winda Indriawati for running the stall. Heather is making ice cream for our ice cream stall at the Spring Fair and **needs ice cream containers** to put the ice cream in. Please see Heather if you are able to help with this.
3. Heather needs volunteers for set up on Friday afternoon and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Please let her know if you can assist with this. She has arrived home from overseas.
4. Please keep praying for this event. It is an important outreach to our community, please pray for those who have volunteered to welcome and chat to visitors at our fair.
5. 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 recognised outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.

Thank you, Heather.

Heather's Email: heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au

Heather's Phone 0419 297 496

CASH FLOATS for the Spring Fair:

Attention all stall holders for the Spring Fair on Saturday 7th September. If you need a cash float to start the day, please let Paul Hooper know before Sunday the 1st of September. You can contact Paul by email at paul.sheila.hooper@gmail.com Thank you.

Ministry of Leftovers will be closed week before Spring Fair:

The Ministry of Leftovers will be closed from Monday 26th August – Thursday 29th August, to set up for the Spring Fair. SEE YOU THERE! Thank you, Caroline.

Items Needed for Mainly Music and SHOUT!! Craft:

Mainly Music & SHOUT!! need **Wafer roll tins** for their craft projects: If you are able to help, please see/contact, Jane Keuning phone: 0425 263 763 Thank you to those that have donated.

Also, if you have empty **Pringle containers** please.

Stay Up to Date with Worship At EBC!

As you read this Newsletter, a separate, Worship Newsletter is also being released each week. It keeps all who receive it up to date with new songs, new plans, and opportunities to contribute in ways small and large. Join up to receive the Worship Newsletter if you're interested in contributing to Worship now, or in the future, or even if you'd like to suggest and request new Worship songs or provide feedback on individual services.

Everyone is welcome to join, because Worship music is about praising God as a whole congregation, not about simply playing instruments.

To join, send an email to josepharrua@gmail.com, letting me know that you're interested – I'll add you straight onto the mailing list! If you don't have email access, you can also contact the EBC Office, and I'll get you connected. - Joseph Arrua

The Reyes will Visit our Sunday service 15th September:

Ettalong Baptist Church supports Mauricio and Michelle Reyes and their family, working in Paraguay. The Reyes will be taking part in both our services on Sunday 15th September. We will have a special morning tea with them after the 9.30am service.

After the morning service the missionary committee will also be taking them for lunch at Everglades Country Club. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please rsvp to Heather by Saturday 7th September

A Prayer Letter From Clint and Ros Webb:

The Webb's latest prayer letter is attached to this newsletter.

A message from Beatrix:

Dear Ettalong Baptist Church

I am on Simunul island of Southern Philippines. With my four adopted sisters. I have been sleeping at my oldest adopted sisters as she arranged another cousin to fetch me from the airport and looked after me. I was taken to the pier to travel to the other side of the island. Then another adopted nephew fetched me from that wharf to Bakong where I used to live. I stayed 3 days and so many friends came and greeted me. I have also been visiting folks whom I used to be with them. Tomorrow I will travel with the High School Teachers back to Sanga Sanga for Teacher's Camp. We have enough rain water. Thank you Jehovah Jireh!

Thank-you for the gifts that you sent to the Mission Office. Your financial support enabled me to come back here after more than four years.

Blessings, Beatrix

Expressions of interest in an upcoming Alpha Course:

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith. It involves 12, two-hour sessions and a day away. It is a simple clear outline to the gospel of Christ. We hope to start an Alpha course in the next few weeks. Thank you to those who have indicated their interest. Please see David Gilchrist if you are interested.

Prayer requests available at - EBC Prayer Chain, link below:

These requests are looked after by Lynette Tilden at: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

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.

Zoom Prayer Groups every Tuesday at 10am and 7pm:

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

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)

Find important Church Documents on Website Documents:

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

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

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.

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