



Thank you, Janine Arrua, for this lovely photo of spring flowers with ladybug.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 12th September 2024:

From the Pastor:

This Sunday we welcome Mauricio and Michelle Reyes, who will be sharing with us in our 9.30am and 4pm services. We will have a special morning tea with them after the 9.30am service.

Mauricio and Michelle with their two children, Serena and Josiah, continue to work in Paraguay with the Mbya Guarani indigenous group. They have studied their language and culture and have taught Bible lessons. In 2021 they commenced a brand-new Bible Translation Project, to translate the Bible into the Mbya Guaraní language.

Ettalong Baptist Church partners with Mauricio and Michelle in three ways: we take an interest in their work, we cover them in prayer, and we commit to giving them a regular financial gift.

Blessings
Pastor David

Sunday Morning Service 15th September at 9.30am:

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Heather, Jane and others.

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

SHOUT!! will be on this Sunday 15th September:

Please come and join us this Sunday 15th September at SHOUT!! from 3:30pm with coffee, afternoon tea, games and activities for the children.

This Sunday we welcome the Reyes family, who will share with us their work in Paraguay.

Church Council Gathering Sunday 22nd September 11am in Hill Hall:

All Church Leaders: Please join us for our Church Council gathering, 11am Sunday 22nd September 2024 in the Hill Hall. All ministry leaders (or their representative), Elders and Deacons are invited to join us. **We will be sharing how God is blessing our ministry, any plans for 2025**, and praying together for each ministry of the church. Our gathering will be finished by 12.30pm.

Thank you to all that helped make our Spring Fair a Success:

" Heather, as Overall Coordinator of the Spring Fair, would like to thank everyone on behalf of the Mission Committee who worked, contributed, prayed for and visited the Spring Fair this year.

The fair raised over \$11,000 which will be used to help fund our missionaries this financial year. "

Operation Christmas Child:

What a great day we had for our Spring Fair! Operation Christmas Child sold 31 filled boxes on the day which is an amazing start to the OCC season. A huge **"thank you"** to all who purchased a box and to Nicky, Ros and Meg who helped man the stall.

You may wonder why we aren't permitted to include religious literature in the boxes. The answer is that OCC have their own literature (The Greatest Journey discipleship course) which is added when the boxes reach their destination IN THE LOCAL LANGUAGE.

Most of the children don't speak English so this is the best way. They are also given a Bible in their own language after completing the course. For more info, please see Beth.

Clinical Pastoral Education Introductory Program, 25th September:

Do you want to be a better listener? Do you want to sit with people at a vulnerable time of life? Do you want to be equipped to help people through a crisis?

Clinical Pastoral Education Introduction teaches us to be effective pastoral carers. Commences **Wednesday 25th September, for 6 weeks at Gosford Hospital. You must enrol straight away.**

Pamphlets are in our church foyer. Please see David Gilchrist for more information.

LIFT Lunch Yi An Chinese this Friday 13th September at 12:30pm

The LIFT ladies will meet for lunch at Yi An Chinese Restaurant Woy Woy, this Friday, 13th September at 12.30pm. (NB. Changed date due to the Spring Fair)

All ladies are welcome to join us for fellowship and a delicious lunch. Contact: Marion 0401 344 814

Alpha From February 2025:

Alpha is an introduction to the Christian faith. It involves 11, 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 February 2025.

Please see David Gilchrist if you are interested.

Jacaranda Festival Grafton 1st & 2nd Nov, Fund Raiser Ford Family:

Grafton Uniting Church will be holding a street stall this year at the Grafton Jacaranda Festival, the first weekend in November i.e. Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd November (that is the last week of the festival) to raise much needed funds for Andrew and Oksana in the Ukraine. If anyone is interested in joining Heather, going to support the stall and encourage the church at the same time, please chat to her. Thank you. Heather.

Ettalong Baptist Christian Comedian Show, 19th October 5:30pm:

We have Nath performing a FREE 1-hour Clean Stand-Up Comedy Show in our Auditorium this October and he would love a volunteer to get up at the start of the show to tell a joke and invite the audience to share a joke as well. Uncle Nath has been doing comedy in local Churches for seven years, to spread laughter and Joy into the community in churches.

Everyone welcome. More information will be posted closer to the date.

Bloom Co Launching Worship Services this Sunday 15th Sept:

Bloom Co, a new Baptist Church in the old Ettalong Uniting Church building officially launches worship services this Sunday, 15 September at 9.45am. Please pray for Pastors Steve and Bek Deal and all of those who have joined the Bloom Co church. Pray that together both our churches will glorify our Father God, and a great revival will sweep across our little village of Ettalong Beach.



Better World Gift Cards on sale in October:



Bees, from nutritious honey, beeswax and health products, to crop pollination and splitting hives to sell, the possibilities in the beehive business are never-ending. Your Better World Gift brings the delight of busy bees and training to families in Kenya, so they can harvest an income and nutrition in the smallest of spaces.

Product info: Card size: 148x105mm Envelope included Includes information on how your gift helps families living in poverty. Card sells for \$40. (cash or card).

Coming up for sale in hall after service in October. Thanks', Wendy Creamer.

The Long Run, please help Robert Mead:

Hi again, it's Robert Mead and I would like to thank all those who have prayed for me over the last 18 months since I was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. God has been so good throughout this time revealing to me that He was going to heal me. After 20 doses of radiation last November and December my PSA dropped to less than 0.01 and the cancer is as good as gone, I only have to see my oncologists 12 monthly, Praise God.

Although I am doing well there are hundreds of men out there that are doing it tough with their treatments so that is why I'm fundraising again this month with a walk to raise much needed funds for research and special nurses. Thanks, you.

<https://www.thelongrun.org.au/fundraisers/robertmead/the-long-run-2024>

Skills For Life Trivia Auction Night has been cancelled:

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.

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.

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