



Anzac Day. Lest We Forget.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

### From The Pastor:

#### Hebrews 5:11 to 6:12 and May Mission Month:

We have one more week looking at Hebrews in our 9.30am service, before we have a break for a month.

The writer of Hebrews pauses writing about Jesus being Greater. Instead confronts the immaturity of his readers and explains they need to grow up. He needs to write to us about some deep biblical truths; but he can't because we are still thinking like children in the faith. So, the writer explains what the basic foundational truths of Christianity are. As we study these, ask yourself, "Do I know about these basic foundational truths?" We see in this passage in Hebrews that God wants his people to grow up, moving from Spiritual infancy to practiced maturity.

#### Through the month of May, we will be focusing on mission.

We will be hearing about Baptist Mission Australia and looking at the topic, "What does love look like." We will be reflecting on how we can bring God's love to life – everyday in every place!

Throughout May we will be hearing about our Mission Partners, spending time in prayer for them and thinking about ways we can support them. On the last Sunday of May (May 31) a love offering will be taken up at the end of our 9.30am Service to help cover our yearly financial support of our Mission Partners. Please prayerfully consider what you might be able to give.

Blessings  
Pastor David

### 9.30am Sunday Morning Service, April 26<sup>th</sup>:

**Topic:** Grace Greater than Sin; **Bible Reading:** Hebrews 5:11 to 6:12

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/nySjQ2twHQ8?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!! this Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3.30pm:**

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

## **Ministry of Leftovers will be closed on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

MOL will be closed on Monday, as it is a public holiday.

## **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 Fellowship Hall (Downstairs Hall) or see Lynette Tilden (our church office manager) to indicate you are attending.

### **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.

## **Games morning for FUN Raising!!**

**Wednesdays, 9.45 to 12 midday in the Hill Hall.**

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

Contact Meg 0414 238 614

## **Pastimes Resumes Tomorrow, 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 Tomorrow, 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 interactive way. Music sessions run for thirty minutes, with refreshments and playtime following. Cost is \$5 per family.

## **Ladies In Fellowship Together Lunch @ Yi An Chinese:**

Our next LIFT lunch will be on Friday 1st May at YI AN Chinese Restaurant, Woy Woy, at 12.30pm.

All ladies are welcome. This is always a great time of fellowship; we would love you to join us.

For info phone Marion: 0401 344 814

## Newsletter from the Fords Family in the Ukraine:

Attached is a copy of the latest news from our Ukraine mission family, Andrew and Oksana Ford. There are also printed copies in the church foyer.

## Thankyou from Gosford Hospital:

Diane Nagle and Gosford Hospital wish to thank everyone for donating toiletry items for patients of the Hospital. These donations are helpful to people that find themselves in hospital unexpectedly and unprepared. Please continue to donate as you feel led to.

## Ettalong Baptist Church: Fellowship Hall:

Our Downstairs Hall will now be called the 'Fellowship Hall'. There is a sign at the entrance to the hall. We will use both names in messages, until we are all familiar with the name change.

Thank you  
EBC Deacons.

## Communion Roster Setup needs a few more volunteers please:

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

## Youthlife (REM) Prayer Meeting:

**May 16. 8am to 9.30.** Youthlife combined churches Prayer meeting at the Anglican church hall @ 147-149 Blackwell Rd, Woy Woy. All welcome. Youthlife is the trading name of REM (Religious Education Ministries).

### Future prayer meeting dates for your diary:

1 August  
17 October  
21 November

Thanks, Melanie

## Youthlife (REM) board Representative:

With Paul Hooper stepping down from the YouthLife Board, our church is able to have another representative to join Melanie on the board. Please speak with the nominations committee if you know someone who may be a good representative on the board. Our nominations committee are David Gilchrist, Jimmy Chamberlain, Di Wagemaker and Graham Checkley.

## 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.

## Can We Pray For You?

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

## 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 Fellowship Hall** (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.**

## 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.**

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