



Thank you, Caroline, for this beautiful photo, 'Remembering Mum'.

## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### From the Pastor:

Joshua was about to lead the people of Israel across the Jordan River into the promised land. He was apprehensive. He didn't know what lay ahead. On the other side of the river stood the great city of Jericho. But God told Joshua,

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

This promise is for you as well as for Joshua. Jesus said he will never leave us, he will always be with us.

Julian of Norwich wrote,

*"All shall be well and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.  
For there is a force of love moving through the universe that holds us fast and will never let us go."*

Julian of Norwich wrote these words during the devastating effects of the Black Death Plague of 1348–1350. Her writings are the earliest surviving English-language works attributed to a woman.

So stand bravely, boldly and confidently knowing that whatever comes there is nothing you and the Lord cannot face together!

Blessings, Pastor David

### 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.***

## Sunday Morning Service 10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am:

Bible Passage: Romans 15:14-33

This Sunday we welcome special guest, Amanda, chaplain at Orana Aged Care Facility.

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

The service will be livestreamed on YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/hV9hVoM31aY?feature=share>

## Ministry Partners Special Church Meeting:

**This Sunday 10th November 11.10am in the Church Auditorium for Ministry Partners only.**

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

Please see Pastor David Gilchrist if you have any questions.

## SHOUT!! Sundays 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 reviewing our series on Prayer: - Always pray and never give up.

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

Everyone is invited to our 'Welcome Lunch', including our afternoon service families at SHOUT!! We especially want to welcome everyone new to our church over the last 6 months. Please see or call Sheila phone: 0414790691

## Church Quarterly Meeting:

Our regular Church Quarterly meeting will be Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Everyone is welcome and visitors are encouraged to join us.

## Prayer Letter from Beatrix Wattofa:

**Our missionary partner, Beatrix has written to us asking for prayer. She writes:**

Dear Ettalong Baptist Church,

I have spent three weeks away from the Ministry and basically doing some inductive Bible Study here in Papua while catching up with some sleep and relaxation.

Pray for the teaching of the Book of James to my local Bible Study group and to compare how the Muslim see James and how the believers should see it.

Pray also for Luke Schroder who is going to help me with a comprehension check for the three films I am working on. They are back in USA but hoping to be back to the Philippines next year.

Pray for good working relationship with Mimay and Dens as we work together on translation.

Pray as I prepare topics for the discussion I will have with imam Rachman and Imam Abdul Ajid.

MAF Tarakan in North Kalimantan has reached out to me to act as an intermediary with the Southern Sama in Maratua. The plan is to establish regular flights to the island for tourism and to provide medical emergency transport for patients from the island to Tarakan. I have drafted a proposal letter to the Southern Sama leadership and the local government and have sent it to them.

Please pray for God's Favour.

Thank you so much for your prayers.

Blessings

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## On Webbs Wavelength:

Our missionary partners, Clint and Roslyn Webb, have sent their latest newsletter. It is attached and available in the Church Foyer.

## Not many kits left for Children's Gingerbread Man Decorating:

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

## LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) End of Year Breakfast:

**Celebrating our final get together on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**WHEN?** From 8am – 10:00am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**WHERE?** At Crowne Plaza Terrigal for a delicious buffet breakfast.

**COST?** \$32.00 for locals to be paid individually on the day  
(Proof of residency on the Coast may be required)

For those needing transport to Terrigal, we plan to carpool at the church at 7:15am.

Please contact Marion, 0401 344 814 or Di, 0411 273 124 for information or to make a firm booking, no later than Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas Service Times For your Diary:

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of December:**

- Family Nativity Service **5pm**
- Community BBQ **6pm**
- Community Carols **7:30pm**

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

## '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

## **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.

## **Ministry of Leftovers will be closed for 2 weeks from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec:**

MOL and café will re-open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Volunteers needed end Nov and December, Ministry of Leftovers:**

The Ministry of Leftovers will need extra volunteers for the last week in November and all of December, due to people being away at this time.

Please see Caroline if you are able to help at these times. Thank you.

## **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

## **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)

## EBC Willing and Able Ministry, 'helping our people at home':

**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)

## 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/>

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

These requests are looked after by Lynette Tilden at: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com)

## We would love to use your photos for the Newsletter please:

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