



Thanks, Jane for photo from Wagstaffe.

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 31st July 2025

From The Pastor:

Elisha, the prophet of Israel, emerges as a pivotal figure in the Bible. His life is marked by profound miracles and an unwavering faith in God. Known for his steadfast dedication to his prophetic calling and his numerous miraculous deeds, Elisha's life serves as a powerful testament to the profound impact of faith.

Throughout his ministry, Elisha performed numerous miracles that demonstrated God's power and love. He purified the waters of Jericho, making them safe to drink (read 2 Kings 2:19-22), and as we read in our 9.30am service last Sunday, provided a miraculous supply of oil for a widow in dire need (2 Kings 4:1-7).

This Sunday we are reading one of Elisha's most notable miracles involving raising of a woman's son from the dead. The miracle demonstrates Elisha's deep compassion and God's power over life and death. All Elisha's miracles not only underscored his prophetic authority but also reinforced the faith of the people in God's power and providence.

Letters From Our Mission Partners:

Two of our Mission Partners, Beatrix who lives and works in the Philippines, and Clint and Ros Webb who live and work in Lebanon have emailed us newsletters. Copies of these are available in the church foyer. If you would like a copy of the Webb's Newsletter emailed to you, please contact the office.

Sunday Morning Communion Service, 3rd August 9.30am:

Elisha: Life for the Dead: 2 Kings 4:8-37

Jessie and Graham 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/4RhfSzl2R8E?feature=share>

SHOUT!! This Sunday 3rd August@ 3.30pm:

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

Annual Reports – Due **TODAY!** Thursday 31 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.**

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.

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)

Alpha, week 2:

Tuesday we will be meeting for the 2nd week of Alpha @ 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Join us for "Who Is Jesus?" It's not too late to join us. For more details phone Pastor David on 0448 431 234.

Congratulations and Praise God:

Congratulations to Ian [REDACTED] on his trip to Canberra to receive the Commissioner's Medal awarded for his service to the Australian Federal Police, where he works.

We know that this is a demanding vocation for which Ian is unable to share with others, we pray for God's love and protection over him and his family in this work, which God has placed this calling for his life.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday 16th August:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be Saturday 16 August 2025, at 8am. To be held at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy). All men are welcome.

For more information, contact Ian Makepeace Ph:0411 012 125

Spring Fair Saturday, 6th September: 5 Weeks to Go:

The Spring Fair is only a month away. Please start thinking and praying about whom you can invite, it's an excellent idea to invite family and friends for a lovely home-made morning tea at the cafe or a lovely BBQ lunch.

From The Plant Stall:

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

- Final week to pot up cuttings so they are well rooted come sale time.
- Clean up your garden and put aside any unwanted pot plants or pot up those overgrown plants that need thinning out.
- Please bring any empty unused pots to the church for other gardeners to use.

Contact Joy Watt 0417 443 372 if you need help with potting or if you need some potting mix or pots to allow you to pot up.

From Heather Crawford:

- It isn't too late if you wanted to make a few simple craft items for sale. We have some very crafty people in our church and craft items are always popular at the Fair.
- We have been given many porcelain dolls to sell this year, all brand new, in a range of sizes. Prices range from \$10 to \$20 and upwards for some large ones. A bargain not to be missed.

Please be Praying for our upcoming Spring Fair:

- Please be praying for good weather on the day and for many locals to come to our fair and feel really welcomed to our church.
- Please pray for each stall, activity coordinator that they get done all the preparation they need to do and feel excited about the event.
- Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community while we raise money to support our Mission Partners.

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, Needs Volunteers:

We would love to have more volunteers for our Youth Life shop in West Street Umina. For more information, please contact Sheila Hooper 0414 790 691 and Paul Hooper:0414 256 750.

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.

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.
- **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/>

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