



Thank you, Jane for this beautiful photo.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 17th October 2024

From the Pastor:

This week has been sad for our church as we said goodbye to Allen Badman. At 104, Allen was ready to be with the Lord. We give thanks (as he always gave thanks) for his wonderful life, for so many blessings, and that he is now celebrating with his LORD in heaven!

This Sunday we are talking again about Baptism. In our 9.30am service David will be preaching on it. Healthy families have family pride; members are not ashamed to be recognised as a part of the family. Baptism is not an optional ritual to be delayed or postponed. It signifies your inclusion in God's family. It publicly announces to the world, "God loves me, and I love him. He has welcomed me into his family." Have you been baptised? Jesus commanded this beautiful act for all his family.

Baptism is pregnant with meaning. Your baptism declares your faith, shares Christ's burial and resurrection, symbolises your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God's family. Your baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth, it represents what happened the moment God brought you into his family. Baptism doesn't make you a member of God's family; only faith in Christ does that. Baptism shows that you are a part of God's family. It is a visible reminder of an inward commitment made in your heart, (and a picture of what Christ has done for you).

Maybe you were baptised many years ago. Your baptism is still something special to cherish today. Never forget the promises you made at your baptism and continue to trust Christ as you did then, walking in His Spirit and celebrating all that he does for you.

Blessings, Pastor David



This Saturday 19th Oct 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 20th October 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/P1I2ZDMHah4?feature=share>

Please join us at SHOUT!! this Sunday October 20th 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 we will be continuing to talk about: *Prayer: Praying Anywhere, Anytime*.

Missionary Committee Meeting This 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.

Men's Breakfast, This 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.

Collection Time for - Operation Christmas Child by 26th October:

"The collection time for the Operation Christmas Child boxes has started and will conclude 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.

Francis Candiga, National Director of CEF South Sudan:

Thank you so much to everyone who gave so generously to the work of Frances Candiga from South Sudan. The amount raised was \$1745.75.

Are you Willing and Able to help those in need? - 1 Timothy 5:5:

We had a request for a new ministry, that we are calling, 'Willing and Able'.

1 Timothy 5:5 The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help.

In our church, we have many people in need of assistance to do small jobs around the home, like changing a light bulb. This is a job easy for many, but impossible for others.

If you are in need of this kind of help, please contact Lynette at office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au Anyone wishing to offer their services to do small jobs, please also contact Lynette phone: **43431237** We have two generous people come forward to assist and we are very grateful to them, **thank you**.

Volunteers needed for Mainly Music:

Our successful Friday morning pre-school aged program, Mainly Music, is needing more volunteers.

If you are interested in assisting in this exciting program, please contact Joy. Ph: 0417 443 372.

'Coffee, Tea & A Movie' is an exciting New Connect Group Starting:

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

Simply Scrappy Christmas Tags Workshop Sat 26th Oct:

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

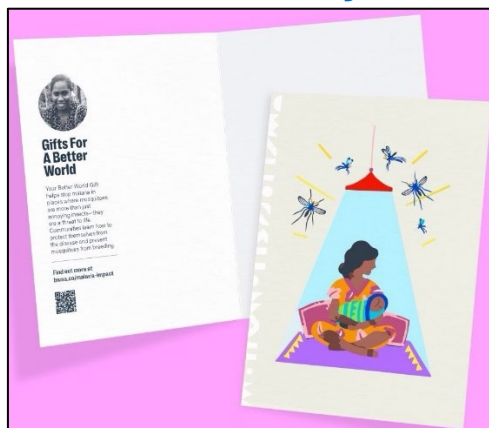
Christmas is coming!

Pastimes is pleased to offer this workshop with Margaret Crawford that is suitable for all – children must be accompanied by an adult. Phone: 0409 578 538

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.

Better World Gift Cards on sale Sunday Mornings in October:



Stop Malaria

\$10.00 each Cash or credit card.

In vulnerable communities' mosquitoes are more than just annoying insects, they are a threat to life. Your Better World Gift teaches communities how to protect themselves from the spread of disease and prevent mosquitoes from breeding in countries like the Solomon Islands where malaria threatens healthy lives.

- Product info:
- Card size: 148x105mm Envelope included
- Includes information on how your gift helps families living in poverty

Purchase this or other cards after morning service this coming Sunday from Wendy Creamer.

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

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

Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

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.

EBC Directory update:

Could you please update your directories, with our Deacon Merryll Mead's new email address: merryll048@outlook.com Thank you.

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.

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