



Thank you, David, for photo of men enjoying our beaches.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 10th October 2024

From the Pastor:

I am pleased to introduce to you Francis Candiga, National Director of CEF South Sudan, who will be sharing with us in our 9.30am service on Sunday. South Sudan gained its independence from Sudan in 2011 after many years of war. But when independent South Sudan was just two years old as a nation, fighting broke out. A peace agreement was signed in 2015, but the result was only six months of peace before the agreement was violated, and all of South Sudan was thrust into civil war. Since then, an estimated four million refugees have fled their homes.

Francis writes, “There was an attack in our area, which forced almost everyone to leave. We tried to resist, persist, but soon, everyone had to flee. I left with my family, leaving all my belongings behind—everything. Everyone was in disarray.”

Francis and his family crossed the border into Northern Uganda. For three months Francis worked to settle his family. Francis says they were not “wanderers,” but that God had brought them there. “God opened massive opportunities for the children to hear the Gospel. We’re so excited!”

Thank you, Francis, for coming to share with us on Sunday.

Blessings, Pastor David

Don't miss Ettalong Baptist Christian Comedian Show:

Uncle Nath is coming 19th October 5:30pm

Join us for a FREE 1-hour Clean Stand-Up Comedy Show. Invite your family and friends to hear Uncle Nath as he shares a very funny, clean, family friendly show. Everyone welcome. To help us with numbers please tell us you're coming by booking here: <https://unclenath.com/live-events> Or by adding your name on the sheet in the Church Auditorium and the Downstairs Hall.

Sunday Morning Service 13th October at 9.30am:

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Jean, Merryll and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/ffHQ7eyDPNE?feature=share>

SHOUT!! Resumes this Sunday October 13th at 3:30pm:

Please come and join us this Sunday for afternoon tea, games and activities for the children, at SHOUT!! held in our Hill Hall. This is our intergenerational Service, everyone is welcome.

This Sunday Rick Keuning will be talking to us about: *Why Prayer:*

Condolences for the family and friends of Allen Badman:

Wednesday morning Allen's son and daughter came to our office to share the news of their loss. Their father Allen passed away at 6am Wednesday morning.

The funeral will be held at our church, no details at this stage, we will endeavour to do our best to keep everyone updated as more information comes to hand.

Allen will be greatly missed.

Ministry of Leftovers – by Caroline Murphy, for ABC Radio:

This ministry was inspired and motivated by God and the reading of his word; - John 6:12: Gather up the leftovers, let nothing be wasted.”

One night, a growing concern about what to do with the Annual Church Fete leftover clothing and goods led me to reading the passage about Jesus feeding the multitude.

The words of John 6:12 spoke strongly to me and I felt like God was instructing me to make the most of the opportunity, to help the community. I wasn't sure how. It was a thought and idea that stayed with me and persisted for a few years, until 2019, when I prayed to God one morning while I was feeling low and I told God that I didn't want to waste my life, but that I wanted to serve him.

I committed my Mondays to God and started being available at church with the doors opened, but not really sure of what to do, or how to do it.

During the set-up process for the 2019 Fete, I was alone in the Upper Hall, and I heard God speak to my heart – “You can do this!” – an answer to my prayer of wanting to serve Him, but not knowing what to do.

I asked for permission to run a Jumble Sale after the Fete for a week, which went well and then I started running the Ministry of Leftovers every Monday 9am – 4pm and holding monthly market days in the Lower Hall, whilst also serving free coffee and tea. Each Monday was a time for people to come together doing craft, Bible study and have a ‘cuppa’.

This grew to be bi-monthly market days and then to serving Thursdays also, after I was made redundant from work. I then went to setting up the upper hall as an established OP Shop and being opened Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Now the MOL Op Shop and free drop in café, is currently opened Monday – Thursday 9am – 2pm (Closed on public holidays).

It's a full-time voluntary position that I love, that is challenging and difficult at times but seeing the good that it does for the Community, makes it worth it and I enjoy serving The Lord in this way.



An exciting New Connect Group Starting - Coffee, Tea & A Movie:

A more informal Connect Group is about to start, it will be called **Coffee, tea and a Movie**. This will be held at Maria Janos's home on a Monday morning. There will be opportunity to watch a Christian Movie and chat about it over Coffee or tea. Please contact Heather Crawford to register interest.

If you are interested in joining such a group, please chat to Heather. Phone: 0419 297 496

Operation Christmas Child Collection Dates are 14th– 26th October:

"The collection time for the Operation Christmas Child boxes starts on 14th October and concludes on 26th October. **Please bring in your filled boxes during that time.**

On Sunday, 27th we are going to pray over the boxes before sending them on their journey.

Please join us for that special time." Thanks Beth.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday 19th October 8am at BBF Woy Woy:

All men are welcome!

Please contact Ian Makepeace for further information. Phone: 0411 012 125. Thanks, Ian.

Missionary Committee Meeting Sunday 20th October 11:15am:

Please note that the Missionary Committee meeting has been rescheduled for the Sunday 20th October, after morning tea, approximately 11:15am in Hill Hall.

Thank you. Heather.

Simply Scrappy Christmas Tags Workshop Sat 26th Oct:

Saturday 26th October 9:30am to 12:30pm:

Christmas is coming!

Pastimes is pleased to offer this workshop with Margaret Crawford that is suitable for all – children must be accompanied by an adult.

The workshop costs \$25, which includes kit, instructions and Morning Tea, this money will be **fully donated to Pastimes for their continued work with mission support.**

There will also be a craft sale table with 50% of sales being donated to Pastimes.

Any questions, please contact Margaret Phone: 0409 578 538

Exciting Christmas Dates for Your Diary:

Children's Gingerbread Man Decorating Day, Saturday 30th of November 2.30pm

Women's Gingerbread Making Night, Monday 2nd of December 6.45pm

Family Nativity Service, Community BBQ and Community Carols, Sunday 22nd of December

Christmas Day Service, Wednesday 25th of December 9.30am

Plant SALE on NOW, at the Ministry of Leftovers:

We have many beautiful plants on sale in our market. What a great opportunity for early Christmas shopping, or to do some Spring gardening around your home.

Come in and grab a bargain!

Better World Gift Cards on sale starts this Sunday October 13th:



\$20 Chicken

Your Better World Gift gives Cambodian families, struggling to feed their children, the opportunity and know-how to raise chickens. From nutritious eggs to fill hungry bellies, to breeding and cultivating fertiliser, the humble chook can rapidly increase incomes and lift whole families out of poverty.

On sale this Sunday 13th October in lower hall after church service. Wendy Creamer

Jacaranda Festival Grafton: Fund Raiser for the 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 to raise much needed funds for Andrew and Oksana in Ukraine. If anyone is interested in joining Heather, to support the stall and encourage the church at the same time, please chat to her. Thank you. Heather Crawford.

Pastoral Care in Hospitals, a Message from Melanie:

I am aware people are admitted to Gosford Hospital at various times and I would like to advise the church, that I am available and very happy to make pastoral care visits. However, I would prefer the patient has been asked if they would like a pastoral care visit from me first, and then that request can be passed on to me. Thank you, Melanie.

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

Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Jane is still needing Tins for Mainly Music and SHOUT!! Craft:

Mainly Music & SHOUT!! need Wafer roll tins please 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, Jane.



Please see our New Property Maintenance List hanging in office:

If you see something that needs fixing, and you can't fix it, please let the office know.

If you are able to help in a particular area, you can either place your name on the **'Job List'** or let me know so I can. I have also attached a copy of the job list to this Newsletter email.

If you need reimbursement for property expenses, please see Jim Chamberlain. Ph:0412 448 744

So many are helping, and we are truly grateful for ALL your efforts, Thank you, Lynette.

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

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

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

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)

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.

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.

Find Important Church Documents on our Website:

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

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

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GINGERBREAD MAN DECORATING AFTERNOON

(for preschoolers to year 6)

Saturday
30th November
2.30 – 4pm

@ Ettalong Baptist
Church
8 Barrenjoey Rd,
Ettalong Beach

\$18 with afternoon
tea provided.

CASH ONLY!

To book or enquire,
contact

Jane on
0425 263 763

**We only have a
set number of
kits and once
they are gone
there is no more,
so get in ASAP**

Kit comes with
everything your
child needs:
Gingerbread man,
ready-made icing
and lollies for
decorating.

**Please RSVP
& pay by
15th
November
2024**

Gluten Free option available.

RSVP by 30st October 2024

