



EBC Office had a visitor last week Thanks Lynette.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 13th August 2026

From the Pastor:

This Sunday we are looking together at Hebrews 9. This chapter invites us to pause and behold the wonder of what God has done for us through Jesus Christ. The old covenant, with its priests, sanctuary, and repeated sacrifices, reminds us of humanity's deep need for cleansing and forgiveness. Yet those sacrifices could only point forward to the greater hope God has prepared: Jesus Christ Himself, our perfect High Priest, who saves us and gives us the life God always intended for us... a life that reflects the glory of our Father God.

At the heart of Hebrews 9 is the beautiful truth that Jesus Christ came into the world to deal with our sin once and for all. By offering Himself, He did what no earthly sacrifice could ever do: He opened the way to God, secured eternal redemption, and made forgiveness available to all who trust in Him. Because of His sacrifice, we are invited to come before God with grateful hearts, cleansed, forgiven, and welcomed by His grace.

Today we have released this year's book of Annual Reports. Thank you to all those who have contributed. Please take the time to read these reports and praise God for the many blessings that he has poured out on our church.

Blessings
Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 16th of August:

Topic: Jesus, Our Perfect Sacrifice **Bible Passage:** Hebrews 9

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

Denise, Joy 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/6kVn4Nade3g?feature=share>

Annual Congregational Church Meeting, Sunday 23rd August:

You are invited and encouraged to join us for our Annual congregational meeting after the morning tea on Sunday 23rd of August at 11am.

EBC Annual Reports are being emailed out today:

Thank you everyone for getting your reports in. These reports will be emailed to the church newsletter mailing list, and there will be a few printed copies available for those needing them.

Coast Baptist's Prayer & Worship Night This Sunday Evening:

Join Central Coast Baptist churches for a combined Prayer and Worship Night at 5.30pm, 16th 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 commence Alpha Sunday 23rd of August, 4pm to 6pm.

Are you interested in joining Alpha as a participant. Invitation flyers are available listing the planned dates and the topics we cover. Please speak with David for more information or to register your interest, by email david@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au or phone 0448 431 234

Thank you to all who have offered to help with Alpha. We could still use help with child minders, caterers, and group helpers. Please email David.

Thank you to those who have offered to pray for Alpha. If you are able to commit to praying for Alpha and would like to receive weekly prayer updates please email David.



Men's Breakfast 8am This Saturday:

The men's fellowship breakfast will be held this Saturday 15th August, 8am, at BBF Café, Woy Woy. More Information phone or message Ian on 0411 012 125.

Thanks, Ian Makepeace

Kid's Church

We as a church have been delighted over the last year to see Kids Church growing. Please pray for this ministry and if you would like to help out in any way, please let us know. At the moment we are seeking a few volunteers who would be willing to set up the tables and chairs for morning tea during the final prayer time at the end of the service. Please see Lea Smith if you would like to help.

EBC Office will be closed tomorrow, Friday 14th August:

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Graham Checkley's Memorial Service, Thursday 20th August:

Graham's memorial service will be held here at EBC at 12.30 pm, on Thursday 20th August. Please keep the Barrenjoey Road Carpark for family only.

Catering for 'Our' Grahams Memorial Service:

Could everyone please bring a plate of food on Thursday morning and leave it in the kitchen to be served to the large gathering after the memorial service for Graham. Thanks for organising this, Caroline.

Assistance needed at Graham's memorial service please:

Pat will be monitoring the front church carpark, as it is reserved for family only-there will also be a sign. We are also asking everyone after the service to please keep the gates closed as there will be many children present at the service. Pat will be asking people to please close the gates – Thank you Pat.

Could we also please have someone to assist with extra chairs as needed-first for the service and then on the back deck during the afternoon tea. It is estimated that there could be about 250 people at the funeral.

Ministry of Leftovers Announcements:

Ministry of Leftovers will be closed on the following dates

- Thursday 20th August
- Wednesday 2nd September
- Thursday 3rd September

Caroline has noticed some jobs listed below, to do before our Spring Fair in 3 weeks, if you could assist with these, please get in touch with Caroline.

- Leaf removal -which there is likely to be more after today, as the gutter man is coming to clean the high roof gutters.
- Cobwebs on fences, walls and windows.
- Clean windows in the Hill Hall for the Fairs Café
- Dusting stock upstairs, including glassware
- Re-arranging stock in MOL

Nehemiah 3:1-2 reminds us of the beauty of God's people working together.

A BIG thank you for all your help, it is very appreciated. - Caroline.

Spring Fair, Saturday 5th September:

1. Thank you to everyone who has already started making things for the fair (e.g., planting pots of flowers and shrubs etc., making craft items, thinking about cakes, donating good quality items to Ministry of Leftovers, thinking about what you will do to help, ordering/organising supplies, etc).

2. Press Releases: If any stall coordinator has something interesting about their stall or an announcement to share over the radio please let Heather know so she can prepare a press release and let David and Linda know for their radio interview on Rhema FM.

3. We Need Prayer Warriors. We have been asked by visitors in the past for prayer. Heather and the Fair organisers need to know who they can take people to for prayer. Prayer warriors will need to sit around the fair and pray for anyone who asks.

4. We Need Three Volunteers to Meet and Greet. Greeters speak to visitors, to encourage and bless them and help everyone to feel welcome. Meg Toon is coordinating this activity and can help you know how you can volunteer in this way.

Please be in prayer for this major activity of our church. The Fair raises funds for our Mission Partners and is a positive outreach to our community, neighbours and friends.

Heather Crawford, Fair Coordinator phone: 0419 297 496

First Aid Course:

The church office is currently in the process of booking and organising a First Aid course to be held on a Saturday in September, to run here at EBC. More information next week.

Join us for FUN RAISING on Wednesday Mornings:

Games mornings for FUN raising!!

We meet in Hill Hall every Wednesday morning 9.45am to 12pm (School Terms). We serve Cafe Coffee and Hot Chocolate. This morning is thoroughly enjoyed by all that attend.

Newsletter From Das and Bee and the Coffee Shop in S.E. Asia:

Hi Friends,

Firstly, we want to say a big thank you for your ongoing pr's and partnership with us here in Southeast Asia. We have really experienced your support over the past few months, especially through the month of May, and we give thanks. What a blessing it is that we don't travel this road alone.

We are sending you our latest update, with reflections as we begin our 9th year in SEA! (in the foyer).

Please give our greetings to all our club friends,
Warm regards

Dan, Becky & Libby

Skills For Life Donations and Deposits:

When donating to the ministry of Kisii and Mango Tree Academy, **please label your donation 'Skills for Life'**. Please do not use the names Kisii or Mango Tree Academy, etc.

When Placing Your S.F.L. Donation into the CHURCH OFFERING BOX:

If giving to Skills For Life through the Church Offering Box, please note clearly and specifically what your donation is for:

- If your donation is for child sponsorship, please state this clearly with your name, so we know what it is for and which child your donation is for.
- If your donation is for a specific cause, such as roof repairs, please state clearly "Skills For Life – Roof Repairs" (or whatever the specific cause is).
- If your donation is for is a general donation, please state clearly "Skills For Life – Donation" and it will be allocated wherever the need is.
- If your donation is for Benwel personally, please state clearly "Benwel", and it will be deposited into his personal account.

When Banking Your S.F.L. Donation DIRECTLY INTO SKILLS FOR LIFE ACCOUNT:

If giving to Skills For Life directly into the Skills For Life Account please WRITE in the REFERENCE SECTION what it is intended for, e.g. **child sponsorship** and **your name**, so that the money goes to the intended child.

If it is for a specific cause, please write the cause in the reference section.

Thank you, Jean Lynch (SFL President),

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.

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.**

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.



COAST BAPTISTS

PRAYER & WORSHIP

COMBINED CHURCHES NIGHT

SCAN HERE
TO RSVP



5:30pm
Free Dinner

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

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August

Green Point Baptist
(MPC)

386 Avoca Drive,
Green Point