



Thanks, David, for photo of Tempo Terrific Band at ebc.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 24th July 2025

From The Pastor:

Over the last two weeks in our 9.30am service I preached our last two messages on Elijah, and they were also our first two messages on Elisha. Elisha was a wealthy man who gave away his wealth, left the family business and committed to being a prophet of God.

Elisha's testimony is a picture of bold faith and unwavering obedience, revealing God's power in extraordinary ways. From parting the Jordan River to raising the dead, Elisha's story challenges us to trust God fully and step courageously into His calling. The journey of the Old Testament prophet Elisha speaks directly to the challenges and opportunities we often face today.

God may never call you to leave your business and give away your wealth, but he does call you to trust him completely. Be willing like Elisha to follow God wherever he leads, even if that means taking some massive steps of faith!

Sunday Morning Service, 27th July 9.30am:

Elisha: God's Provision In Difficult Times

2 Kings 4:1-7

Jean, Merryll 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/TNJ8a8Vfh1w?feature=share>

SHOUT!! This Sunday 27th July@ 3.30pm:

Everyone is welcome! We continue to study the life of the apostle Paul.

Enjoyable Tempo Terrific Band Concert:

A lovely afternoon was had by all and the Missionary Committee is extremely grateful for the effort the band put in to assist us. After paying all our expenses we raised a total of \$770 towards our mission partners fund. Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the concert with us.

Alpha:

Starts this Tuesday 29th of July, 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Join us for "Is There More To Life Than This?" For more details phone Pastor David on 0448 431 234. Details on the flyer in the church foyer.

Women's Retreat at Bethshan, Wyee. Registration Closes Tomorrow:

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 this Friday, 25 July. Phone Margy: 0447431234.

Annual Reports – Last week, 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)

LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together) Lunch:

You are invited to join the LIFT Ladies for lunch and fellowship at 12.30pm on Friday, 1st August at Yi An Chinese in Woy Woy. All ladies are very welcome.

Contact: Marion 0401 344 814 (or just come)

Spring Fair Saturday 6th September:

Don't forget to get your plants-and other items ready for our Spring Fair. It's only a little over a month away.



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To the lovely people who have been busily knitting and crocheting acrylic rugs and soft toys, thank you!!

In early August, Meg Toon is planning to send a carton of rugs and soft toys to Western Australia where they will be put with the adjustable wheelchairs that will go to disabled children overseas.

Please leave all rugs and soft toys in a bag addressed to Meg in the church office, by 2nd August. If you need more time or information, please text or email Meg.0414 238 614 or email: megtoon@bigpond.com

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

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

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

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

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: 225 369 099

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.

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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