



Thanks, Jane, for the photo of Sunset at Kariong

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 17th July 2025

From The Pastor:

This week we are again looking at Elijah and Elisha in our 9.30am service. This week we are looking at Elijah's most amazing miracle of all.

The departure of Elijah from this world was even more striking than everything else that happened to his life here on earth. He was a force to be reckoned with, by ungodly kings with an uncomfortable message for an idolatrous people. Miracles attended him wherever he went. A final miracle would secure his departure from this world.

He was a man on fire. In 1 Kings 18, he called for fire on top of Mount Carmel and it fell, proving the Lord was God, and Baal was nothing. In 2 Kings 1, he called down fire on those who sought to take his life, proving the Lord was watching over him. Now fire would bring Elijah's earthly ministry to a close even though he would not pass through the portal of death.

Though Elijah is taken away from earth, his story is not over. Just as he passed his mantle on to Elisha, so he passed his message on to Jesus Christ.

Sunday Morning Service, 20th July 9.30am:

Elijah: Taken Away

Bible Passage: 2 Kings 2:1-18

Greg, Elizabeth and others will be at the front after the service for anyone who wants prayer.

The service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/wokO8mBDO5!?feature=share>

SHOUT!! Returns This Sunday 20th July@ 3.30pm:

Everyone is welcome!

Tempo Terrific Band Concert, This Saturday 19th July @ 2pm:

Ticket prices are \$15 single, \$30 a family or \$5 student and include afternoon tea.

Tickets are still available at the door.

You can pay by Direct Debit into the church bank account. To ensure your money is correctly recognised for the concert use the word "Con" for "concert" in the description or reference field. All money raised will help support our 10 Missionary Partners.

Memorial Service for Joy Lofberg:

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Joy Lofberg, Friday 18 July, 11am at the church.

The service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/qB7syn59Eao?feature=share>

There will be refreshments served in the lower hall after the service.

Can you please help Caroline with the catering, by bringing food and also are you able to assist with setting up and cleaning etc.

Please contact Caroline on, phone: **0427 309 399**

Funeral for Yvonne Johnson:

Please join us as we celebrate the life of Yvonne Johnson. The funeral will be held at Palmdale Crematorium. Details for the service are still to be confirmed but it will most likely be Tuesday or Wednesday. Check with David Gilchrist for confirmation. Phone: 0448 431 234

Alpha:

Starts Tuesday 29th of July at 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Details on the flyer in the church foyer.

Women's Retreat at Bethshan, Wyee, 15th to 17th August:

If you yourself are not able to attend but would like to pay for someone else on a limited income, please see Margy as she may have someone who you could support.

Please let Margy know if you are attending all or part of the retreat as she is organising carpooling.

Registrations close Friday, 26 July. Phone Margy: 0447431234.

Spring Fair Saturday 6th September:

Don't forget to get your plants-and other items ready for our Spring Fair, it will be here before you know it.

Ministry Opportunity - Welcome Team:

If you would like to join the Welcome Team at the door on Sunday mornings, please contact Sheila for further information. Sheila: 0414 790 691

Youth Life Op Shop, West Street, Umina Beach, Needs Volunteers:

We would love to have some more volunteers come and work in our shop please. For more information, please contact Sheila Hooper 0414 790 691 and Paul Hooper:0414 256 750

Annual Reports – Must be given to Jean by 31st July:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all church ministries. These reports are now due for 2024-2025.

Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, please send your reports to Jean Lynch by the 31st of July for compilation of the Annual Reports booklet.

Please describe what your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, and plans and visions for the future, or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Please email your report to jeanelynch@gmail.com

Thank you. Jean Lynch (Administration Deacon)

Skills For Life Upcoming Events:

- **Friday 22nd August** – Lunch at Pelican’s Restaurant, Woy Woy Hotel @12pm
- **September** – Picnic at Mt Penang Gardens.

Contact and RSVP: Les: 0412 866 513

EBC’s Prayer Groups, All Welcome:

- **Sunday Mornings 8.45 – 9.15am.** Sunday morning before the 9.30am service at the **back of the Downstairs Hall**. You are welcome to join them.
- **Monday mornings 8.30am to 9.30am in the HILL HALL.** This prayer gathering is a time of praising the Lord and dedicating the week’s ministries and the guidance of the Church to the glory of God.
- **Tuesday Zoom Prayer groups.** These are held at 10am and 7pm. Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.

Giving:

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church
 BSB Number: 633 000
 Account Number: 225369099

We encourage you to use Direct Deposit for giving, but you may also give using cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box at the main entrance door to the auditorium.

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

If you would like prayer, please feel free to send it to: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

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/>

Ettalong Baptist Church, Safe Church Team:

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