



Thanks Debbie. We are blessed to have Debbie Cansdale doing our beautiful flower arrangements & decorations. Thanks for the photo, Caroline.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest:

This Sunday we continue our series through Hebrews. The section we are looking at this Sunday (Hebrews 4:14 to 5:10) marks a significant moment in the letter, as the writer turns attention to the unique role of Jesus Christ as our great high priest. This passage highlights the profound reality that, while Jesus shares in our human weaknesses, he remains without sin and stands as the perfect mediator between God and humanity. The writer of Hebrews encourages believers to approach the throne of grace with confidence, knowing that Christ's empathy and sacrifice provide both mercy and help in times of need. This section thus lays the foundation for understanding Jesus' ongoing ministry and His compassionate advocacy for us.

Blessings  
Pastor David

### 9.30am Sunday Morning Service, April 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am:

Topic: Jesus, Our Great High Priest, Hebrews 4:14 to 5:10

*We can hold fast to the faith we profess because we have a great high priest who is both merciful and qualified.*

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

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/3J3rDWF2O04?feature=share>

'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. All children are welcome!

### SHOUT!! Resumes this Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3.30pm:

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

## Men's Breakfast this Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 8am @ BBF Café Woy Woy:

RSVP to Graham Checkley on 0403 520 278 or just turn up. A great time of getting to know each other while starting the day with breakfast.

## Ettalong Baptist Church – Welcome Lunch, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:

**To welcome new people to our church, and to help new people get to know the rest of the church family.**

We will be meeting directly after the 9.30am service. David will be presenting Ettalong Baptist Church as we share in a cup of tea and coffee. There will be some fun getting to know you activities followed by lunch. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Please place your name on the sheet in the Downstairs Hall or see Lynette Tilden (our church office manager) to indicate you are attending.

### The Ettalong Baptist Church Inaugural Men's Bake-off competition.

For the Welcome Lunch men are asked to bring a homemade cake or slice ready to serve for dessert. We have an experienced chef who will judge and award the trophy for the best dessert to the successful winner.

This is a competition for men not to be missed. You may gather advice from your wife or friends, but the cake or slice must be yours.

For more information chat to Heather Crawford.

## May Mission Month:

During May we will again be taking time in our 9.30am service to hear about and pray for our Mission Partners. It is also an opportunity to learn a bit more about our own mission society, Australian Baptist Mission.

For each of the 5 weeks during May this year, our Mission Liaison Persons will present reports for each of our 10 mission partners and will lead us in praying for them.

On the last Sunday of May (31 May) a love offering will be taken up to help cover our yearly financial support of our Mission Partners. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give. Thank you for your outstanding support again this financial year, of our missionaries.

Thank you.

Heather Crawford - Mission Coordinator

## Games morning for FUN Raising!! Resumes on Wednesday April 22nd: 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

## 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. Can We PRAY For You?** Please send your Prayer requests or Praise Points to [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com), this is **available 7 days a week**.

## Peninsula Pastimes Resumes Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April @ 10am - -12pm:

### New crafters are very welcome

This group meets weekly during school term.

You are welcome to join a card making table or a scrapbooking / junk journaling table. Many crafters bring their own craft along and enjoy crafting in a social setting.

There is a small charge for morning tea. This group supports a sponsor child through Baptist World Aid and other missionaries nominated by our church.

## Mainly Music Resumes Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April @9.45am:

For preschool children and their parents, grandparents and carers meeting in the Auditorium. Children are introduced to music in a fun, in an interactive way. Session runs for thirty minutes with refreshments and playtime afterwards. \$5 per family.

## EBC Spring Fair 2026:

There are just **4 months** until our Spring Fair. Please mark the date in your calendar, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

1. Heather needs small ice-cream containers for the ice-cream stall. Please start saving these for her.
2. Joy tells us it isn't too late to pot some plants up for the plant stall. Heather has a few empty pots if you need some.
3. Joy urgently needs extra clean glass jars please.

## Congratulations Josh Edwards and Bri Collier:

Congratulations to Josh Edwards and his fiancé Brianna who are to be married tomorrow Friday 17th April 9.30am at Morisset Baptist Church. All welcome.

## Newsletter from the Webbs: (See attachment)

Greetings everyone, we have another short update for you.

Thank you so much for your prayers. They have made a difference as you will see.

God bless,  
Clint and Ros

## The latest Newsletter from the Truloffs is Attached:

Hello friends!!

We hope you are well! We have been in a busy season, so we appreciate your patience in awaiting an update from us. In this edition of Just Next Door we share some pictures of some recent activities with our staff. What a joy it is to lead and work alongside them. Keep your eye open in the new few weeks for a video update too, it's currently a work in progress but will be ready for the special month of May.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support, we truly appreciate it.

Warm regards  
Dan, Becky & Libby

## Communion Roster 2026:

We need 3 more volunteers for the Communion setup please. The dates are as follows:

- 2/8/26 – one more person required
- 6/9/26 – one more person required
- 4/10/26 – one more person required

## Can We Pray For You? Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain:

If you would like prayer, please send your request to: [ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com)

## 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)

## Send Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

Please send your Newsletter items & photos to: [office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au](mailto: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.

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