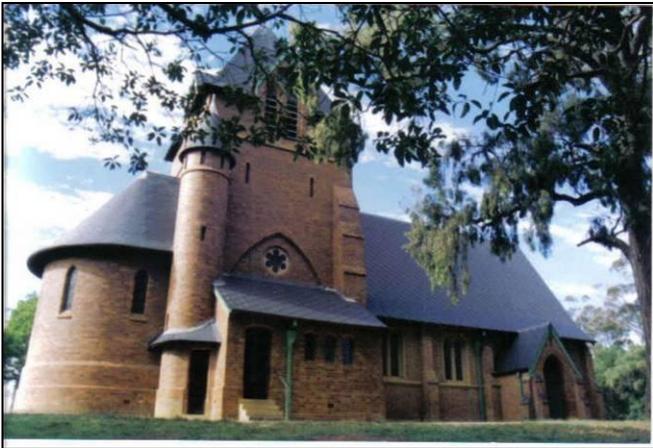


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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SUNDAY Church Services

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

Kids Club: 4:30-5:30pm Fridays
[yrs 2-6]

At the Rectory – 5 Sulman Place

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm Fridays

What's On at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

ALPHA

Explore who Jesus is:

Courses start

Tue morning 21st May
and Wed evening 22nd May

Ph Alicia 4633 8006

or Steve 4633 8594



Contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

Add your special dates to our list...

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

St. Patrick's Church



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

Birthdays

1st Steve Charles
2nd Troy Mealing
4th Lauren Bell
4th Stuart Leigh Baxter
5th Siobhan Burt
7th Ernie
8th Lily Margin
8th Kate Porteous
10th Tiarne Holz
12th Rowan Shiner
12th Nicholas Lamrock-George
16th Christine
16th Cameron Halfpenny
16th Sky Samantha Kyle
17th Edward McDonald
21st Abe Peacock.
27th Ethan Campbell
29th Kerry Charles
30th Steve



Anniversary

7th Robert & Debra Malone

CAMDEN AGLOW MAY MEETING

Wednesday May 15th
10am – 12.15 at Narellan Library (Upstairs)

Special 10th Birthday Celebration

Guest Speaker: Kerry-Ellen Logan
National President

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Water and Wine

There is a lovely account in the bible of Jesus providing wine at a Wedding Reception. We are told it was the best quality of wine and there was plenty of it. (The 6 large water pots would equate to over 1,000 bottles of wine)

As well as abundantly meeting the immediate need in such a magnificent way, the story also reveals some other lovely things about Jesus.

Firstly, Jesus was changing the way people would become clean towards God. (The bible calls this "Righteousness")

Water pots were used to collect water for purification. By turning THAT water for washing into wine for drinking Jesus was declaring that there was a new way of being clean. Not through outward observances and practices, but through being filled inwardly. Of course this inward filling is by the Holy Spirit whom we receive when we give our lives 100% to Jesus.

Secondly, Jesus loves and approves of celebrations!

Although drunkenness is condemned in the bible, wine is associated with living life well, and a lovely part of God's provision. Much like the way that gluttony is condemned, but eating good food is one of the blessed and wonderful ways life can be enjoyed.

Thirdly, Jesus was teaching us a life principle - out of death comes life.

For wine to be produced, a healthy grape vine needs to be planted in good soil, given the right amount of water at the right time, the flowers need to be fertilised, the fruit needs enough time in enough sunshine to ripen, and the grapes need to be harvested. After that, extracting the grape juice, and allowing it time to ferment completes the process.

In a certain sense the water is turned into wine through this natural process of wine growing.

But in that process the nature of the water is changed. Water is H₂O - the combination of two gases, and has no life of its own, even though it is present in life and massively involved in supporting life.

For water to become wine it must enter into a living entity, the grape, take on the nature of the grape, and then the nature of the wine.

Water and wine look different, taste different, smell different and behave differently. The effects of them upon people are different. They have different natures. The one has no life; the other has participated in the life cycle and become living water in a certain sense.

As great as the difference is between water and wine, so great is the difference between living a life that looks good outwardly and one that is transformed inwardly by the presence of the Living Water – Jesus Himself!

I have chosen the one that is so much more fun!

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

Red in Arnhem Land



A Mongolian missionary changed Red's life. She and her husband Craig had no plans to leave their lovely Sydney suburb, until a missionary spoke at their church. Craig felt convicted to serve, but assumed Red would refuse. When he asked her, she also felt called to go. She recalls Craig saying, "Oh no!"

Now, Red says, "I'm living in the middle of nowhere. The only way out is by plane."

Red has courageously moved with her three young children to remote Arnhem Land to serve alongside Craig, a MAF pilot.

It's a big move. Red and Craig's son has allergies, which means they have to protect his health carefully. "But God is so faithful," Red tells us, "His health has actually been better since moving here, than it ever has been before!"

Nonetheless, Arnhem Land has its own unique challenges. There is a terrible sandfly problem, and you can't swim in the water because of crocodiles. Sometimes Red asks herself, "What am I doing here with my precious children and crocodiles?!" "A number of times God has told me, 'the very best thing you can do as a mum is to obey the Lord.'"

The biggest challenge for Red personally is the isolation. "But we are never remote from God," she says. And there is a fantastic network of mums in the MAF community, supporting one another. There is a weekly email between the women, and the contact and friendship they share makes them feel less alone.

There's no doubt, Red is a people person. So living thousands of kilometres from her friends has been a big adjustment. However she's turned her passion for people into a wonderful ministry in her community.

"Before we came I could never have imagined how different the cultures are. The mothers and children here face a lot more challenges than we do. But although our lives are different, mums everywhere are the same," Red told me.

“We all want our kids to be safe,” she says, “We have that strong mother-love in common. Mums here are the same.”

Red takes every opportunity she can to share with local mothers, and be a living witness of what it means to love God as a wife and mother. “God can use our strengths and weaknesses to achieve His purposes,” she says.

Some people tell Red, “I could never do what you’re doing.” “That’s irrelevant!” she replies, “You aren’t supposed to! You need to do what God has called *you* to do.”

If God has called you to support our wonderful MAF families, please give to our Mother’s Day appeal today. You’ll help us reach mothers and children in Arnhem Land with help that saves lives.

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Mother's Day History

The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old. It is thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mothers day is celebrated across 46 countries (though on different dates) and is a hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honour their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support and well wisher.

Earliest History of Mothers Day

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honour of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Christ. In England the holiday was expanded to include all mothers. It was then called Mothering Sunday.

History of Mother's Day: Mothering Sunday

The more recent history of Mothers Day dates back to 1600s in England. Here a Mothering Sunday was celebrated annually on the fourth Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter) to honour

mothers. After a prayer service in church to honour Virgin Mary, children brought gifts and flowers to pay tribute to their own mothers.

On the occasion, servants, apprentices and other employees staying away from their homes were encouraged by their employers to visit their mothers and honour them. Traditionally children brought with them gifts and a special fruit cake or fruit-filled pastry called a simnel. Yugoslavs and people in other nations have observed similar days.

Custom of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out almost completely by the 19th century. However, the day came to be celebrated again after World War II, when American servicemen brought the custom and commercial enterprises used it as an occasion for sales.

History of Mother's Day: Julia Ward Howe

The idea of official celebration of Mothers day in US was first suggested by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. An activist, writer and poet Julia shot to fame with her famous Civil War song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic". Julia Ward Howe suggested that June 2 be annually celebrated as Mothers Day and should be dedicated to peace. She wrote a passionate appeal to women and urged them to rise against war in her famous Mothers Day Proclamation, written in Boston in 1870. She also initiated a Mothers' Peace Day observance on the second Sunday in June in Boston and held the meeting for a number of years. Julia tirelessly championed the cause of official celebration of Mothers Day and declaration of official holiday on the day. Her idea spread but was later replaced by the Mothers' Day holiday now celebrated in May.

History of Mother's Day: Anna Jarvis

Anna Jarvis is recognised as the Founder of Mothers Day in US. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids, she is also known as the Mother of Mothers Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honour on all mothers.

Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mother's Day from her own mother Mrs Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis in her childhood. An activist and social worker, Mrs Jarvis used to express her desire that someday someone must honour all mothers, living and dead, and pay tribute to the contributions made by them.

A loving daughter, Anna never forgot her mother's word and when her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfil her mother's desire of having a mother's day. A growing negligent attitude of adult Americans towards their mothers and a desire to honour her mother spurred her ambitions.

To begin with Anna sent Carnations to the church

service in Grafton, West Virginia to honour her mother. Carnations were her mother's favourite flower and Anna felt that they symbolised a mother's pure love. Later Anna along with her supporters wrote letters to people in positions of power lobbying for the official declaration of Mother's Day holiday. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Present Day Celebrations

Today Mother's Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan and Belgium. People take the day as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. The day has become hugely popular and in several countries phone lines witness maximum traffic. There is also a tradition of gifting flowers, cards and others gift to mothers on Mother's Day. The festival has become commercialised to a great extent. Florists, card manufacturers and gift sellers see huge business potential in the day and make good money through a rigorous advertising campaign.

It is unfortunate to note that Ms Anna Jarvis, who devoted her life for the declaration of a Mother's Day holiday, was deeply hurt to note the huge commercialisation of the day.

From website: Society for the Confluence of Festivals in India (SCFI).

MCA NEWS

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<https://www.facebook.com/MenangleCommunityAssociation>

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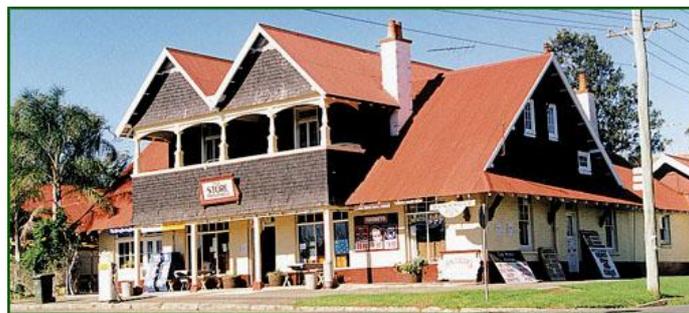
"Menangle Community Association has 2 copies of Lee Kernaghan's ultimate hits CD to give away to the first two people who can get 2 friends to 'like' our page and comment with their names below. Good luck!"

A sub-committee of MCA is liaising with Wollondilly Shire Council to form a Management Committee for the old school site that was recently acquired by council.

There have been offers made from various groups interested in helping restore the school to a useable condition. One suggested use for the school is to run classes along C19th for Sydney school children.

<https://www.menangle.com.au>

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