



*Thanks, Janine, for the photo of a native Carpenter Bee on the pink Eriostemon.*

## Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 11th September 2025

### From The Pastor:

Elisha the prophet of Israel, had an incredible ministry for the Lord. Known for his steadfast dedication to his prophetic calling and his numerous miraculous deeds, Elisha's life is a powerful testament of how God can use us when we faithfully serve him.

God calls you to serve him just as he called Elisha. You have been given a SHAPE to serve God. Your 'SHAPE' consists of your **Spiritual Gifts**, the things you have a **Heart** for (passionate about), your **Abilities**, your **Personality** and your **Experiences**. Jesus called you as his follower, to let your light shine (Matthew 5:16).

Jesus has given to each person who trusts in him, his Holy Spirit. When you allow him he will teach you, guide you, give you his power, both for your personal joy and satisfaction, and that you may serve Christ with the same power that Elisha had.

David Gilchrist

### Sunday Morning Service, 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am:

Bible Passage: 2 Kings 6:1-7 and Acts 1:6-9, "The Power That Is Yours"

Jean, Merryll and others will be available at the front after the service for everyone who needs prayer.

The service will be livestreamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/xSaUMiRWh1o?feature=share>

### SHOUT!! this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September:

At SHOUT!! we are continuing the true story of Joseph, a great man of God. 3.30pm for refreshments and activities, 4pm for worship, prayer and story.

### Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night. This Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September:

This combined worship night will be hosted by Narara Valley Baptist Church, 149 Narara Valley Drive, Narara

- 5.30pm Dinner
- 6.30pm - 7.30pm Worship Service

**Carpool and Drive Together:** We will be meeting in the EBC back car park, leaving at 5pm.

## Guest Speaker and Workshop for Recovery and Healing:

**Life is full of tragedy.** on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of September** Pastor Joel Small (from Erina Community Baptist Church) will be visiting us to speak on this topic in our 9.30am service.

At 2pm on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of September** Pastor Joel Small and Pastor Jennie Clarke will be running a workshop for Recovery and Healing. This is for all members of Ettalong Baptist Church. Please put it in your diary now and make it a priority to attend.

If you didn't attend the last Church Congregational Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> of August 2025, please contact Pastor David Gilchrist and he can explain why we are having this workshop.

## Alpha Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 12.30pm – 2.30pm:

Topic: How Do I Read the Bible? Alpha is in the Hill Hall every Tuesday 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

## Church Water to Be Shut Off, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September:

With the roadworks that are happening around our building the water will be turned off on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> of September** between the hours of 7am -4pm.

Transport for NSW apologises for the inconvenience.

**Ministry Of Leftovers will be closed because of this next Tuesday.**

## Operation Christmas Child 2025:

If you didn't get the opportunity to purchase a filled Christmas box at the Spring Fair there are still a few left that can be purchased for \$35 from Beth Wykes. Money raised from the sale of these filled boxes goes to support our missionaries.

- Boxes are available for \$1 each from the church office now. Please be thinking of how you can bless a child with a box filled with toys, clothing, school items, hygiene needs and the opportunity to take part in The Greatest Journey discipleship course learning the truth about the good news of Jesus in their own language.
- New to the "Do not include" list is SOAP. It has been found that it can sweat and cause damage to the boxes when sitting in containers for a time.

If you have any queries, please see Beth or ring 0431 749 743. Thank you. Beth

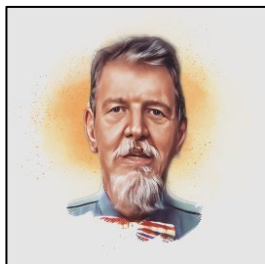
## Skills for Life Events:

- **13<sup>th</sup> September** – Picnic at Mt Penang Gardens, to be moved to the Waterfall Café if bad weather.
- **18<sup>th</sup> October** – Ferry to Palm Beach
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Games Day and possibly craft at Jan Harris's home.
- **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Sydney, meeting at Town Hall to walk around looking at Christmas decorations, ending at Circular Quay for dinner (we will possibly visit St Andrews Cathedral).
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – A visit to the Art Gallery.

Contact Les for times and all other information, also to RSVP: 0412 866 513

## Room For Let:

A lady in the church has a room to rent at her home on St Huberts Island. The boarder will have their own large room upstairs but will need to share bathroom facilities. If you, or someone you know might be interested please phone Maria Janos on 0404 009 300



## Robert Mead is Looking for Sponsors Please:

Help “Love Go The Distance” and support Aussie men and families living with prostate cancer. Either:

- Register for The Long Run or donate today at [www.thelongrun.org.au](http://www.thelongrun.org.au)
- Give Robert cash, and he will register for you.

Over the last 3 years Robert has raised over \$4,500.

## Giving:

### Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church – Bendigo Bank

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 send your request to: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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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