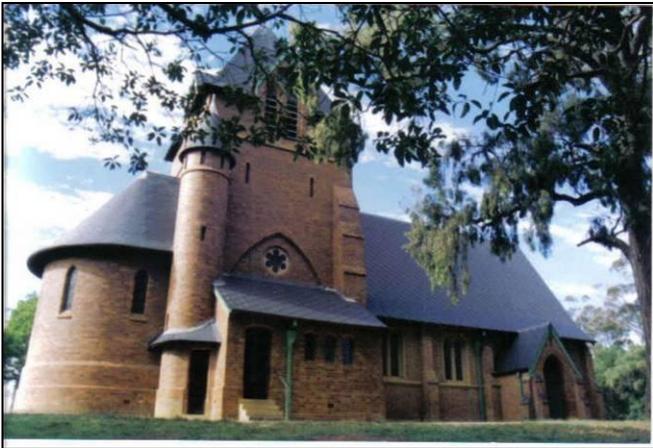


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St James – *the light on the hill*



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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
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At the Rectory – 5 Sulman Place

Youth Group: 6:30-8pm Fridays

What's On at St James

Now accepting reservations for Columbarium Niches in our 2 new walls
Phone Brian 4633 8261

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

Guest preacher on 11th August

Geoff Webb

Senior Chaplain and Archdeacon to the Army
All services

Church website:
www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

St. Patrick's Church



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

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Ethan Taylor
9th Elizabeth Hobbs
15th Jason Maher
17th Peter Wright
19th Brodie Mealing
23rd Laura Burt
24th Dave Black
25th Elizabeth Cross
28th Brian Peacock
30th Rhiannon



ANNIVERSARY

11th James and Meredith Wilson

CAMDEN AGLOW JULY MEETING

Wednesday July 17th Branch Meeting at 10am
in the Ironbark Room, Narellan Library.
Our Guest Speaker **Annemarie Pinnington** has a rich background in ministry and a wonderful testimony. "God came and radically changed my life. He set me free. He healed me physically, mentally and spiritually. Then He set me on fire and sent me out to stir up the flame."

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

Add your special dates to our list...
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

With so many rainy days last month, there were lots of rainbows about - I hope you enjoyed them too. I must admit that the joy of the sunshine returning eclipsed even my delight in the rainbows! Life is full of contrasts, and they give definition and add colour to our lives. Our gratitude for the sunshine's return is enlarged in direct proportion to the number of rainy days that it was absent. Perhaps there is truth in the old saying "absence makes the heart grow fonder".

But absence can also cause the heart to regret, and even to mourn. What could have been said, what should have been done can add a nagging weight of regret when someone we love is absent. It can shroud our lives with a blanket of grey dullness, and rob our lives of joy.

Can we live without regret?

Absolutely!

Can we do it on our own?

Absolutely not!

Just like every other aspect of human existence, living without regret is a by-product of a God-centred life.

And a God-centred life becomes possible when we know that God is good. Not just good in a general, abstract way, but good to us. Good to me. When I know that God is actively working all things together to maximise their benefit to me, when I know that every aspect of my life has been arranged with precision care to give me the BEST life I could possibly have, then I can trust God as the centre of my world.

If we doubt God's goodness, we can't trust Him.

And life has a way of throwing things at us that bring God's goodness into question. "If God is good, why does He allow suffering, or war, or poverty, or sickness or even death?"

Like so many aspects of God, His goodness is best made visible through eyes of faith.

First we trust, then we see.

And, lucky for us, trust is a choice! So God's Goodness is available to everyone who chooses to trust in it.

Does it mean we never experience loss, or grief, or hurt? By no means. It just means that within all the ups and down of life we have peace of mind, joyful acceptance, and confidence that it will all turn out right in the end.

God really is like a rainbow during the days when darkness is present in our lives.

God is so good, He's so good to me!

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

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Congratulations

Steve and Kerry Charles proud grandparents – their daughter, Monica announced: “ **We give great thanks to God for the arrival of our precious daughter Eleanor Eileen Symons. Arrived 12:43 pm 7/6/13. 3.4 kg and absolutely perfect.**”

Over the next two months the RFS, the Menangle Community Assoc. and volunteers at St James Church, will be carrying out garden works at the school, next to the school, on the common and around St James. This will involve some clearing and burning of weeds, box thorn, African Olive and other dead and dying trees. This work is being carried out according to Council's Hazard Reduction certificates. The burning will be of small piles and we will also attempt to burn when the wind direction will not carry the smoke across the village. However, some smoke may still be experienced in the village at times. In order to assist the community, the Menangle brigade will display two burning off signs on the corner opposite the shop during this time but also the day before burning is to start.

Any problems call Maurice Blackwood, RFS Captain on 0417 218 462

Asbestos dumped close to school on Menangle Road

By Scott Dougherty (Macarthur Advertiser)



Michael Abberton discovered this pile of rubbish containing asbestos near Menangle Park.

Picture: Simon Bennett

A DISCARDED bathroom containing asbestos was dumped on the road near Broughton Anglican College on Monday morning.

Menangle's Michael Abberton discovered the pile outside the driveway of The Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum and reported it to Campbelltown Council and police.

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But he wasn't impressed with the council's response.

"I was willing to move it for them, but the council didn't want me to touch it," he said.

"I'm licensed to remove it because I work in construction demolition and the duty of care got to me."

Campbelltown Council general manager Paul Tosi said it had companies it used to deal with the removal of asbestos, and wouldn't give permission to members of the public to remove it.

"When it is reported we deal with it immediately," he said.

"This particular one had evidence of asbestos and was secured and covered when we first found out about it [on Monday] and then removed on Tuesday. It was obviously a bathroom renovation and dumped by someone who knew what they were doing."

Mr Tosi said members of the public should do what Mr Abberton did: ring the council and report it straight away. If you know anything about the dumping, call Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000.

TRIBUTE TO EILEEN HORN

Eileen was born in Blackpool, near Sunderland, on the 12th August 1936 and was just approaching 77 years. Eileen was raised in Sunderland and completed her tertiary education in London followed by further training in Denmark. Eileen was very fond of her original area as I remember when I was travelling to the UK that Eileen wanted to make sure that I visited Durham Cathedral, a building she was obviously very proud of and enjoyed precious memories. In her younger days, Eileen played squash, tennis and golf. If she missed her intended shot, she would criticise herself with an "Oh Eileen" as you imagine you could hear today. Eileen also was a competent pianist. When attending her church in England, the Pastor asked if anyone could play the organ. Eileen in her usual phase said "I'll have a go". That began many years in front of an organ keyboard for Eileen. Eileen was also gifted with a voice for singing.

Eileen had a passion for travel. In July 1980 while travelling to the North Cape in Norway, there was vacant seat next to Eileen on the coach. An Aussie named David asked if he could sit next to Eileen. Conversations commenced not knowing that a marriage of almost 33 years was on the horizon. After the trip, Eileen returned to England and David continued travelling around Europe on his Euro rail pass. David had a destination in mind when half asleep he got off at the wrong station with a similar spelling to his intended stop. Wandering around this town, he came across a girl who had been on tour with Eileen and David. This girl had Eileen's address and as it was nearing Eileen's birthday, David arranged for flowers to be sent to Eileen back in England. It turned out that there was a flower for every year of Eileen's life. Eileen was obviously impressed and managed to return a letter to David in Friesland. David returned to Australia.

Some may say this meeting was just fate but I believe someone far greater than us had this fellowship planned long ago.

Eileen applied for a job in Whyalla South Australia. With her great knowledge and experience in biochemistry, microbiology and haematology she was accepted. Shortly afterwards Eileen was successful in gaining a position in Papua New Guinea in the pathology department at Port Moresby Hospital as chief scientist in charge of the haematology laboratory. Most of the staff were Papua New Guineans many of whom she trained. Eileen was highly regarded as a scientist, manager and teacher. Port Moresby Hospital was a busy hospital. Haematology is the study of blood and a haematology laboratory provides an essential service for clinicians. Patients with malaria, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases, severe lack of red blood cells, unusual cancers, injuries and other diseases, many in an advanced stage, were common in PNG hospitals. Diagnosis and treatment were challenging. Haematology tests had a very important role. Like the doctors and other staff who worked in PNG, the laboratory staff at Port Moresby Hospital did not have access to the latest technology or to the specialised services that were normal in Australian hospitals. The pathology department at Port Moresby Hospital provided support for the very basic laboratory services in provincial hospitals. Eileen accepted the challenges of working in that environment with commitment, skill and good humour. Eileen also played the organ in PMG. After PNG, Eileen moved to Brisbane and worked in private pathology practices for a short time before sending time in Sydney. David proposed to Eileen over the phone. Eileen, being Eileen, said she would have to think about it, and returned to Brisbane. Back in Brisbane she rang David and probably after considerable thought, agreed to be David's wife. They were married on 3rd December 1980 and initially lived on Elizabeth Macarthur Farm. David had two blocks of land and sold one to build a home on the block at 129 Menangle Road Menangle. At that time it was likely the 34th house in Menangle.

Eileen gained a job at Nepean Hospital and would often get a call during the night to go to the Hospital for urgent blood matching following an accident or emergency.

Eileen retired from Nepean Hospital as Head of Biochemistry. I'm sure she would have educated many juniors and in Eileen's caring way for patients given much advice to doctors.

Eileen continued her passion for travel but now with David by her side. Eileen probably visited over a hundred countries and visited every continent at least three times. Her favourite destination was Antarctica most likely drawn by its natural beauty and lack of man's influences. Eileen was also a keen photographer taking many slides and photographs that fill the albums under the coffee table in their lounge room. She also shared her shots with the local photography group. Eileen was also a Line Dancer.

In her early marriage when living on the farm, a local resident and member of St James, Jim Pascoe, asked if Eileen could play the organ at this church. That was in

around 1981 beginning a career of 32 years. Eileen was a very competent organist with a vast knowledge of hymns. She would care for "her" organ cleaning and dusting as required. Eileen had a bowl of water inside to increase the humidity and preserve the inner workings. I remember when working bees were about to happen, Eileen would place a note on the organ stool, "Please do not oil". She obviously preferred a non-sliding seat. To me Eileen and the St James organ belonged together. Eileen would always seek the topic of the sermon and agonise for hours to find the most appropriate hymns and practice during the week. Eileen, David, my wife Lorraine and myself were among the original band of bellringers to learn 'how to pull a rope' after the original six bells were installed in this Church in 2004. Eileen learnt the art of bellringing faster than the rest of us beginners and was quickly conducting the band. She continued ringing till late last year although in a reduced capacity due to her health issues.

Eileen and David were a most devoted couple. Eileen had a huge influence on David's life. I greatly admired David's nursing of Eileen in the last months. Although Eileen suffered several health issues in her last years, I never remember her complaining about her issues. Eileen Porteous Horn was strong in her faith. Whenever I finished my visit with Eileen in hospital, it was never a "Good-bye" farewell but a "see you later". We will, each one, miss Eileen but God called home a faithful believer who served her Lord in his church as a vocalist and organist. We who are Christians have assurance that we will meet again. Thank you Lord for our Eileen!

By Roy Craddock [St James Church Warden]

MCA NEWS

Keep up-to-date with all things related to Menangle on Facebook -

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

Durham Green have offered to provide the venue for our **Annual General Meeting** on 17th September at 7pm. Joining fee is \$1 and annual subscription is \$2; All welcome.

Thanks to Michael Abberton and Menangle Engineering for the work being done around the hall.

Investigations and consultations are still taking place to determine the way forward with the drainage problems and the best method of putting in new footings. Given the poor drainage and site restrictions, it may be necessary to pour a concrete slab floor. Perhaps a floating wooden floor can be added later to regain the "original" look.

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