



Sunrise from The Rip Bridge. Thanks Jane, for the photo.

Ettalong Baptist Newsletter, 8th October 2026

From The Pastor:

It's a joy to be back with you after our holidays. Margy and I are both feeling refreshed and grateful for the gift of our church family. Thank you to Greg Beckenham for preaching over the last two Sundays on the challenges to us found in Malachi.

This week we return to Hebrews 11 where we are reminded that faith is the confidence we have in what we hope for and an assurance about what we do not see. As we gather again, may the faithful witness of those who have gone before us encourage us to trust God in every season, knowing that he continues to lead and sustain his people.

At Ettalong Baptist Church, our purpose is *Moving forward together in Christ's steps*. We do not walk alone: we move together, fixing our eyes on Jesus and following where he leads with courage, love and perseverance. May God deepen our faith, strengthen our fellowship and prepare us for all that lies ahead as we take the next steps together in Christ.

Blessings
Pastor David

9.30am Sunday Morning Service, 11th of October:

Bible Passage: Hebrews 11

'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/JVgQ4VGP3Pw?feature=share>

Church Family Picnic Sunday 25th October:

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

To join us please add your name to sign on sheet on the church notice board in the Fellowship Hall. Please also write if you can volunteer to provide sandwiches, or other goodies, and to run an activity.

For more information please speak with Heather Crawford: Phone: 0419 297 496

Alpha – Resumes this Sunday 11th of October, 4pm – 6pm. Week 5:

Thank you to those who have been praying for Alpha. Thank you also to all who are catering for our delicious meals.



Men's Breakfast:

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

Save the dates - Christmas Events:

- **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.

- **Monday 7th December: Women's Gingerbread House Decorating Night.**

For information and for bookings contact Margy on 0447 431 234.

- **Saturday 12th of December: Nativity Service & 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.

Operation Christmas Child 2026:

Filled Operation Christmas Child boxes are still available for those who would rather not fill one themselves at \$35 each. Unfilled boxes can 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.



Skills For Life Thank You:

Benwell shared these photos to show the completion of the school roof on Mango Tree Academy in Kisii, Kenya. The latrines/toilets are being attended to next. Thanks
Jean



Skills For Life Fundraising Events:

OCT - Tuesday 27th – 11.00am: Broken Bay Pearl Farm visit at 12 Kowan Road, Mooney Mooney. Learn the secrets of the Akoya pearl cultivation from seeding through to pearl harvest - 1 hour \$46 / adult; \$40 / concessions

[Please indicate as soon as possible if you are able to join us, as we need to book the tour](#)

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

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 Café 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.**

From The Treasurer:

We again met and slightly exceeded our tithe budget for September. Praise God! 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.

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/>

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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