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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
7pm: Contemporary Service

EASTER SERVICES

9:30AM Good Friday 25th March – hot cross buns at the rectory after the service

8:30 & 10am and 7pm Easter Sunday 27th March

www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

What's on at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

Columbarium Niches

Reservations ph 4633 8261

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.

If you would like further information, please contact Warren de Montemas on 0410 689 474 or Graham Noyes on 4633 8810.

St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane
2nd Dorothy Noyes
2nd Emelise Bond
4th Natalie Worthingt
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
15th Emily Rose
19th Jake Kent
21st Judy Lynch
22nd Glen Peretin
22nd Glynnis Bell
22nd Mark Campbell
22nd Cathy Bulger



ANNIVERSARIES

5th Steve & Kerri Rochaix
9th Ernie & Jean Siddall
27th Jason and Laura Burt
28th Graham and Dorothy Noyes

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

AUSTRALIA DAY 2015



Our hard-working cooks at work

\$120 was raised towards the fitting out of the new extension.

Lining up for a feed



Long distance view



A couple of classics



Photos: Taffy Cross

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

We have eight delightful grandchildren, whose parents allow us to love, which is a precious thing. Seven are now back at school, and their parents are able to relax after the hard work of the last bit of a long holiday.

Our littlest grand child is just 5 months old, and still wonderfully able to accept all the doting devotion of being the centre of attention that he, and all babies naturally attract. Levi is innocently unconscious of himself. So long as his tummy is happy, little chuckles and giggles bubble up from within him when he experiences a sound that captures his attention. We all lose our self-consciousness in repeating that sound so we keep enjoying his baby chuckles, giggling ourselves.

What if God is looking at us like that? What if God just wants to delight in us, to dote on us, to say things to us that absolutely cause us to chuckle and giggle? What if we really are loved by a good heavenly Father?

You could say that Levi has an idyllic life. He has no problems – anything wrong in his life is the responsibility of his Mum or his Dad. He is utterly dependent upon them, and entirely secure in their love for him, and care of him. The only trouble is he will grow out of it. All too soon he will learn to be independent, even as he learns to walk and run and play with other children, and compare himself to them.

What if the greatest obstacle to our being delighted in by God is our self-consciousness, and awareness of what is wrong with us, and with our lives? What if God could find a way to remove our focus from our performance as human beings and restore our innocent unself-consciousness? Maybe then we could become “human beings”, instead of “human doings.” We really could become the much loved children that the bible tells us we already are.

God, in His profound wisdom and almighty mercy, has indeed found a way to do that. He has made the innocent, holy nature of Jesus, His Son, even the Holy Spirit, available to us. To everyone. “God so loved THE WORLD that He gave His only and unique Son, so that EVERYONE who trusts in Him may have eternal life, instead of being utterly destroyed”.

We can all partake of the divine nature if we choose to do so. We can all exchange a life of worry and problems for a life of peace and joy. We can. It is a very simple thing to do.

But it is a very costly thing to do. In fact it will cost us our independence, which for many is a pearl of great price. Yielding our self-sufficiency, and the control of our lives to God is the price He requires in exchange for the gift of His Holy Spirit.

One day it will be taken from us anyway – either when we die or when Jesus returns to rule planet

earth. Jim Elliot, a Christian missionary martyr has said: “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose”.

The yielding is an ongoing, daily practice, not a quick once-for-all decision. The exchange is abundantly beneficial – The Holy Spirit is first of all pure, then peaceful, kind, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

As I read that list from the letter of James, I recall the accusations that have been (at times accurately) levelled at Christians – “narrow-minded, hypocrite, judgemental”.

The more we yield to the Holy Spirit – the very Spirit of Jesus, the more our lives will conform to His loving, joyful nature. And the more we will know that we are loved by God.

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

RANDOM JOKES

STEALING SOMEONE’S COFFEE IS
CALLED MUGGING

THE OTHER DAY I HELD THE DOOR
OPEN FOR A CLOWN.
IT WAS A NICE JESTER

PATEURISE: TOO FAR TO SEE

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PUSH
THE ENVELOPE IT’LL STILL BE
STATIONERY

WHOEVER INVENTED “KNOCK-KNOCK”
JOKES SHOULD GET A NO-BELL PRIZE

ENERGISER BUNNY ARRESTED:
CHARGED WITH BATTERY

I PUT MY GRANDA ON SPEED DIAL
– I CALL THAT INSTAGRAM

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Menangle band The Rubens win Triple J Hottest 100 countdown

From the Macarthur Advertiser
Menangle band The Rubens have taken out the coveted top spot in the Triple J Hottest 100 with their song Hoops.

The alternative rock band includes Margin brothers, Zaac, Sam and Elliott, and friends Scott Baldwin and William Zeglis.

The annual poll saw 2,094,350 votes submitted and more than 16,000 songs were voted for.

Keyboardist Elliott Margin, lead guitarist Zaac Margin and drummer Scott Baldwin still live in Menangle with lead singer Sam Margin and bassist William Zeglis now living in Melbourne.

Full story:

<http://www.macarthuradvertiser.com.au/story/3690219/menangle-band-the-rubens-win-triple-j-hottest-100-countdown/?cs=1437>

MPs call for urgent action to ease road congestion in key pressure points

Kimberly Caines Macarthur Chronicle
CAMPBELLTOWN state Labor MP Greg Warren is calling on the State Government to fix all congested roads across the Macarthur region, rather than just focusing on Narellan Rd.

Mr Warren invited NSW Labor Senator Deborah O'Neill to the area on Monday to see traffic hot spots and to discuss the government's "lack of planning in delivering adequate infrastructure" for the growing region.

The pair visited key problem areas including the Badgally Rd connection to Broughton St, and the proposed Menangle and Spring Farm link road.

The Labor MPs called for an urgent review of the Raby Rd junction with the Hume Motorway, near Eagle Vale Drive, which will experience a huge increase in traffic due to new housing developments.

Full story:

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/macarthur/mps-call-for-urgent-action-to-ease-road-congestion-in-key-pressure-points/news-story/c2ad8f5c5fb823fcdc50e00faa8f6074>

Videographer shows beauty of the Nepean River

Tarik Elmerhebe Macarthur Chronicle
AS WE plan holidays to tropical paradises with breathtaking beaches around the world, it's easy to forget the beauty that

lies within our area.

Bradbury videographer Mark Franks has set out with his camera to show us just how lovely our backyard is.

In his latest work, Mr Franks has recorded a dazzling video of the Nepean River at Menangle Park.

Full story:

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/newslocal/macarthur/videographer-shows-beauty-of-the-nepean-river/news-story/243f4c52f4d9c4dda4b739c9e5baaa33>

Does evil exist?

One day, a professor of a university decided to defy his pupils.

He asked : did God create everything that exists?

A student answered bravely: "Yes, He did."

Everything? asked the teacher.

Yes, everything. Was the answer of the student.

In this case, God also created evil, correct? Because evil exists. - said the teacher...

To that, the student had no answer and remained in silence.

The teacher was delighted at the opportunity to prove one more time that faith was only a myth.

Suddenly, another student raised his hand and asked:

"May I ask you a question , professor?"

"Of course", was the answer.

Does cold exist?

Of course, answered the professor, did you never feel cold?

"Actually, sir, cold does not exist. According to studies in Physics, cold is the total and complete absence of heat. An object can only be studied if it has and transmits energy and it is the heat of an object that transmits its energy . "Without heat, the objects are inert, incapable to react. But cold does not exist. We created the term cold to explain the lack of heat"

"And darkness?" continues the student.

"It exists", replied the professor

"Again, you're wrong sir, darkness is the total absence of light. You can study light and brightness, but not darkness. The prism of Nichols shows the variety of different colors in which the light can be decomposed according to the longitude of the waves. Darkness is the term we created to explain the total absence of light"

And finally, the student asked: "And evil, sir, does evil exist?" God did not create evil. Evil is the absence of God in people's hearts, it is the absence of love, humanity and faith. Love and faith are like heat and light. They exist. Their absence leads to evil"

Now it was the professor's turn to remain silent..

The name of the student was: ALBERT EINSTEIN

Source: internet

Interested in a playdate?

Calling any mums with young kids-- If you are interested in a monthly catch up for morning tea/ a playdate I'd love to meet up with you!

I have a 10 month old and I know there are a few mums with bubs/ toddlers around Menangle at the moment. Lisa at the store informs me Menangle has a history of a fabulous playgroup so if you were around for that and would also like to come along and share your wisdom with us we'd love to have you for a cuppa! If we fit in my cosy home I'm happy to provide morning tea otherwise if it's nice we can go down to the park for a play.

I'm flexible with dates but thought we could try for the first Fridays of month beginning 4th September 11am

If you can't make that day/time please also get in contact and we can see about changing the day for majority of people.

Sarah Deeth sarahdeeth@me.com

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

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3rd Wednesday
in the **Red Gum Room** at Narellan Library
All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261