



'Double Blessings' – Thank you for this beautiful photo, Jane

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 27th August 2026

From the Pastor:

Congratulations to Angie Chase who is following the Lord Jesus Christ in Baptism this Sunday.

Healthy families have family pride; members are not ashamed to be recognised as a part of the family. Baptism is not an optional ritual to be delayed or postponed. It signifies your inclusion in God's family. It publicly announces to the world, "God loves me, and I love him. He has welcomed me into his family." Have you been baptised? Jesus commanded this beautiful act for all his family.

Baptism is pregnant with meaning. Your baptism declares your faith, shares Christ's burial and resurrection, symbolises your death to your old life, and announces your new life in Christ. It is also a celebration of your inclusion in God's family. Your baptism is a physical picture of a spiritual truth, it represents what happened the moment God brought you into his family. Baptism doesn't make you a member of God's family; only faith in Christ does that. Baptism shows that you are a part of God's family. It is a visible reminder of an inward commitment made in your heart, (and a picture of what Christ has done for you).

Blessings
Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 23rd of August:

This Sunday Angie Chase is being Baptised and we will be sharing in communion together.

Topic: My Baptism - What Does It Mean **Bible Passage:** Matthew 28:16-20

'Kid's Church' is on during our 9.30am service. All children are welcome! Children will be returning to the auditorium for the Baptism and for communion.

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/WcPmaOdObGs?feature=share>

Spring Fair Flyers are in the Church Foyer:

Please take a bundle of flyers to distribute to your family, friends and neighbours.

Ministry of Leftovers Announcements:

Ministry of Leftovers will be closed this week on:

- Wednesday 2nd September
- Thursday 3rd September

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

- Cobwebs on fences, walls and windows.
- Clean windows in the Hill Hall for the Fair's Café
- Continuing to dust stock upstairs, including glassware
- Re-arranging stock in MOL

Spring Fair, Next Saturday 5th September, 9am – 1pm:

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

1. Thank you to everyone who have made 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. We Need Prayer Warriors. We have been asked by visitors in the past for prayer. Prayer warriors will need to sit around the fair and pray for anyone who asks. Please let Heather know if you can help with this.

3. 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 see Meg to volunteer for this role.

4. We Need Cakes, Sweets, Slices for our Cake Stall. Thank you to all those who are able to make goodies for our Cake Stall. Please remember we need to wrap all our goods securely in plastic wrap and please ensure you list all the ingredients you have used. Also please write the date goods were made or write a best before or a used by date.

Cakes Always Sell Out Fast!

It would assist the stall holders if you can price your cakes. If you prefer the cake stall coordinator can price your goods. Thank you, Jean Lynch, Cake Stall Coordinator.

First Aid Training here @ EBC Saturday 19th September 9am – 4pm:

We are holding another First Aid Training Day here next month, if you did this in 2023, it's now time to renew your certificate.

The cost will be \$120 each (as long as we have 10 or more people). Please speak with David Gilchrist if you can't afford this. Please don't let price be a reason not to sign up for the course.

Lynette has put up a notice on the notice board in the Fellowship Hall that you can add your details to register for the course. Alternatively, please email Lynette your details to register for this First Aid Training.

Please let Lynette know by Tuesday 15th September if you are able to do this training.

Thank you, Lynette: office@ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au

Ladies In Fellowship Together:

In September our LIFT Lunch will be held on Friday 11th. (Not the Friday before the Spring Fair). We'll meet at Yi An Chinese restaurant in Woy Woy at 12.30pm. All ladies are very welcome to join us.

For info: 0401 344 814. Marion.

Skills For Life Car Boot Sale, This Sunday 30th August:

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club Car Boot Sale at Rogers Park (corner of Dunban Road & Ocean Beach Rd), 7.00am - 1.00pm

Please donate small household items that you no longer need, for the stall and come along to support us. These items can be given to Jean Lynch, Diane Harris or Les Baker by Friday 28th Aug.

Thank you, Jean (Skills for Life President), 0425 749 224

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.

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.**

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)

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You can download and print documents or simply read and fill in documents online!

<https://ettalongbaptistchurch.org.au/documents/>

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