



Taken at Brisbane Water Nation Park. Thanks, Janine, for this lovely photo.

## Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026

### From the Pastor:

In our 9.30am service this week we continue to look at the rest of Hebrews 7.

In the Old Testament the LORD sets out the law, the way he wants us to live and to follow him. He gave the law to Israel and required them to follow it. The law was not intended to save people or to make them perfect, but to point out sin. As Romans 3:20 states, “Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.” The Old Testament law actually points forward to Christ. Salvation comes through Christ, whose sacrifice brings forgiveness for our sins. Being ethical, working diligently to help others, and giving to charitable causes are all commendable, and important for Christians, but all of our good deeds cannot save us or make us right with God. Christ is our Saviour. He alone can give life – life to the full!

Blessings  
David

### 9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> of August:

**Topic:** Jesus is Our Perfect Priest and King, **Bible Passage:** Hebrews 7:11-28

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

Kerrie, Peter 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/toWlHNRyDvA?feature=share>

### Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night:

Join Central Coast Baptist churches for a combined Prayer and Worship Night in 5.30pm, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at Greenpoint Baptist Church and Christian College. Enjoy a free dinner together 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.

## Alpha:

An introduction to the Christian Faith. We will be starting Alpha Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Ladies In Fellowship Together Lunch 7<sup>th</sup> August 12.30pm @ Pelican's: LIFT Lunch

You are invited to join us for lunch at Pelican's Woy Woy, on Friday 7th August at 12.30pm.

All ladies are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Information: Marion 0401 344 814

## Ministry Of Leftovers Announcement:

MOL will be closed on Thursday August 6, we apologise for any inconvenience.

## Aldi Grocery Ministry, more volunteers please:

We require more volunteers, to help with our Sunday evening food pick-up. Please pray if you can help in this ministry. This ministry operates on a roster, so you won't be serving every week. It is a real blessing to be able to help people in this way.

See Jane or phone: 0425 263 763.

## Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be available at the Spring Fair:

As a part of the Spring Fair again this year, Beth and Heather will be selling the Christmas shoe boxes already packed to make it easier for you to contribute to this worthwhile appeal.

These boxes will also be available from Beth to fill your own boxes.

## Spring Fair, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September:

Heather would like to:

1. **Thank everyone** who has already started making things e.g. planting pots of flowers and shrubs etc., making craft items, thinking about the cakes, donating good quality items to MOL, thinking about what they will do to help and ordering/organizing in supplies etc.
2. **Know If any stall Coordinator** wants to have an item or something interesting about their stall go on a press release to be sent and broadcasted/presented over radio Rhema, please let Heather know as she is starting to prepare press releases now.
3. **To know if anyone wants to be a prayer warrior.** We have been asked by visitors In the past if someone is available to pray for them. It is good if Heather and the organizers know who they can take people to. If you would like to be a prayer warrior -this would mean sitting somewhere around the fair and praying from time to time for those people.
4. **We also need 3 other people to volunteer just to meet and greet**, speak to visitors, just to encourage them etc. If you would be interested in helping this way and not sure how to do that, please speak to Meg who will coordinate this activity.

Thank you and please remember just to keep praying for this major activity of our church, it both raises funds for our missionaries but also acts as a positive outreach to our community.

Heather Crawford,

Fair Coordinator phone: 0419 297 496

## Newsletter

Kumara and his father BJ David whom we support as our Missionary Partners in India, received the support funding we sent him and emailed the attached newsletter.

Kumara writes;

Warm greetings to you all at the Ettalong Baptist Church. We are all doing fine by the grace of God and hope the same with you all. I am happy to update to you that the kind gift from the EBC was credited to my account. I am so very grateful to God for your love and generosity in helping this little work of the LORD here. Kindly pass on our heartfelt thanks to the Missionary Committee and all at the EBC. The LORD is good and has helped us thus far in the work of His kingdom among the poor and the needy. Please find attached a brief update of our activities. We are grateful to God for all your prayers for us and the work here. Kindly continue to uphold us.

Thanking you, Warmly,

Kumara

## 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](mailto:ettalongbaptistprayerchain@gmail.com), **available 7 days a week.**

## First Aid Courses:

Australia Wide First Aid (AWFA) came to EBC three years ago and provided first aid training. Many of the participants have received emails from them saying that you are due to participate in another first aid course.

For an AWFA course to be held at EBC for a minimum of 10 people it will cost around \$160 per person (depending on when the course is held and how many people are enrolled to take part in the course).

An alternative is for people to go to the AWFA centre in Terrigal Road Erina and carpool. It would require an individual booking with payment made to the provider at the time of booking. The cost there is \$119 per person. I suggest this is the easiest option as we could carpool to get there. At the time of writing AWFA Gosford (in Erina) has places on Saturdays: 1st August and 26th September; and on Tuesdays: 11th, 18th, and 25th August; and 8th September. (On the website the site is referred to as Gosford).

Another option is CBD College of First Aid which has 3-hour face to face training after completing an on-line component. The College of First Aid has many spaces on more days starting at 8.30 am or 12.30pm available at Erina at a cost of \$95. Again this would require booking yourself. I can personally state that I found this course good but moves fast.

**If enough people prefer AWFA to come to us at EBC please email me at [megtoon@bigpond.com](mailto:megtoon@bigpond.com) and I will let you know banking details when I have 10 committed participants for a corporate booking. Possible dates would be from 12.30 pm to 4.30 pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday in August.**

Please email me or see me for more information or if you are interested in completing first aid training. Blessings, Meg

## 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)

## 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/>

## 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.**

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COAST BAPTISTS

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

COMBINED CHURCHES NIGHT

SCAN HERE  
TO RSVP



**5:30pm**  
Free Dinner

**6:30–7:30pm**  
Worship Service  
(with kids program)

**16**  
August

Green Point Baptist  
(MPC)

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Green Point