



"Rainbow of Promise" Thanks Jeanette Gates for this stunning photo at Patonga.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 16th July 2026

From the Pastor:

There are many important messages in this newsletter regarding:

- **The 9.30am service** – we're back in the letter to the Hebrews!
- **Our church family picnic** – it's on rain hail or shine!
- **Coast Baptists Prayer and Worship night** – 16th of August, at Greenpoint Baptist Church
- **Bethshan Women's Retreat** – you must register this week.
- **Alpha** – starts Sunday 23rd August, 4pm to 6pm.
- **The Barrenjoey Road Carpark** – the roadworks will be blocking the driveway next week!
- **Ministry Leaders** – your annual reports are due now!

Our church has been targeted this week by a scammer posing as me, sending emails asking people to buy gift cards, and using other ways to trick people into thinking I am asking them for help. Please delete and block these emails. If you look carefully the emails are not coming from a church email address or my email address. I would NEVER ask you to buy gift cards.

Blessings
David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 19th of July:

Topic: Our Anchor, **Bible Passage:** Hebrews 6:13-20

After a long break we return this week to our study of the book of Hebrews. We struggle with trusting God because we look to other things in this world to be our anchor instead of looking to God. In Hebrews we read, because God's promise is secured by his unchanging character, and is fulfilled in Christ, we have an anchor of unshakable hope.

'Kid's Church' is on during our 9.30am service. All children are welcome!

Greg, Elizabeth 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/3i-4ViBD7ho?feature=share>

Family Picnic; This Sunday 19th July 11.30am @ Lion's Park, Woy Woy:

Join us for a casual picnic lunch from 11.30am onwards. Catch up and get to know other church families. BYO everything (food, drinks, chairs, picnic rugs fishing rods etc). BBQs are available in the park to use. There are limited tables and chairs in the park, but being the end of the holidays it may be busy, so bring your own chairs or a picnic blanket to sit on.

All welcome. Please pray for a beautiful day, whatever the weather!

Office Closed Tomorrow Friday 17th July:

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Barrenjoey Road Car Park Closure – From Sunday Night, 19th July:

Please note that the church car park will be closed from Sunday night, 19th July through to Thursday 23rd July, due to scheduled roadworks.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation while this work is being completed.

Annual Reports Are Due Now:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all our church ministries. Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, please describe what Your ministry is, who you minister to, a review of the past 12 months, plans and visions for the future, and/or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

These reports need to be given to Winda BEFORE THE END OF JULY! Email: angklungrus@gmail.com

Alpha:

An introduction to the Christian Faith. We will be starting Alpha Sunday 23rd of August, 4pm to 6pm.

Are you interested in helping with Alpha? Please see Pastor David now.

- We need child minders, caterers, and group helpers
- Most of all we need people to be praying. Please consider joining our Alpha prayer team. You can pray at home and will be given a list of things to pray for each week.

Are you interested in joining Alpha as a participant. Invitation flyers are available listing the planned dates and the topics we cover.

Please see David by email or phone 0448 431 234

Registrations for Bethshan Women's Retreat closes Friday 24th July:

Women's Retreat is 14 to 16 August, at Bethshan, Wyee. **Hurry, registrations close Friday, 24 July.**

The Women's Retreat registration forms are available on the information table in the church foyer.

Let Margy know if you require a lift or can provide a lift to or from the retreat.

Speak to Margy Gilchrist for any enquiries, 0447431234.

Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night:

Join Central Coast Baptist churches for a combined Prayer and Worship Night on 16th August, 2026 at Greenpoint Baptist Church and Christian College. Enjoy dinner before lifting your voices together in worship.

The event is free, but please RSVP for dinner on the Coast Baptists Worship Night page

<https://gpbc.au/coast-baptists-worship-night> or scan the QR code on the event posters on our Church Noticeboard.

Spring Fair, Saturday 5th September:

It's just 7 weeks until our Spring Fair. This major event is when we raise most of our funds to raise financial support for our 9 missionary partners.

URGENTLY NEEDED – 2Lt Ice-cream containers for Heather's Homemade Ice-cream. Even if you only have one), please bring it in



- Please place your name on the volunteer board in the Fellowship Hall (Downstairs Hall). Talk to Heather for clarification of what needs to be done.
- Is there anyone with some basic machine sewing skills who could help out with some sewing of small quick and easy items to sell on the Craft Stall? Heather has all the supplies needed. Please see Heather, if you can help in this way.
- **Small Ice Cream containers are needed for our homemade ice-cream stall. Please give them to Heather or leave them in the church kitchen.**

Thankyou. Heather Crawford Fair, coordinator ph. 0419 297 496

Ecclesiastes: A Dramatic Encounter:

	Ecclesiastes A dramatic encounter All is vanity 2pm Saturday 22 August 2026 Lutheran Church 8 Jumbuck Cres, Woy Woy Tickets \$5 payable at the door RSVP to Gerda - gerdaforster@iinet.net.au or Angela - angelafoley1973@outlook.com 0419361448
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Ecclesiastes A dramatic encounter “Ecclesiastes - ‘All is Vanity’ is performed by Neil Modra, a graduate of NIDA (Australia’s National Institute of Dramatic Art). If your not familiar with the book of Ecclesiastes it is suggested to read it prior to enjoying the production.”
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Funds raised will be given to support Youth Life (REM).

On Webbs' Wavelength:

The Webb's newsletter is attached to this newsletter (and available in the church foyer) to keep you up to date on a fast changing M.E.

Clint and Ros pray you are doing well and are encouraged in the Lord as we wait for His coming. They thank us for our prayers.

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
- **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.
- **Connect Groups.** Please take time to pray as a group. We encourage everyone in the church to join a Connect Group. See Heather Crawford for available groups.
- **Ettalong Baptist Church Prayer Chain. Can We PRAY For You?** Please send your Prayer requests or Praise Points to ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com, **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.

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)

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/>

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!



COAST BAPTISTS

PRAYER & WORSHIP

COMBINED CHURCHES NIGHT

Our annual prayer and worship night with all the Baptist churches on the Central Coast. Come along and enjoy dinner and community before we gather in prayer for the Coast and lift our voices in praise to God.

16 | AUGUST 2026
**GREEN POINT
 BAPTIST CHURCH**

SCAN HERE
 TO RSVP



5:30pm Dinner

6:30pm - 7:30pm Worship Service

Address:

386 Avoca Drive, Green Point
 Green Point Christian College MPC

A FREE EVENT

