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St James – the light on the hill



Photo by Steve Braiding

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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.

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Carols on the Hill

Sausage Sizzle
Glowstix

St James' Reserve
7pm 8th Dec



St. Patrick's Church



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

BIRTHDAYS

1st Kerry Taylor
9th Janice Warner
13th Mark Haines
13th Elana Reece
15th Mathew Foulks
16th Sarah Howard
17th Sam Margin
18th Isabella Mealing
19th Tahlia Bond
21st Jason Burt
21st Allie Margin
21st Angus Terry
21st Sharon Foulks
22nd Marlene Gordon
25th Michael Abberton
26th Francis Warner
27th Izaac Margin
28th Geoff Hughes
29th Karen Halfpenny
30th Mathew Robertson



ANNIVERSARIES

12th Keith & Judith Lynch

CAMDEN AGLOW NOVEMBER MEETING

Wednesday 20th, 10am upstairs, Narellan Library
Guest Speaker: Anne Marie Pinnington
Be refreshed in worship, the Word and ministry.
\$10 cover charge includes Christmas luncheon.

Contact Sue Peacock: 4633 8261

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

In the very well known Psalm 23 one line reads "He restores my soul".

David, the writer, is referring to God as the One who restores his soul.

This raises two questions – Why did David need his soul restored? And how had he learnt that God was the One who would restore it?

David writes in Psalm 51 that he was "conceived in sin". Does this mean that his parents weren't married, or that the married act of sex is sinful? No, I don't believe that was his meaning at all. He was describing the human condition of sin – which is simply separation from God. Every child conceived and born is absolutely loved by God, but separated from Him until they find their way to Him as their Heavenly Father. Many children do this at a young age, when they understand that Jesus is the peacemaker for them to be friends with God, and the One who has made His risen sinless life available to them, so they are always accepted by God.

The restoration of the soul (the will, mind and emotions) is its restoration to the original plan God had for it – to be the image and likeness of God Himself.

So the restored soul wills (or chooses) what God wants, thinks the thoughts God thinks, and feels the emotions God feels.

Of course it is a journey – but it is a journey into ever increasing connection with the very soul of Jesus. The soul of Jesus is holy, tempted at every point, yet without sin. The soul of Jesus has always been, and still is a constant source of delight to God. Jesus was able to say at the point of extreme agony "Father.... not as I will but as You will" (Matthew 26:39) And again, even while he was enduring the excruciating pain of crucifixion, he pleaded for the souls of His murderers: "Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34).

So our souls need restoring into connection with the soul-life of Jesus. But what do they need restoring from? My study and prayerful observation lead me to two conclusions concerning the soul that is separated from God: the **power of that soul is anger**; and the **motivation of that soul is fear**.

So, we need restoring from fear into God's perfect love. "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear." (1 John 4:18)

AND we need restoring from anger into God's grace, which is so much more than His unmerited favour. **Grace is the power of God to connect every aspect of our souls to the soul-life of Jesus so we think like Him, behave like Him, speak like Him and resemble Him in our characters and all our choices.**

I LOVE being on this journey. God never sees what's wrong with me – He just sees what is missing in me. I am learning to see that way too. It so much fun! If I become aware that I am frustrated with someone, I have the privilege and opportunity to exchange that frustration with the kindness

of God. This actually gets me the result I want, because His kindness coming though me will make a way for them (if they chooses to do so) to repent of whatever is frustrating me! And I get an upgrade in the process. "He restores my soul, He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

Blessings and love,
Sue Peacock

MENANGLE BRIGADE NEWS

During the recent fires the brigade manned both the smaller Cat 9 tanker and the bigger Cat 1 tanker for seven days straight during the daytime. A few people were away but the members rallied to the call and 11 members formed the many crews when called up. We did back burning and property protection at Bargo, Yerrinbool, Wilton, Picton Road and Hill Top.

The newspapers suggest we are heroes but this is not the case. We are a part of community doing our bit for the community as do many others. It is however very heartening to see so many people drop their lives and get out there and help with such a crisis.

Thanks to all members of the Menangle Brigade.
Maurice Blackwood
Captain

RECENT EARTHQUAKE

From the Macarthur Chronicle
Geoscience Australia duty seismologist Daniel Connolly said the tremor's epicentre erupted at the eastern side of Menangle at 7.15am, with the effects felt as far south as Wollongong.

"In terms of seriousness ... with a 3.5 we would expect it to be not quite causing damage," he told the *Macarthur Chronicle*.

"Any damage from a 3.5 is rare, but we would have a lot of people feeling houses shaking and windows rattling, books on bookshelves dropping."

Mr Connolly said the tremor was the strongest felt in the region in the past 14 years.

The 4.8 magnitude tremor in 1999 and 4.6 magnitude quake in 1980, both south of Appin, remain the strongest earthquakes to hit the region.

Mr Connolly said during the past 50 years, 48 earthquakes were felt in the Macarthur area, though only six of these occurred in the past decade.

"The area is quite seismically active," he said.

"In 1978 we had about 13 earthquakes in one year - they can come and go."

As for whether the region will feel another rumble anytime soon, Mr Connolly said earthquakes were too unpredictable to speculate.

"We can say that it's conceivable there might be another earthquake. Given the last one was a year ago,

it's probably unlikely to expect another earthquake aftershock, but we never say, 'never'."

Residents from Mt Annan, Campbelltown, Ambarvale, St Helens Park, Claymore, Bradbury, Minto, Menangle, Narellan Vale and Glen Alpine, also reported feeling the tremor.

The Macarthur region was also hit by a 2.8 magnitude tremor last year.

MORE TRAINS, LESS SERVICE

From the Wollondilly Advertiser
by Ben Chenoweth

WOLLONDILLY train commuters get more peak hour services to Central station but spend more time waiting on Campbelltown and Macarthur platforms when the new Sydney Trains and NSW TrainLink services start. The new timetable, that began on October 20, has five morning peak hour (6am-9am) services stopping at Picton and Tahmoor.

Tahmoor gets two and Picton four under the current timetable.

Douglas Park, Menangle and Menangle Park still have three each.

However, the number of direct trains decreases from two to one under the new timetable.

Southern Highlands Rail Users Group president Dell Dempster said it was a win-loss situation.

"We're getting more trains but to get them we have to lose through (direct) trains," she said.

"We'll get better services but unfortunately we'll lose something."

Wollondilly commuters get six services during afternoon peak hour Monday to Friday, including the 4.02pm through-train.

Under the old timetable commuters got five services — but no through-trains.

Picton resident Nicholas Brown said he was unhappy the last service from Central station offering a connecting train through to the Southern Highlands was at 9.12pm Monday to Wednesday.

On Thursdays and Fridays the last train of the day is at 11.12pm.

Under the old timetable the latest connecting service leaves Central Station at 9.18pm, Monday to Wednesday, while an 11.08pm service operates on Thursdays and Fridays.

"It's far too early in the evening," he said. "Every other line has a train well past 11pm."

A Transport NSW spokesman said the department's hands were tied regarding the Southern Highlands line.

"Due to restrictions imposed on the track between Macarthur and Goulburn by its owner, the Australian Rail Track Corporation, it could not be held to connect to a later service," he said.

"The new timetable improves off-peak travel, with an hourly all-day service on the Southern Highlands line."

A message from St James *(Church on the Hill)* *and like minded Churches*

Jesus brings good things...

Hope to the broken

Purpose to life

Real community

Community to the lonely

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All the very best...

Steve Davis (stevedavis@exemail.com.au)

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(St James Menangle - Minister and Pastor)

MCA NEWS

Not much to report this month except there will be a meeting with council staff and council's heritage advisor to decide on the best way to solve the issue of the footings of the hall so that reconstruction can proceed.

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Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden
ph. 4655 7735

BABYSITTING

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