



Wishing All Our Dad's and Grandfather's a Happy Father's Day!

Ettalong Baptist Church Newsletter, 4th September 2025

From The Pastor: See you at our Spring Fair on Saturday!!

Thank you to everyone who has already put so much work into preparing for our Spring Fair. Thank you to those who have been making things and preparing items for sale for months. Thank you to those who have been baking and donating many yummy treats. Thank you to those who have been at the church every day this week setting up. Thank you to those who have been preparing floats and card readers. Thank you to all the stall coordinators and volunteers who are giving up their Saturday to help make our Fair a success. Thank you to the people who have been distributing flyers, posting notices on Facebook and preparing notices and interviews for the radio. Thank you to Heather who is coordinating us all.

We hold our Fair to raise money for our 10 mission partners and to welcome our community and show Christ's love to all who visit and support us.

Colossians 3:23-24 states,

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Thank you for all you do in your service in the church.

Blessings

Pastor David

Sunday Morning Communion Service, 7th September 9.30am:

Bible Passage: 2 Kings 5:15-27, "What are you running after?"

Greg and Elizabeth 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/URgMYnFNDUI?feature=share>

SHOUT!! will resume Sunday 14th September:

SHOUT!! is in recess for Father's Day and will resume next Sunday 14th September.

Alpha Tuesday 9th September 12.30pm – 2.30pm:

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

Spring Fair: this Saturday, 6th September:

Welcoming Our Community:

- Heather has reminded us that the Spring Fair offers our church the opportunity to meet new people and to meet their spiritual and physical needs whilst they are visiting our church. We need greeter's who can speak with the customers and be a friendly face for all who visit our Fair. Denise Psaila is coordinating our greeters. Please speak with Denise if you can be involved in this. Pray for opportunities to connect with our customers, while you enjoy a cuppa, etc.
- The church has bibles available to give away to those who need one.

Please Make Cakes for our Cake Stall!

- Due to popular demand, this stall sells out early in the day every year, so we need lots of your baked goodies please.
- Please wrap your cakes/slices/biscuits securely and ensure you list the ingredients you have used and state the date they were baked.
- Cakes can be delivered to the church this Friday before 3pm, or you can deliver them to the cake stall on the day of the fair before 9am. Any inquiries, please contact Julie: 0407 907 394

Operation Christmas Child 2025:

- The option to purchase filled boxes will again be available for \$35 each at our Spring Fair.

Please be Praying for our Spring Fair:

- Pray for good weather.
- Pray many locals visit and that we will make them feel welcome.
- Pray for each stall / activity coordinator and all our volunteers that they are well prepared and 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.

Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night. Sunday 14th 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**

To help with numbers please register using the QR code on the flyer, before **11th of September 2025** or let EBC church office know you want to attend, and any dietary requirements and we can register for you.

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

Operation Christmas Child 2025:

Yes, the 2025 season is now upon us. 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.

The option to purchase filled boxes will again be available for \$35 each at our Spring Fair. Following the fair, the display will be set up in the foyer.

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

There is no Ladies in Fellowship Together Lunch this September:

Due to the Spring Fair, the LIFT Lunch, which should take place on Friday 5th September, has been cancelled.

Our next lunch will be on Friday 3rd October.

Contact: Marion. 0401 344 814

Church Water to Be Shut Off, Tuesday 9th & 16th September:

With the roadworks that are happening around our building the water will be turned off on Tuesday 9th of September and 16th of September between the hours of 7am -4pm.

Transport for NSW apologises for the inconvenience.

Ministry Of Leftovers will be closed on both these days.

Skills for Life Events:

- **13th September** – Picnic at Mt Penang Gardens, to be moved to the Waterfall Café if bad weather.
- **18th October** – Ferry to Palm Beach
- **Friday 14th November** – Games Day and possibly craft at Jan Harris's home.
- **Saturday 20th 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 10th 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 there 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

Praise God and Thank You Everyone:

'Our total offerings August was \$17,283.26 of which \$241.40 was morning tea and printing contributions. Our monthly target to make budget is \$17000 so thanks to God for his blessing and our church community for generous giving. Liz'

(Thank you, Liz and our Finance Committee, for doing a great job!)

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.

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

- If you would like prayer, please send your request 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.

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)

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