



Thank you, Julie, for this beautiful sunset photo at Umina Beach

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 19th February 2026

From The Pastor:

I am back from leave and am looking forward to worshipping with you at Ettalong Baptist Church this Sunday. Thank you for all your love and prayers expressed to us over the last 4 weeks while we have been moving. We are excited to be setting up a new home in Warrigal Street, Blackwall (just over a 5-minute walk from our church building).

I am also excited to be starting a preaching series in our 9.30am service on Hebrews, titled Jesus is Greater. Over the next 9 weeks or so leading up to Easter, during and after Easter we will be studying this fascinating little book from the Bible.

The Book of Hebrews is a sermon or letter written to a group of Christians. These Christians had been Jews but realised Jesus is the Christ, the promised Messiah who the Jews were looking for. Being a Christian however was hard, and these people were facing persecution. They were even considering abandoning their faith in Jesus to revert to Judaism. So, the author of Hebrews writes to encourage them to trust in Jesus. Hebrews explains the reason Jesus was born as a man on earth, and died as a man, and was resurrected as a man. Jesus is not just about religion. He wants to walk with you and be your Saviour and Leader of your life!

Fix your eyes on Jesus, the "author and perfecter of faith," and confidently approach God's throne of grace for help, rather than shrinking back in the face of hardship.

Blessings,
Pastor David Gilchrist

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, February 22nd 9.30am:

There's No One Greater Than Jesus Christ, Hebrews 1:1 to 2:4 (or part there of).

During this service Nelida and Anna will be giving a 5min testimony.

Heather, Jane 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/C4R6GI7Lsol?feature=share>

Sunday Mornings Kid's Church:

'Kid's Church' is on during our 9.30am service. This is a good time for parents to be blessed in the service while the children are having fun learning about God in the next room.

- **Please be praying for this new Children's Ministry.**
- **Please contact Lea on 0403 429 178 if you are interested in being on the roster to help with this ministry.** All helpers must have a Working With Children's Check, complete a Safe Ministry Screening Questionnaire and commit to completing a Safe Church Course as soon as practical.

SHOUT!! Resumes this Sunday 22nd from 3.30pm:

SHOUT!! Come and join us for Activities and Refreshments, followed by Worship for all the family. This is our first SHOUT!! for 2026, we are excited to see everyone as we have missed all our families.

Please be praying for SHOUT!! 2026 and all our families that attend.

EBC Quarterly Meeting on this Sunday 22nd February @ 11am:

Please come to our 1st Quarterly meeting for 2026. It will be held in the auditorium after morning tea.

You are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

Men's Breakfast this Sat 21st February 8am @ BBF Café Woy Woy:

The first 2026 men's fellowship breakfast will be held Saturday 21 February, at 8am.

All men are welcome. This will be held at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy).

Contact, Ian Makepeace Ph: 0411 012 125

Games morning for FUN Raising!!

Every Wednesday 9.45am to 12 midday. Please bring a plate of food and / or a donation please for yummy morning coffee etc. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend and prepare to 🤪 (laugh)

Contact Meg 0414238614'

World Day of Prayer is Friday 6th March:

Woy Woy Presbyterian Church would like to invite men and women to the World Day of Prayer from 10am, Friday 6th March, at the Presbyterian church, 120 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy. The focus this year is on Nigeria.

Contact Sue Briggs 0438411268 or Sheila Hooper 0414 790 691

EBC's Prayer Groups, All Welcome:

- **Sunday Mornings 8.45 – 9.15am.** A small group of people meet to pray each 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 auditorium.** 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 group.** This is held at 10am. Please see Greg or Elizabeth Beckenham to join.
- **Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain.** Please send your Prayer requests or Praise Points to ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com, this is **available 7 days a week**.

Changed Traffic Conditions:

Temporary traffic safety management barriers are preventing cars coming from Ettalong/ Umina, on Barrenjoey Road, turning right into our Barrenjoey Road carpark. To enter the carpark please continue to the roundabout carefully, do a full 180-degree turn, and then turn left into our carpark. To exit the car park please turn left onto Barrenjoey Road.

Letter from Beatrix:

Dear Friends at Ettalong Baptist church.

Greetings from Simunul Island in The Philippines.

My first encounter with patients when I arrived on Simunul Island was to meet Indah Kiang, the mother of Erap. Erap had a high temperature and was 11 months old at the time. I was able to treat him while his mother Indah Kiang was resting as she was not feeling well.

Erap has now completed and graduated from 4 years teacher training. So, I asked him to assist me anytime I am going back to the Island. He agreed with those arrangements.

Your financial support has enabled me, Erap and others as we work together to present SS with the message of salvation in Jesus name.

Thank you for your gift via the Mission office in Melbourne.

Blessings to you

Beatrix



Shooting Arrows:

Attached is the latest news from the Truloff mission family.

Baptist Mission Australia Guide 2026:

There are a few copies of these guides in the church foyer. Please take one.

Send Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

Please send your Newsletter items to: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au by 12.30pm Wednesdays.

If you would like a copy of our weekly Newsletter emailed to you, please send an email to the address above, with your name and email address on it.

Thank you for the two photos sent in for our Newsletter, feel free to keep sending more, thank you.

There are printed copies in the foyer and it is also placed onto our Ettalong Baptist Church Website.

Giving:

Our bank details are:

Account Name: Ettalong Baptist Church – Bendigo Bank

BSB Number: 633 000

Account Number: 225 369 099

You may also give cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box next to the main entrance door in the church 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:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact: Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone: 0448 431 234) or Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

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