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St James – *the light on the hill*



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Minister: Steve Davis

Locum Minister: Chris Clerke

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

8.30am: Traditional Service

10am: Family Service and Sunday School

6.15pm: Evening Service

www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

What's on at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM

New members welcome.

MEN @ SHOP

...an opportunity for men to relax, with other men, over a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly atmosphere once a week at 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Menangle Store. The meetings usually last about an hour and if you would like further information, please contact Warren de Montemas on 0410 689 474 or Graham Noyes on 4633 8810.

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

Due to equipment failure the December 2014 issue was not printed, hence this combined Dec – Jan 2014 issue.

St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Bradley Warner
- 1st Simone Collison
- 2nd Charlie Culpan
- 2nd Ethan Green
- 3rd Laura Howard
- 5th Jason Jeffree
- 6th Sam Ashton
- 6th Shane Halfpenny
- 7th Sara McNevin
- 9th Paige Robertson
- 11th Vanessa Perentin
- 18th Rosemary Tedesco
- 19th Neave Burt
- 21st Shane Koeford
- 21st Luke Campbell



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5th Terry Swanson
- 7th Doug McDonald
- 8th James Tedesco
- 16th Victoria Foulks
- 19th Bianca Peretin
- 20th Rheannen
- 21st Joshua Bond
- 28th Paul Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 29th Jan Harry & Francis Warner

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Each one of us has a unique set of circumstance, and expectations as we approach Christmas 2014. For some it will be the first Christmas without a precious loved one. For some it will be a dreaded day of loneliness, pain or sorrow.

But for all of us it can be a time of incredulous joy and deep gratitude that God would be so good as to invade planet earth with His love and grace, and give us hope in the midst of it all!

For many years I did not really believe that God was good – or that if He was good, He wasn't very good to me! My life seemed to be filled with insurmountable problems and I felt trapped by hardship. Existing and surviving seemed the highest attainable goals, as I resigned myself to my lot in life – even as a believer!

I am so thankful that God never gave up chipping away at my attitudes! He slowly but surely began to reveal to me that His hand is in everything. His plans are always for my good and His glory. Everything, every person, every part of my circumstances is carefully chosen by God to give me opportunities to become more like Jesus.

How does that work? Well you might ask!

It is actually by God **transfusing** the Spirit of Jesus into my spirit, and slowly **displacing** the darkness of my soul with the light of His holiness and His goodness.

It is primarily the work of my will – I choose to let God be good to people for me, and through me. And the great freedom comes with the growing revelation that **ONLY** God is good, **ONLY** God is Light, **ONLY** God is loving and kind. Left to myself I am none of those things. I am so poor in spirit that I have nothing to offer in any of those ways. **BUT** by God's grace, like Beloved Francis of Assisi, I can be a channel of His peace, where there is hatred I can sow His love, where there is injury I can extend His pardon, where there is doubt I can share true faith in the Son of God,* who loves me and gave His life for me.

The best thing I ever did was to take the necessary steps to give my life wholly over to God. A process which took me many years! (But you can do it all in one go!)

I acknowledged that my self-centred lifestyle was sinful and there was nothing I could do about it, but that I was willing to turn from it.

I chose to believe that Jesus had died as the penalty for my sin, and I asked God to forgive me on that basis.

I was baptised in water to identify with the death of Jesus and His burial (This actually happened many after my initial decision.)

I received by faith the filling of the Holy Spirit so He could make the resurrected, ascended Jesus, and all His ways real to me, and through me.

Have a blessed and hope-filled Christmas

Sue Peacock

THE SONG OF ST FRANCIS – Jon Cohen

Make me a channel of Your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness - only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

JUST FOR TODAY -Kenneth L. Holmes

Just for today, I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do something for twelve hours that would appal me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today, I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said, that "most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today, I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today, I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

Just for today, I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to--just for exercise.

I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt; they may be hurt, but today I will not show it

Just for today, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not one bit, not find fault with anything and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today, I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today, I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Menangle Social Golf Club

Final Round for 2014 - 7th December 2014

We had 18 golfers for the last round for the year at Campbelltown Golf Club. The weather was fine, very steamy, but no water from above, it was all on the ground. The competition today was "Ambrose", a format where each member of the group hits from the best shot, each and every shot after the tee off.

The winners for this round were Pat Clarke, Anthony Plater, Glen Attenborough and Colin. They finished with a even par score, but they had the largest handicap to get them over the line. Each of them was presented with a new golf Umbrella.

The nearest the pin winners were Jimmy DiMarco, Colin, Steve Ellery Rob Malone. The longest drive was won by Greg Glasgow. They were all presented with 3 golf balls.

Our annual party afterwards, was again held at Mark Haines place, and the Annual Championship winners were announced. This competition is played over 10 rounds during the year, based on stableford points scored at each round. There is a minimum number of rounds (4) before you are considered for this competition.

2014 Club Champion	Jimmy Di-Marco
2014 Second place	Pat Harding
2014 Third place	Rob Malone

The schedule for 2015 has been confirmed. The championship will be decided over rounds 1 - 5, with a minimum of 3 rounds required to be considered.

See you on the course next year. Thank you all for your assistance this year to help me run the club for you. Special thanks to Anthony Plater, Patrick Clarke, Mark Haines and Rob Malone for all of their help.

Thanks to Brian Peacock for making sure our club report makes it into the Menangle News every month.

Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Round	Date	Location	Tee Time	Competition
1	1/03/2015	Antill Park Picton	7:56am	Stableford
2	3/05/2015	Gerringong Golf Club	8:00am	Stroke
3	5/07/2015	Antill Park Picton	8:10am	Stableford
4	30/08/2015	Calderwood Golf Club	6:40am	Stroke
5	1/11/2015	Antill Park Picton	8:10am	Stableford
6	6/12/2015	Campbelltown Golf Club		4 Ball Ambrose

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Police Investigate Menangle Break and Enter

Camden police are calling for public assistance after a break and enter in Menangle on Wednesday.

A man was seen leaving a house on Menangle Road about 11.40am on Wednesday.

The police said he produced a pistol when two relatives of the home owner confronted him as he left the house and threatened them.

He then escaped on what is believed to be a green Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle or similar which was parked in front of the house and rode towards Campbelltown.

Police would like to speak to the man on the motorbike in relation to the investigation.

He wore a dark-coloured hooded top, dark-coloured tracksuit pants and was carrying a dark-coloured back pack with red markings and wore a white motorcycle helmet.

Detectives are continuing to make inquiries into the incident and anyone with information is asked to contact Camden police on 4632th4499 or Crime Stoppers on 1800th333th000.



AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

8AM MONDAY 26th JANUARY

AT THE FIRE SHED

\$5 PER HEAD/\$10 PER FAMILY

SAUSAGES – BACON – EGGS – DAMPER – JUICE – TEA – COFFEE

VISIT FROM THE FULTONS

Many of you will remember Craig and Red, Johanna, Henry & Sienna Fulton from Craig's time here at Menangle as senior minister of St James.



The Fultons are now serving with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Arnhem Land. Initially, Craig joined MAF as a pilot but, just as cream rises to the top, after two years living and flying on Milingimbi Island Craig now heads up the team of pilots/engineers/IT staff in Gove.

The photo that appears above was taken at the Fultons' recent visit to St James at which Craig and Red gave an outline of their current responsibilities. Red particularly wanted to highlight the plight of our aboriginal brothers and sisters who still have a significantly shorter life expectancy. Death from preventable diseases and suicide (especially among the young people) are lamentably all too common. Red said that the SBS TV program, "First Contact" should be viewed by all non-indigenous Australians.

You can follow the Fulton family at:

www.maf.org.au/fulton

ADVERTS

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3rd Wednesday each month except Dec
in the **Red Gum Room** at Narellan Library
\$10 cover charge All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

The Forbidden Dance Company

We currently provide fun private dancing classes to suit every individual. Salsa, Bachata & Merengue. Currently held in our personal studio in Haines Pl, Menangle or at your home. Private lessons: 1.5 hour basic classes: \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Discount for groups or multiple pre-booked lessons. Call Claudia on 0430 460 205 to book in or email: Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com

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Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

Pet Care

My name is Sarah Howard; I love animals and I am offering the following services in Menangle Village:

1. Feeding your pets while you are away. For a negotiable fee
2. Walking your dog for 20 mins. Fee \$5.00

Please contact me on 4633 8543

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[next to Camden Showground]
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References available

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