



Thank you, Jane, for photo of flowers taken in WA

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 3rd October 2024

Don't Forget... daylight saving starts this Sunday, 6th October.

From the Pastor:

EBC has a purpose, that we will always be moving forward together in Christ's steps.

We allow Christ to lead us. He is our head. We walk in his steps. There is nothing that we cannot face as he leads us forward. His death and resurrection are our strength.

There are many things that EBC value, but we are passionate about:

- The Bible – Knowing God through his word
- Prayer – Communicating with God
- Community – Loving people and making disciples.

With our Purpose and Values in mind, EBC has a dream that we will be of...

- One mind – unified in following the way of Jesus Christ.
This part of our vision is to do with growing together in the gospel, that we would all be more Christ like, and equipped to serve him as his body, the Church.
With this vision we Commit to unity both in our church and with other churches.
- One body – selflessly and radically loving our community, transforming the world for Jesus.
This part of our vision is to do with living out the gospel in practical ways as the body of Christ.
With this vision we commit to loving and serving the community without expecting anything in return.
- One Voice – using every gift given to us by God to communicate his glory and love boldly and courageously.
This part of our vision is to do with communicating the gospel. We want to do this effectively and boldly using the gifts and resources God has given us.
With this vision we commit to using our resources (sometimes in quite radical ways) to openly proclaim the gospel of Christ, in word, deed, and with everything we do and have. Resources include our building, spiritual gifts, raising up and training leaders.

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 your 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 Communion Service 6th October at 9.30am:

Sermon: We Have a Dream That We Will Be Of One Mind

Bible Passage: Romans 15:1-7

Prayer is available at the front of church, after the service, with Greg, Elizabeth and others.

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/VQRLxp1X3rE?feature=share>

SHOUT!! is in recess until next Sunday October 13th:

Please come and join us next Sunday when SHOUT!! resumes.

Next Sunday 13th October 9.30am:

Special Guest: Frances Candiga, National Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship of South Sudan.

Pastors Leave:

Pastor David is on one week's annual leave from Monday 7th of October and will be back Tuesday 15th of October.

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

LIFT Lunch at 'The Ettalong' Friday Oct 4th, 12:30pm:

We're trying a new venue, and we welcome new faces to join us for lunch and fellowship at 'The Ettalong' hotel, (on the roundabout and next door to IGA in Ettalong shopping centre), 12:30pm on Friday 4th October. Looking forward to seeing you there. Contact: Marion, 0401 344 814

Ministry of Leftovers will be closed this Monday 7th October:

This weekend is a long weekend, and we therefore will be closed on Monday. Thank you, Caroline.

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!

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.

An exciting New Connect Group Starting In Term 4: Coffee & Chat:

A new style of **Connect group** is being trialled in term 4, it is called **Coffee and Chat**, an informal group for 4 - 6 people who want to enjoy the company of others, but still chat about some of the Bible concepts, such as how to read the Bible, how to pray, how to make wise decisions, how to discern the voice of God, how to understand specific scriptures etc. It is envisioned that such a group could be held in a cafe, someone's house or at church.

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

Simply Scrappy Christmas Tags Workshop:

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

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



Advent Calendar - \$15

Take time each day in December to move through the Christmas story and reflect on generosity this giving season.

Each day contains a short reflection and question to encourage you to think again about Jesus' arrival and birth, God's great gift to us, and how you and your family reflect that generosity.

A beautiful and meaningful gift to help anyone slow down for the most important things in a season that can be all too busy.

All proceeds go to help meet families' immediate needs through our Where Needed Most fund. Your contribution will help families living in poverty with what they need, when they need it.

Product info: Good for families, share houses or anyone who wants to spend more time reflecting on the Christmas story this year A4 when folded, folds out to A3 Recyclable Printed on ethically sourced paper. **On sale 13th October in lower hall after church service. Wendy Creamer**

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.

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.

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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