



Thanks, Lynette, for this beautiful photo of Nobby's Beach, Newcastle.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 21st May 2026

From The Pastor:

May is Mission Month. Thank you to those who have been sharing and praying for our Mission Partners each week in our 9.30am services. This week Janine will be sharing about BJ David and his son Kumar and the wonderful ministry they have in their village and the surrounding villages in India.

On Sunday 31 May we will have a special offering to help with our Mission Partners support. This is in addition to your regular church offering. Please pray about what you should give. You can give in two ways:

- 1). Place cash or cheque into our retiring offering after the service on 31 May 2026.
- 2). Deposit your donation electronically into our church bank account with the reference Missions. Our bank details are BSB#: 633 000, Account#: 225 369 099

You can also give to our mission fund at any time by cash or cheque using the Mission Envelopes in the church foyer, or electronically using the reference, Missions.

Blessings
Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 24th of May:

Topic: Living as in-betweeners **Bible Passage:** Luke 4:14-21

Merryll, Jane and others will be at the front after the service for anyone who would like prayer.

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/Ampmsd8z3q0?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!

EBC Quarterly Meeting, this Sunday, 24th May @ 11am:

Please join us for our May Quarterly meeting. It will be held in the auditorium after morning tea.

[You are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.](#)

SHOUT!! Sunday afternoon from 3.30pm:

Come and join us for activities and refreshments, followed by Worship for all the family.

Please join us in Prayer for Graham Checkley:

This Sunday we will be having a special prayer time during our Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting to pray for Graham Checkley who is so sick in Gosford Hospital. Everyone is welcome to join us. Our Sunday Morning Prayer meeting is held every Sunday 8.30am in the Fellowship Hall.

Annual Reports:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all church ministries. It is now time for all Ministry Leaders to start preparing these reports for 2025-2026.

Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, please send your reports to Winda Indriawati by the 31st of July for compilation of the Annual Reports booklet.

Please describe what Your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, and plans and visions for the future, or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Please email your report to angklungrus@gmail.com

Thank you. Winda Indriawati (Administration Deacon)

Aldi Food Boxes – Helpers Needed:

This is an amazing ministry 6.30pm Sunday evenings where you can assist those who are struggling and bless them by helping pack and deliver much needed boxes of food. If you are interested, please phone Jane on 0425 263 763

National Day of Prayer – this Saturday 23rd May:

The theme this year is "Consecration" and is based on Joshua 3:5.

May we join together in unity with Churches of all denominations to worship, pray and wait on our Lord to hear from Him on the National Day of Prayer.

Saturday 23rd of May, 6pm to 7.30pm at Bloom Co Church Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach.

Contact Jane Keuning if you are interested: 0425 263 763

Men's Breakfast, 20th June @ BBF Café Woy Woy:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday 20 June 8.00am at the BBF cafe Woy Woy. Please let Ian know you can attend. Text 0411 012 125

Tempo Terrific Band Concert, 27th June @ 2pm:

Ettalong Baptist Church is hosting Tempo Terrific Band again on Saturday 27th of June at 2pm, to raise support for our Mission Partners both locally and overseas. Enjoy the music and a delicious afternoon tea.

Ticket prices: \$15 single, \$30 family, \$5 student.

John Stagg will be selling tickets at Morning Tea every Sunday after church, or you can purchase tickets in the office Mon – Fri 9.30am – 12.20pm or at the door of the concert.

Free Workshop – Beaded Fabric Tassel, Wednesday 24th June:

Join Margaret Crawford who will be in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs) from 9am to 2pm as she leads you in the making of Beaded Fabric Tassels. Suitable for all levels of crafters. Come at any time that is convenient for you – no need to book.

You will receive a kit containing fabrics, beads and jewellery findings. It will take approximately 30 minutes to make your tassel. A hot drink and a tasty treat will be available for you to enjoy.

Ministry of Leftovers Workshop. Any questions, please contact Margaret on 0409 578 538

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea:

Sunday the 14th June after the 9.30am service. Raising money for Cancer Research. Save the date!

Pastimes celebrated Margaret's 90th Birthday:

Last Friday at Pastimes' we celebrated Margaret Wilson's 90th birthday- Margaret is a talented card maker and scrapbooker who has crafted with us for many years



Skills For Life Fundraiser, Saturday 13th of June:

A little while ago Benwel's brother passed away. EBC generously supported him with funds for the funeral. His widow is very sickly and needs a carer as there is no family to support her.

Skills for Life is organising a fundraising Lunch event for a support carer.

Saturday 13th June

Lunch: 12.00noon

Peter Dentons Australian Landscape Gallery, Somersby

Flyers are available in the foyer and from the office.

Tickets: Please contact Jean Lynch 0425 749 224

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, this is **available 7 days a week.**

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/>

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.

Ettalong Baptist Church, Safe Church Team:

To report a child protection concern or incident please contact: Pastor—David Gilchrist (phone: 0448 431 234) Jane Keuning (phone 0425 263 763) or Jean Lynch (phone:0425 749 224)

Can We Pray For You?

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

Your Newsletter Items, Including Photos:

Please send your Newsletter items & photos to: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au by **12.30pm Wednesday**.

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.

There are printed copies in the foyer, the newsletter is also posted on our Ettalong Baptist Church Website.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter by email, please reply ALL to this email with the word **UNSUBSCRIBE** and we will remove you from this email list.

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