



Woy Woy Channel, taken at Fisherman's Wharf. Thanks Jane, for the photo.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 22nd October 2026

From The Pastor:

Dear church family,

This Sunday in our 9.30am service, Ettalong Baptist Church will take part in the National Church Life Survey. Conducted every five years across churches throughout Australia, the survey gives everyone an opportunity to share honestly about their faith, church experience and hopes for the future. Together, these responses provide a helpful picture of our church's health and vitality.

We are taking part because listening well helps us serve wisely. The Bible encourages us to examine our ways (Lamentations 3:40), to listen to wise counsel (Proverbs 15:22), and to consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). The survey does not replace prayer, Scripture or the leading of the Holy Spirit; rather, it is a practical tool to help us reflect faithfully on the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Your responses will help us recognise where God is at work, understand our strengths and needs, and make thoughtful decisions about worship, discipleship, pastoral care and mission in our community. If you won't be at church on Sunday, you can easily complete the survey online on your own device using our church code: **BA104100**. Please let David Gilchrist know if you need to complete the survey in your own time and he will email you the details. Please take part prayerfully and honestly as we continue *moving forward together in Christ's steps*.

Every blessing, **Pastor David**

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 25th of October:

Topic: Qualities Of Faith.

Bible Passage: Hebrews 11:13-16

'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/HsKcDRPORwE?feature=share>

Church Family Picnic this Sunday:

Our Church Family Picnic will be held this Sunday at the Lions Park, Woy Woy, after the 9.30am service - **If it is raining, we will hold the lunch in the Fellowship Hall**

Save the dates - Christmas Events:

- **Sunday 29th November 9.30am: First Sunday in Advent with communion service.**
- **Saturday 5th December, 2.30-4pm: Gingerbread Man Decorating Day.**
Gingerbread men kits are \$18 each and have to be booked by 13th November,.
Gluten free ~ orders to be in by 30th October.
For more information grab a flyer and contact Joy for bookings on 0417 443 372.
- **Sunday 6th December 9.30am: Christmas Family Service with the children from Kids Church.**
Christmas Carols, Christmas Play and a short message for the whole family.
- **Monday 7th December 6.45pm to 9pm: Women's Gingerbread House Decorating Night.**
Gingerbread house kits are \$47 and gluten free ones are \$51. Margy requires orders and **payment for gluten free house kits by 30th October.** Phone or text 044 743 1234 to arrange this. There is a bit more time for ordering the ordinary house kits.
For women this is a great opportunity for you to invite a friend because as well as having a really fun night Anna Davis, our BWSC high school teacher, is giving a short evangelistic Christmas message and she is truly an inspirational speaker.
- **Saturday 12th of December: 5pm Nativity Service & 6pm Christmas Market**
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.**
This year's special guest is Colin Buchanan.
Tickets are on sale through Ticketek NOW <https://www.carolsinthestadium.com.au/#tickets>
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.

It's Time NOW! To Bring In Your Operation Christmas Child Boxes:

Please return your filled boxes NOW! 26th October is the LAST DAY!

Filled Operation Christmas Child boxes are still available at \$35 each, for those who would rather not fill one themselves. Unfilled boxes can be purchased from the church office or from the display in the foyer for \$1. Pick up the 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.



Ministry of Leftovers Notice:

Caroline is needing more volunteers please.

Baptist World Aid 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 a good opportunity to share in the joy of helping families fight poverty and providing training and resources so they can build a better future.

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/>



Skills For Life Fundraising Events:

October 27th, 11.00am - Broken Bay Pearl Farm visit, [12 Kowan Rd, Mooney Mooney](#) : Learn the secrets of the Akoya pearl cultivation from seeding through to pearl harvest (1 hour) **\$33** as we now have 12 people.

Or an optional 1 hr Hawkesbury Cruise to follow on to see the oyster leases: **\$40** for both the talk and the cruise

[Please indicate as soon as possible if you or anyone else would like to join us.](#)

[Thanks, Jean 0425 749 224 or Diane Harris 0412 291 065](#)

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

DEC - - Secret Santa lunch Thursday 10th November @ Ettalong Diggers Bistro:

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

Benwell has indicated that the Mango Tree school has reopened!

With Thanks

Morling College Open Night: 29 October:

Is God inviting you to go deeper in his Word, step into ministry, or be better equipped to serve Christ in your current vocation?

Join us for Morling College's Open Night this October, either on campus in Sydney or online. You'll explore study options in theology, ministry, counselling, chaplaincy, and education, hear from our lecturers, and have the opportunity to ask questions as you prayerfully discern your next step.

📍 Sydney campus + Online

📅 Thursday, 29 October

🕒 7:00 PM (AEDT)

👉 Register now: info.morling.edu.au/open-night-sydney

Thankyou; Answered Prayers:

A Thank You card has been received from Lyn Kadel (Gin Gin Baptist Church) expressing her gratitude to our Church. It has been placed on the notice board in the hall.

She was one very sick lady a month ago and she has recovered fully from that ordeal. She especially wants to thank our church, the prayer teams and the individuals who prayed for her healing.

She again thanked the church for sending up to them the outreach team 4 years ago, and says this helped them even now, 4 years on to have an established church functioning. They have a new full-time Pastor starting soon, 'Pastor Graeme Carle'. They also have a Sunday school, a youth group, a lady's craft group, a mission team, a men's program and a music team, plus Church Elders and Deacons. They have recently purchased a manse for their Pastor.

God is so good. Praise his name. Heather

Ending Violence Against Women: A Call to Prayer and Action:

A Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

Wednesday 25 Nov 2026 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm AEDT

Violence against women is a global crisis, with almost **one in three women worldwide experiencing physical or sexual violence in their lifetime**. In September, **three women were murdered** in a 24-hour period in NSW, all directly related to domestic and family violence. Behind every statistic is a woman whose life has been changed by violence, a family left grieving and a community feeling the devastating impact. As Christians, we are called to stand for the dignity, safety and flourishing of every person, and to respond with compassion, courage and action.

Join us online this [International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) for an evening of prayer, practical learning and reflection. Together, we'll explore how churches can respond to violence against women, support those impacted and help create safer spaces in our communities.



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/>

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.

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