



Photo of The Hinterlands taken from Gosford Hospital, thanks Lynette.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 12th March 2026

From The Pastor:

Moses has always been highly revered by Jewish people, by the Christian church, and even in secular books and movies. Hebrews 3:1-6 reminds us that Jesus should receive much more honour and glory than Moses. “The Lawgiver,” Moses, served God faithfully, but Christ is much more than a servant—he is God’s Son. He was put in complete charge of God’s house, the church. As Christians, we are part of God’s house, and Christ is in charge of us. We must recognise him only as our highest authority.

Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, March 15th 9.30am:

Topic: Jesus the Greater One, Bible Passage: Hebrews 3:1-6

Kerrie, Peter and others, will be at the front after the service for anyone who wants prayer.

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/YpeaJORJf4I?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.

SHOUT!! Sunday March 15th from 3.30pm:

Come and join us for Activities and Refreshments, followed by Worship for all the family.

Easter Services:

Thursday 2nd April, 6pm: Service of the Shadows – Reading the accounts of the Passion according to the Gospel of Matthew and the Prophet Isaiah.

Good Friday 3rd April 9.30am: Encounter Grace – Luke 23:32-43 (Simulcast on 94.9 Rhema Central Coast)

Easter Sunday 5th April 9.30am: Encounter Redemption – John 20:10-18 (including communion)

Palm Sunday, Sunday 29th of March:

It would be great to put some Palm branches in the Auditorium for our 9.30am service and in the Hill Hall for SHOUT!! on Palm Sunday. Please see David Gilchrist if you have some Palm branches we can use.

Women's Breakfast at Daleys Kitchen, Saturday 28th March:

All women are invited to breakfast on Saturday, 28th March at 8.30am at Daleys Kitchen at Daleys Point. The food is fabulous and the venue is lovely. The menu can be seen on their website and they cater for any special dietary requirements. Feel free to invite a friend.

Let Margy know if you would like to come and if you need a lift.

Please RSVP to Margy by 26 March on 0447 431 234.

Games morning for FUN Raising!!

Wednesdays, 9.45-12 midday in the Hill Hall.

Please bring a donation for cafe coffee / hot chocolate. Friends welcome!

Contact Meg 0414 238 614

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Adam Worthington and Steph van Leeuwen on your engagement last Sunday. We are so excited and happy for you both and pray that you will both know the Lord's blessings in your lives together.

Safe Church Accreditation:

Ettalong Baptist church is committed to protecting and promoting the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare and safety of all people – especially those within our own church community. We have a legal obligation to do it, but we also have an obligation if we care for each other and the people of our church.

This year Ettalong Baptist Church will be applying to the Baptist Association of NSW and ACT to be approved by the Safe Church Health Check.

The Safe Church Health Check assesses how churches are fulfilling their requirements of the 10 Child Safe Standards (attached to this newsletter). The 10 Child Safe Standards were born from the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Our commitment to creating safe spaces for all involves adopting a Safe Church Policy, incorporating appropriate staff and volunteer screening and training, and having a Code of Conduct. We have adopted a Safe Church Policy and Procedures from the NSW ACT Baptist Association which complies with the latest Government legislation. The policy document is available on our church website "documents" page. We have also adopted selected procedural documents relating to the Procedure for Conflict Resolution, Procedure for Handling Complaints Against Staff and Volunteers, and Procedure for Responding to Child Protection Concerns.

We expect anyone who volunteers in any way with Ettalong Baptist Church to fill in a Safe Ministry Screening Questionnaire and a Volunteers Conduct Covenant. Church leaders and anyone working with children and young people under 18 must also hold a Working With Children Check and complete a Creating Safe Spaces course at least every four years.

We have a small Safe Church Team, currently our Pastor David Gilchrist and Jean Lynch.



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 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 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**.

Follow us on You Version:

Ettalong Baptist Church is on You Version Bible App \ a free Bible app helping millions seek God daily.

https://www.bible.com/organizations/87554d33-ee1c-46e4-a8f9-f5c82cd760b3?utm_source=yvapp&utm_medium=share&utm_content=partner-profile

Send Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

Please send your Newsletter items & photos 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. **There are printed copies in the foyer and it is also posted onto our Ettalong Baptist Church Website.**

Thanks to those who have sent their photos for the Newsletter, keep them coming please!

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)

Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

If you would like prayer, please send your request to: ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com

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Handel's Messiah, @ Epping Baptist Church on Good Friday, 3 pm:

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF GOOD FRIDAY MESSIAH



HANDEL'S
MESSIAH
PARTS II & III

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL 2026, 3PM
Epping Baptist Church, Cnr Ray and Carlingford Rds, Epping

FEATURING
Good Friday Combined Choir & Orchestra

Soloists	Organ
Soprano - Camilla Wright	Heather Moen-Boyd
Mezzo Soprano - Jenny Duck-Chong	Conductor
Tenor - Kent McIntosh	Steve Bartlett
Bass - Tristan Entwistle	

ADMISSION: Tickets at Door

Adults: \$25 Pensioners: \$20 Under 18: Free
Cash and Card sales Doors open at 2.40pm

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