



Native Bees @ Pearl Beach Arboretum. Thanks, Janine, for this amazing photo.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

### From the Pastor:

This week in our 9.30am service we again looking at how we can be a healthy church. Health is not measured merely by attendance, activity, music, programs, or reputation. A church can look lively on the outside and still be fragile within. The Corinthian church reminds us that even gifted, busy, theologically informed congregations can drift into quarrelling, pride, suspicion, and moral compromise. In 2 Corinthians 12:14 to 13:14, Paul writes as a spiritual father who loves the church too much to flatter it and too much to abandon it. He is willing to give everything for the church.

That is why this passage is so important for us. A healthy church requires bold, sacrificial leaders—leaders who seek people, not possessions; leaders who build up, correct, warn, and love with courage. But it also requires continual self-correction from the whole church. Paul does not simply say, examine your leaders; he says, examine yourselves. Healthy churches are not perfect churches. They are churches humble enough to test themselves, repent where needed, pursue restoration, and keep returning to the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday after our service we are also having a church family picnic at the Lions Park in Woy Woy. I encourage you to come and get to know one another a little better. Details are below.

Blessings

David

### 9.30am Sunday Morning Communion Service, 5<sup>th</sup> of July:

**Topic:** What A Healthy Church Requires, **Bible Passage:** 2 Corinthians 12:14 to 13:14

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/TnMNeG0dW0o?feature=share>

'[Kid's Church](#)' is on during our 9.30am service. All children are welcome!

## Family Picnic. This Sunday 5th July at 11.30am @ Lion's Park Woy Woy:

Join us this Sunday 5th July at Lions Park Woy Woy for a casual picnic lunch from 11.30am onwards. Come to catch up and get to know other church families.

BYO everything (food, drinks, chairs, picnic rugs fishing rods etc)

BBQ's are available in the park to use. All welcome.

## LIFT Lunch, Tomorrow Friday 3rd July at 12.30pm @Ettalong Diggers:

### Ladies In Fellowship Together

LIFT Lunch on Friday, 3rd July, at 12.30pm, will once again be held at 'Diggers' Ettalong.

Recent attendance has been encouraging, and we welcome all our ladies to join us in fellowship.

For info or transport? contact Marion. 0401 344 814

## Alpha:

Alpha is an excellent introduction to the Christian Faith. We will be starting Alpha in Semester 2 and are thinking of running it on Sunday afternoon.

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

We especially need people to help with catering. We would also like to offer child minding. Please see David if you can help. Phone 0448 431 234



## Annual Reports: Are Due This Month:

Every year we compile a booklet of Annual Reports for all our church ministries.

**These reports are DUE BEFORE THE END OF JULY!**

**Ministry leaders, church leaders and coordinators, please send your reports to Winda Indriawati before 31<sup>st</sup> 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, plans and visions for the future, and/or what is specifically applicable for your ministry.

Email your report to Winda: [angklungrus@gmail.com](mailto:angklungrus@gmail.com)


## Register now - Women's Retreat at Bethshan Wyee August 14 - 16:

This year's Women's Retreat is 14 to 16 August, at Bethshan, Wyee.

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

More details later. Speak to Margy Gilchrist for any enquiries, 0447431234.

## 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

**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.”

Funds raised will be given to support Youth Life (REM).

### St Dalfour Jars Needed for Margy’s Homemade Lemon Butter:

Margy's lemon butter has proved to be extremely popular and she has almost run out of jars. If you have bought lemon butter from Margy before, and you still have the jar, could you please return it. Alternatively could you eat lots of St Dalfour’s Fruit Preserve, available at Coles and Woolworths, and give the empty jars to Margy please.

Each batch of lemon butter raises \$40 that goes into our church funds. Thank you. Margy

### Enjoy your ‘Cuppa’ Safely:

We all enjoy spending time together at morning tea after our Sunday church service. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection.

To help keep everyone safe, please remember to push your chair back under the table when you leave. Occasionally, chairs are left sticking out, and people can catch their feet on the chair legs, which may result in a fall.

I have spent considerable time looking for safer replacement chairs. Unfortunately, the sturdier options are too heavy and cannot be stacked away when not in use.

#### We can all help prevent accidents by:

- Pushing chairs neatly under the tables after use.
- Avoiding placing tables and chairs too close together.
- Taking our time and watching where we are walking in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your care and consideration in helping to keep our Hall safe for everyone. Lynette.

## 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 is in recess for the holidays.
- **Tuesday Zoom Prayer group.** This is in recess for the holidays.
- **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), **available 7 days a week.**

## From The Treasurer:

Praise the Lord, we achieved budget for our tithes and offerings for both June and for the financial year. Thank you to everyone who has given and trusted the Lord so amazingly.

A special thank you to our Deacons and Elders who serve so faithfully and give such a godly example to us all.

Our Tempo Terrific concert raised \$900.92

The church has given an additional gift of \$100 to Skills for Life to help with roof repairs of Mango Tree Academy and \$100 to the Ford's in Ukraine to help with their camp volunteer food costs.

## 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](mailto: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**

