



Ladies In Fellowship Together – LIFT Lunch. Thanks, Heather, for the photo.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 17th September 2026

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 20th of September:

Topic: Don't Ever Let Go of Jesus – He Will Never Let Go of You

Bible Passage: Hebrews 10:26-39

'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/wesMQ9tisHg?feature=share>

Pastor's Annual Leave:

David will be on holidays from Sunday afternoon 20th of September to Thursday the 8th of October. For emergencies, please contact the church office and they will refer you to someone who can help you.

Thank you to Greg Beckenham who will be preaching for the two Sundays Pastor David is absent.

Important Special Church Ministry Partners Meeting This Sunday 20th:

This short meeting which is strictly for Ministry Partners only will be held straight after service this Sunday.

Young Mums Connect Group - 10.30am Tuesdays at "The Box":

Ettalong Baptist has started 'A young mums Connect group'. Bring the kids, enjoy a relaxed coffee or tea at The Box, on the Esplanade at Ettalong. Let the kids play in the children's play area and learn about some of the vital faith passages in Scripture in a relaxed environment. If you are interested in joining us please chat to Heather. Phone: 0419 297 496

Men's Breakfast:

The next men's fellowship breakfast will be held **Saturday 17 October 2026**, at 8am, at BBF Cafe (Woy Woy).

Regards Ian Makepeace.

Church Family Picnic:

Our next Church Family Picnic will be held at the Lions Park Woy Woy on Sunday 25th October, after the 9.30am service on. There will be activities for the children.

Please get in touch with Heather if you are able to assist. Heather Phone: 0419 297 496.

Save The Date for our Christmas Market & Nativity Service:

Saturday 12th of December are our Nativity Service and Christmas Markets.

All money raised at our Christmas Markets will be given to the Ford family in Ukraine.

Please sign up to help by writing your name on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

Carols In The Stadium:

Saturday 19th December 2026. Tickets are \$10 for single tickets and \$25 for a family ticket (which admits up to 6 people: 2 adults and 4 juniors). Children under two are free. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek from Friday 19 September.

Baptist World Aid Cards:

These are the cards that Wendy Creamer used to sell every year. As Wendy is no longer in our church, we have left a link at the bottom that you can use to order these cards.

Better World Gifts don't just look stunning; they're also better gifts for everyone.

When you buy a card for a loved one your donation goes to our Christian Partners' projects—from livelihood training and clean water to safe births and toilets for a community.

It's good for: You, the giver, as a simple way to put your faith into action; Friends and family, who receive a meaningful gift and an opportunity to share in the joy of helping families fighting poverty, providing training and resources so they can build a better future.

This year, local Brisbane artist Anna Weis painted original artworks for each card, capturing the joy and hope of Better World Gifts in her unique style.

You can place an order for these newly illustrated cards by using the link below.

<https://baptistworldaid.org.au/faith-in-action/better-world-gifts/>

Shipping starts from 23 September!



Skills For Life Events:

We have planned a few interesting and fun events:

SEPT - Saturday 26th: 10.30am: Wyong Milk Factory - 141 Alison Rd, Wyong. By donation
Free self-guided entry to explore the grounds, heritage site, and playgrounds at your own leisure. Optional cafe lunch afterwards. On-site Shops: Individual costs apply for food, drinks, and purchases at venues like the cafe, tavern, and chocolate or cheese boutiques

OCT - date to be confirmed - Pearl Farm visit -Mooney Mooney

NOV - Saturday 21st: Hatters Tea House, Ettalong - Devonshire Tea: 10.30am \$13.50pp

DEC - date to be confirmed - Ettalong Diggers Bistro Secret Santa lunch

To RSVP and for more information please contact: Jean Lynch 0425 749 224 or Diane Harris 0412 291 065

Operation Christmas Child 2026:

Unfilled boxes can now be purchased from the church office or from the display in the foyer for \$1. Pick up a flyer too as it has all the information you will need for what to include and what not to include, how to pay for shipping and the label to attach to each box.

This is a fun way to bless children around the world with school supplies, hygiene products, clothing, toys and the opportunity to hear the gospel of God's love. The 2026 collection time is 12th-26th October.

For further info, contact Beth – 0431 749 743.



Prison Fellowship Angel Tree:

We will not be collecting funds to participate in Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree this Christmas, but we hope to participate again in 2027.

Free Tempo Terrific Concert @ Diggers Club: 7th November @ 1.30pm:

This is a free concert, but it is ticketed, so go to Ettalong Diggers to get your ticket!

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

We encourage you to use Direct Deposit for giving, but you may also give using cash or cheque by placing your offering in the box at the main entrance door to the 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/>

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