



'Our Tour Group' Visiting Rome

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, Thursday, 8th August 2024:

From the Pastor:

None of us like the subject of Death. It is a subject that most Australians will avoid at all costs. Yet it is also a subject that every person must consider. We will all experience death. While the world fears what may come, what should a Christian's response be to death? The Apostle Paul answers that question, in Philippians 1:21... For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better." (NLT).

The death of God's people, even when it is caused by wicked people with evil intent, is always under the divine sovereignty of God. To those who don't believe in God, life on earth is all that's guaranteed, and so it's natural for them to strive for this world's values: money, popularity, power, pleasure, and prestige. For Paul, however, to live meant to develop eternal values and to die was even better than living, because in death he would no longer suffer from the troubles of this world, but rather he would be with Christ face to face, of which said Paul, "there is nothing better. To die in Christ is to gain everything!"

Blessings
Pastor David

Sunday Morning Worship 11th August at 9.30am, service:

This Sunday 9.30am we continue our series on Paul: The Challenge of a Changed Man Part 6... Dying with Christ. Philippians 1:12-26
Prayer will be available to you at the front of church, after the service, with Kerry, Peter and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube:
<https://youtube.com/live/Jjhsb1nZmdo?feature=share>

Special Guest Speaker Dr Gordon Reid This Sunday 11th Aug:

Dr Reid has asked to come to our service and morning tea to acknowledge and show his appreciation for the wonderful work done for our community by the many programs running here at EBC.

Special Morning Tea: Sunday 11th August:

Please bring a plate of Morning Tea food to share sandwiches, scones, cakes, slices, biscuits, etc - It does not need to be homemade!

Visiting Ministry of Leftovers a couple of weeks ago, Dr Gordon Reid was so impressed by the work our church does for the community, that he wants to return for our 9.30am service and share in Morning Tea with us.

This is a great opportunity for him to learn more about our church and our ministries, which will allow him to 'spread the word'. If you are willing and able, could you please bring a plate for this special Morning Tea: Many thanks, Lynette.

SHOUT!! this Sunday 11th August 3:30pm:

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

Joan Kershaw's Funeral Monday 12th August 1pm:

Joan Kershaw's Funeral will be short service on Monday 12th of August at 1pm in the Church Auditorium. Everyone is welcome.

Congratulations to Steph Van Leeuwen:

Steph is playing for the Sydney University Flames in the finals of the Women's National Wheelchair Basketball League this weekend in Shellharbour. She is playing on Saturday at 9am against Perth. If they lose, they play 5pm on Saturday. If they win either of those matches on Saturday, they play the Gold medal match on Sunday at 11.30am. If they lose the 5pm match on Saturday, they play in the Bronze medal match on Sunday at 8am. All matches will be Livestreamed. Semi Finals on Saturday morning will be streamed via the WBA YouTube channel. The Preliminary Finals on Saturday night, as well as the Gold Medal and Third Place Play-off games on Sunday will be streamed exclusively on Australia's biggest sports streaming service, [Kayo via Kayo Freebies](#). You can sign up for Kayo Freebies [here](#).

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

Do You Need a Lift to The Women's Retreat @ Bethshan?

Please contact Jane about Women's Retreat August 16 – 18th 2024. Jane has asked that you please let her know if you are needing transport. Phone: 0425 263 763. Thank you.

Men's Breakfast at BBF Café Woy Woy Saturday 17th Aug 8am:

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

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

Bible Study Wednesday 14th Aug, 7pm - 9pm at the Gilchrist's home:

We are a small group, meeting each week for Bible study, prayer and loads of enthusiastic discussion about Our Lord and The Bible

Please speak to **Margy Gilchrist phone: 0447431234** if you would like to join us.

Less than One Month Until Our Spring Fair, Sat 7th September:

Flyers have been printed!

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.
Thank you Heather.
Heather's Email: heatherlcrawford@bigpond.com.au Heather's Phone 0419 297 496
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 recognized outreach and mission activity at the Spring Fair this year.

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. Please see David Gilchrist if you are interested.

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.



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.

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

We believe that every true member of God's church is a Priest. Four times we meet to make decisions about the business of the church here at Ettalong. One of these meetings, every August, is our annual meeting when we affirm people to lead our church.

This year we need to affirm:

- **A Church Secretary.**

The church secretary is a Church Deacon (church leader) who keeps minutes of meetings, looks after correspondence and liaises with our office manager to correctly file and keep meeting records.

- **A Property Officer.**

Geoff Toon is retiring from this role. The property officer can be a Deacon or can be represented by one of the Deacons. We have many people who can help with the day-to-day maintenance of our church property, but the property officer manages them and makes sure our buildings and property are maintained.

- **A Deacon with no portfolio.**

It would be wonderful to have another Deacon who can help us practically lead the church and help the Pastor, Elders and other Deacons make important decisions for the day-to-day smooth running of the church.

- **A Nominations Committee member.**

After serving in this role for 6 years Sheila Hooper needs to have a year off from the Nominations Committee. The nominations committee calls for nominations and identifies volunteers to fill various roles in the church, which are affirmed by the church meeting.

If you believe God may be calling you to volunteer in one of these positions, or to find out more information, please see Pastor David, or a member of our nominations committee, Helen Brooks, Sheila Hooper or Wendy Creamer.

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.

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.

August is MS Readathon time:

Two brothers from our Sunday afternoon program SHOUT!! will be reading books daily during the month of August to raise awareness and money for MS - Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic illness that affects your central nervous system.

This is Isaac's 5th year of doing this challenge and Dominic's 2nd year. Both boys look forward to doing this every year. (these are Lynette Tilden's grandsons).

Here is the link if you wish to learn more and or sponsor the boys. - [Mario Bros](#)



Newsletter Deadline is Wednesday Morning:

If you would like anything added to future Newsletters, please send notices to the email below, or leave a note for Lynette in the office, thank you:

office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

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The poster features a vibrant, abstract floral background with various flowers in shades of yellow, pink, and teal. The text is centered on a light green rectangular background.

Ettalong Baptist Church

Spring Fair

Saturday 7th September

9am to 1pm

8 Barrenjoey Road

on the roundabout with
Memorial Avenue and
Maitland Bay Drive

Devonshire Tea

Pre-loved Clothing, Bric-a-brac, Toys, Books,
DVD's, Crafts, Plants, Homemade Cakes &
Jams, Sausage Sizzle, Cake & Coffee and
heaps more.

All proceeds provide aid and support
to Australian and overseas missions