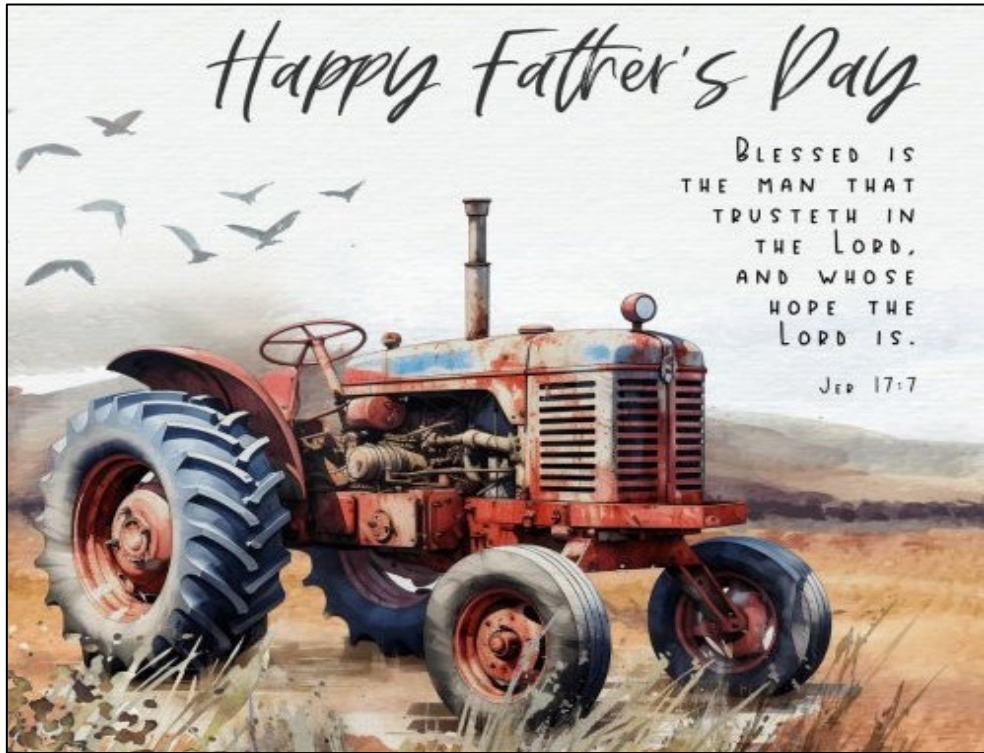




Happy Father's Day!

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 3rd September 2026

From The Pastor: See you at our Spring Fair on Saturday!!

Thank you to everyone who has already put so much work into preparing for our Spring Fair. Thank you to those who have been making things and preparing items for sale for months. Thank you to those who have been baking and donating many yummy treats. Thank you to those who have been at the church this week setting up. Thank you to those who have been preparing floats and card readers. Thank you to all the stall coordinators and volunteers who are giving up their Saturday to help make our Fair a success. Thank you to the people who have been distributing flyers, posting notices on Facebook and preparing notices and interviews for the radio. Thank you to Heather who is coordinating us all.

We hold our Fair to raise money for our 9 mission partners and to welcome our community and show Christ's love to all who visit and support us. Colossians 3:23-24 states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Thank you for all you do in your service in the church.

Blessings

Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 6th of September:

This week we welcome Ulrich Jaeger from the Gideons to preach to us.

Bible Passage: Luke 15:11-32, "The Love of Our Father God."

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

Melanie, Denise 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/E7Sg-njzucg?feature=share>

Important Special Church Ministry Partners Meeting:

This short meeting which is strictly for Ministry Partners only will be held Sunday 20th September 2026.

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

Welcoming Our Community:

- The Spring Fair offers our church the opportunity to meet new people and to meet their spiritual and physical needs whilst they are visiting our church.
- We need greeter's who can speak with the customers and be a friendly face for all who visit our Fair. Greeters speak to visitors, to encourage and bless them and help everyone to feel welcome. Meg Toon is coordinating this activity. Please see Meg to volunteer for this role. Pray for opportunities to connect with our customers, while you enjoy a cuppa, etc.
- The church has bibles available to give away to those who need one. Please see Meg Toon or Pastor David.
- We Need Prayer Warriors. 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.

Please Make Cakes for our Cake Stall!

- Thank you to all those who are making Cakes, Sweets and Slices for our Cake Stall.
- Due to popular demand, this stall sells out early in the day every year, so we need lots of your baked goodies please.
- Please wrap your cakes/slices/biscuits securely in plastic wrap and ensure you list the ingredients you have used and state the date they were baked.
- Cakes can be delivered to the church this Friday afternoon, or you can deliver them to the cake stall on the day of the fair well before 9am. It would assist the stall holders if you can price your cakes. If you prefer the cake stall coordinator can price your goods.

Any enquiries, please contact Jean: 0425 749 224. Thank you, Jean Lynch, Cake Stall Coordinator.

Operation Christmas Child 2026:

- The option to purchase filled boxes will again be available at our Spring Fair.

Please be Praying for our Spring Fair:

- Pray for good weather.
- Pray many locals visit and that we will make them feel welcome.
- Pray for each stall / activity coordinator and all our volunteers that they are well prepared and excited about the event.
- Praise God for this wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community, while we raise money to support our Mission Partners.

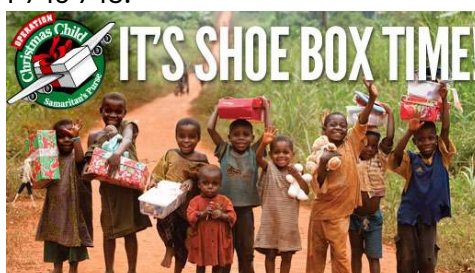
Thank you so much to everyone who has been preparing for our Spring Fair and to everyone volunteering on the day.

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.



Ladies In Fellowship Together Lunch Next Friday:

Our next LIFT lunch is 12.30pm, Friday September 11th, at 'YI AN' Chinese restaurant in Woy Woy. All ladies are very welcome to join us. Info. Marion 0401 344 814

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

We are holding another First Aid Training Day at the church. If you trained in First Aid in 2023, it's now time to renew your certificate.

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

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

Mango Tree Academy:

Below are some photos to show the renovations taking place at Mango Tree school in Kisii, that was recently shut down due to problems with leaking rooves, etc. Renovations will be completed soon.



Removing of the old leaking iron sheets

News from the Houstons:

Hello and greetings from Mozambique! What a full-on year it has been! So much has been happening! How have things been for you?

We're so grateful for all your support, even when we've been a little quiet. We really appreciate knowing that you've got our backs through it all.

Thanks so much! The Houstons.

Please find our latest newsletter in church foyer.

FUN RAISING, Wednesday Mornings:

Join us for our FUN raising games morning's!!!

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

From the Treasurer:

Once again, we achieved our monthly tithes & offerings budget for August, which assists us to chip away at our deficit.

Regards Liz

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.

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)

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.**

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