



Happy Mother's Day, from Ettalong Baptist Church

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 7th May 2026

From The Pastor:

Mother's Day is a special time of reflection and celebration, a day dedicated to honouring the women who have helped to shape our lives. My mother loves me unconditionally. She loves me with her actions, her words, and her heart.

I need to learn not to take my mum's love for granted. The Bible tells me I need to honour my mum. The fifth Commandment is a command often repeated by parents to young children, but I wonder how often we remind ourselves of its relevance to each of us as adult children. It is important to notice that this command is directed primarily at adult children because it is found in a list of other commands so clearly addressed to adults: "Adult children, honour your aging parents whose days have been long upon the land, that your days might be long as well." (Exodus 20:12)

Most of us have learned how to be courteous to others—how to speak kindly, avoid hurting their feelings, and appear to take an interest in them. We may even be skilled in pretending to show compassion when we hear of others' needs, or to become indignant when we learn of injustice. But God calls us to be real and have genuine love that goes far beyond being hypocritical and polite. Genuine love requires concentration and effort. It means helping others become better people. It demands our time, money, and personal involvement. It's the kind of love my mother has for me! It's the kind of love God wants me to have for my mother.

This Mother's Day above all, seek to show honour, respect and God's love to your mum. If your mum has died, take time to find ways that you can honour her memory. You are never too old to stop honouring your mum.

Blessings,
Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 10th of May:

Topic: Honouring Our Mothers, Loving Our Children **Bible Passage:** Isaiah 49:13-18 and John 19:25-27

The service will be livestreamed: <https://youtube.com/live/Kdyj2WdzyME?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!! is not on this Sunday as it is Mother's Day:

SHOUT!! will resume on Sunday 17th of May.

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

Please join us for our 2nd Quarterly meeting for 2026. It will be held in the auditorium after morning tea.

You are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

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)

Congratulations Alan Crutcher for winning the Men's Bake off

The Welcome lunch was a great success! Congratulations to Alan Crutcher who won the Men's bake off.

Heather would like to thank all the ladies who made sandwiches, the men for their cakes and slices, and to all who set up and/or cleaned up a big Thank you.

God was indeed honoured by all the efforts of everyone.

Heather

EBC Spring Fair 2026:

Just **4 months** to our Spring Fair. Please mark the date on your calendar, Saturday 5th September. Now is also the time to volunteer to help at the Spring Fair.

1. **Heather needs small ice-cream containers for the ice-cream stall.**
2. **Joy tells us it isn't too late to pot some plants up for the plant stall.**
3. **Joy urgently needs extra clean glass jars please.**
4. **Caroline needs at least 10 people to help in Ministry Of Leftovers on the day of the fair please. The MOL Market is the biggest store at the fair and we need lots of volunteers.**

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 14th June after the 9.30am Service:

SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday 14th June after the 9.30am service, we will be having an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council.

Thank you, Margy.

Mainly Music:

9.45am every Friday during school terms, for preschool children and their parents, grandparents and carers. 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.

Peninsula Pastimes:

New crafters are very welcome

Every Friday 10am to 12 noon during school terms.

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.

Games morning for FUN Raising!! 9.45am – 12pm Wednesdays:

9.45am to 12 noon, every Wednesday in the Hill Hall. Please bring a donation for cafe coffee / hot chocolate. Friends welcome! Contact Meg 0414 238 614



Youthlife (REM) Prayer Meeting:

May 16th. 8am to 9.30am, 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:

August 1st

October 17th

November 21st

Thanks, Melanie

National Day of Prayer – Saturday 23rd May:

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

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you."

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. This will be a day of adoration and praise, honouring Jesus Christ as our Creator and Lord, repentance and renewal, taking communion together, and prayer for our National and Church leaders, for harvesters and disciple makers, and to lay down our lives and our nation before God. Please contact **Jane Keuning** if you are interested in taking part: **0425 263 763**

Communion Roster Setup needs a few more volunteers please:

We need volunteers for Communion setup on the following dates: **2nd August, 6th September, 4th October**

Condolences to John McIlveen:

Many of you will know John who is a former member of this church who moved to East Gosford some time ago. His mum Yvonne, passed away on 26th April. The funeral is tomorrow 10am, Friday 8th May 2026, and will be livestreamed at <https://together.oneroomstreaming.com/Z985S8>

Can We Pray For You?

If you would like prayer, please send your request to: 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, 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 by **12.30pm Wednesdays.**

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