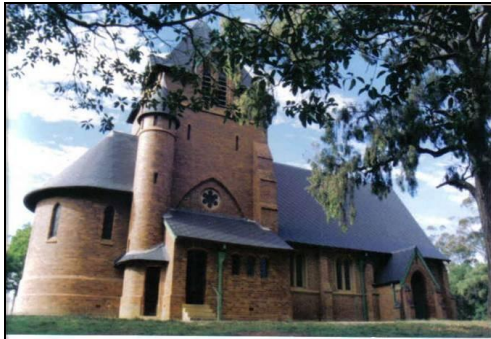


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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SUNDAY Church Services

8.30am: Traditional Service
10am: Family Service and Sunday School
6.15pm: Evening Service

What's On at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE
Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

BIRTHDAYS

5th Terry Swanson
7th Doug McDonald
8th James Tedesco
16th Victoria Foulks
19th Bianca Peretin
20th Rheannen
21st Joshua Bond
27th Bill Robertson



ANNIVERSARIES

26th Bill & Helen Robertson
29th Harry & Francis Warner

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm.



RAINBOW REFLECTIONS by Sue Peacock

Happy New Year!

There is a verse in the bible that I have been challenged by in the past and have finally come to understand.

“Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

I was at Curves Narellan, sorting out the shirts we give to our members when they attain 400 workouts (and each hundred thereafter up to 1,000).

The filing cabinet closed and locked itself – I found a key that fitted, but it still wouldn't unlock the drawers. Of course I started asking God for help... as you do... to no avail. So I started hunting for other keys. One of our members said “I always pray when I can't find the right keys.”

I remembered the above verse, and walked back into the storeroom and said, out loud “Thank you Father for success in Jesus Name.” The drawers opened immediately I pulled on them.

I see this verse as the right key to so many “drawers” – a Master Key.

We have had a quietly intense time transitioning our Curves Gym into its reinvented form as a “moderately priced weight loss centre with a gym”.

As we have been transferring membership data onto our new Club operating system blackouts, delays, restarts and slowness of internet downloads have all given me opportunities to practice my joy and peace: “Thank You Father for success in Jesus' Name.”

The blackout was hilarious. Brian was flipping through pages in folders by candlelight, and I was typing on my laptop, with our internet coming through a battery powered Telstra prepaid mobile modem. The show must go on!

So often in life, the thing that causes us to baulk, waver or procrastinate is the fear of failure.

It is astonishingly good news that we HAVE success, in the name of Jesus.

Lots of other verses in the bible promise that we will prosper when we rely on God's goodness and not our own natural strengths. It is an exchange I have NEVER regretted. Every day I experience the joy of the Lord – a sense of lightness within, contentment and satisfaction, and an excitement to be living in these days when the return of the Lord draws near.

May your year be full of goodness.

Sue Peacock

Australia Day 2013 in Menangle
Saturday 26th January
Great Australian Bite
BREAKFAST



At the Menangle Fire Shed
From 8am to 10am

Sausages, bacon, eggs, tomatoes, bread/roll
Damper and “cockies joy”. Juice, Tea and Coffee
\$10 for adults \$5 for children
**PROCEEDS TO THE RED CROSS
TASMANIA BUSH FIRE APPEAL**

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