



*Praying over Operation Christmas Child Boxes last Sunday.*

## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024

### From the Pastor:

At our 4pm Sunday Service, SHOUT!! this week, our Bible Reading is from Philippians 4:6, which says, “Don’t worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.”

Ettalong Baptist Church has much to be thankful for, such as:

- A small group of women from our church have gone to help Grafton Uniting Church raise money for the Fords in the Ukraine at the Jacaranda Festival. It is such a blessing that people from our church can serve the Lord in this way.
- A small Youth Bible Study meets on Friday nights in the Hill Hall. I praise God for the youth who attend and for the faithful leaders.
- Last Sunday we spent time in our 9.30am service praying over 201 Operation Christmas Child boxes that will be distributed around the world by Samaritans purse as an expression of love to those who need to know the love of Jesus.

Life can be hard. Many in our church are unwell. Sometimes we feel we are being attacked from every side. Life can be overwhelming. But God our Father is with us. Jesus Christ his Son has saved us. His Holy Spirit broods over us. We are his church, and he is our God. We don’t need to worry or fret. We can trust in God. We have so much to be thankful for, and we can offer our prayers and requests to God knowing he will never let us go!

Blessings, Pastor David

### Sunday Morning Communion Service 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.30am:

Bible Passage: Romans 15:8-13

We will be sharing together in communion, and all are welcome to eat and drink with us.

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Marion, Peter and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/7Ru8DP8TvQ8?feature=share>

## Please join us at SHOUT!! this Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 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*: - Pray about everything.

## LIFT Lunch this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 12:30pm: Lunch at The Ettalong:

Ladies, you are invited to join us for lunch at **'The Ettalong'** (next to IGA, in Ettalong shopping centre), on Friday 1st November at 12.30pm. All ladies are very welcome. Contact: Marion 0401 344 814

## Ministry Partners Special Church Meeting Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 11:10am

A Church Meeting for Ministry Partners only will be held at 11.10am, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of November.

Everyone who attends the meeting will need to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Please see Pastor David Gilchrist if you have any questions.

## EBC Welcome Lunch, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November-after Morning Tea:

Everyone is invited to our 'Welcome Lunch'. We especially want to welcome everyone new to our church over the last 6 months. Please see or call Sheila phone:0414 790 690

## Church Quarterly Meeting will be on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Nov at 11am:

Our regular Church Quarterly meeting will be 11am Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Everyone is welcome and visitors are encouraged to join us.

## Skills For Life International Meeting Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 1:30pm:

Skills For Life International is meeting in Hill Hall on the Wednesday 6th November at 1.30pm. Doors are open **everybody is welcome**.

Also, for those who wish to make a financial contribution online the account details are as follows.

**Skills For Life International**  
**Community Solutions One**  
**BSB 032-526**

**Account 226 916**

Thank you, Diane

## Gosford Hospital wish to thank all that have donated toiletries:

A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated toiletries to Gosford District Hospital, they are greatly appreciated, and the hospital would like to encourage you to continue helping out this way.

Thank you. Diane and Gosford District Hospital.

## Thank you to all that helped with Operation Christmas Child 2024:

" A huge thank you to all who contributed in any way to the 2024 Operation Christmas Child season. The result was amazing!

There will be 201 excited children who will have the life-changing opportunity to meet Jesus through the discipleship course. We pray for them to accept Him into their hearts."

Thanks Beth

## Children's Gingerbread Man Decorating Afternoon:

How exciting, that It's nearly that time of the year again!

We only have a set number of kits, once there gone there won't be any more for this year, so get in quick!

This fun afternoon will be held here on:

- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November. 2:30pm – 4pm.
- Cost \$18 for the kit (afternoon tea also provided)
- Children from preschool to year 6.
- RSVP and pay (CASH ONLY) by 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- To book or enquire, please contact Jane on. Phone: 0425 263 763

## Women's Gingerbread House Making Night:

Women are invited to come along to our Annual Gingerbread House Making night commencing at 6.45pm, Monday 2 December in our church hall. Cost is \$41 until remaining preordered early bird tickets are sold out and then the price goes to \$44. Everything is included to make the house. An amazing supper is also provided.

The lovely Heather Grebert will be our speaker this year, so this is a great opportunity to invite a friend to hear an evangelistic message as well as have a glorious time.

Please contact Margy Gilchrist on 0447 431 234 if you would like to purchase a ticket, there are flyers available in the church foyer.

## Ettalong Baptist Church Recipe Book 2025:

The Missionary Committee and David have endorsed the concept of the production of a cookbook to be produced and on sale in 2025. All proceeds from the sales of the book will go towards supporting our missionaries in 2025. The theme of the recipe book will be **Easy Meals**, which can be made for people living on their own or for families.

We are inviting church members to submit one or two of their favourites, all time easy meals, whether it be an entree, a main, a desert, or special occasion dish etc.

**It is important that you give these recipes to Heather from the start of November and no later than mid-December** so she and another Home Economist, Louise Godwin, can test, check out and proceed to the printing of the recipes. You will be given the credit for the recipes.

Further information is available, from our own resident Home Economist, Heather Crawford.

## YouthLife Prayer Meeting Notes:

Last Saturday morning at Woy Woy Anglican Church, a prayer meeting was held for YouthLife (Religious Education Ministries).

There are copies of prayer points from the prayer meeting, on the table in our church foyer, if you would like to pray for this important ministry. Thank you.

## '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

## Are you able to help with our Ministry of Leftovers Free Café:

**Acts 20:35.** *In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

You may have heard David mention in the notices on Sunday, that our café is needing more help. We are needing both people that can just be in the kitchen/lower hall to welcome people and serve them hot drinks and food, and people to bake food, make sandwiches or even bring in bought biscuits, cakes etc Any help given, will be greatly appreciated. Please see Caroline.

## Mainly Music needs Volunteers please:

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.

## Youth Life Warehouse Woy Woy Welcomes you to join them:

Volunteers are needed at the warehouse to help sort out goods. Everyone is welcome. Please see Sheila

## Thank you to all of you that work diligently with joy here at EBC:

It is such a privilege to be part of a church where so many people give so freely of their time, care and dedication to the many ministries that we have here, also financially.

***Please know that we truly appreciate ALL that you do always. Thank you! Ettalong Baptist Church.***

## New Ministry Willing and Able to help - 1 Timothy 5:5:

**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](mailto:office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au)

Anyone wishing to offer their services to do small jobs, please also contact Lynette phone: 43431237

**We have four generous people come forward to assist and we are very grateful to them, thanks.**

## Apology last week's Newsletter:

Last week I neglected to place a message in Newsletter to go with the flyer I put in, for Rhema's Birthday last Saturday. I apologise to all that wanted this information. Lynette.

## Christmas Dates to look forward to, for your Diary:

Children's Gingerbread Man Decorating Day, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2.30pm

Women's Gingerbread Making Night, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 6.45pm

Family Nativity Service, Community BBQ and Community Carols, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December

Christmas Day Service, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of December 9.30am

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

Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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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