

# THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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 25<sup>th</sup> March – hot cross buns at the rectory after the service

8:30 & 10am and 7pm Easter Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March

[www.menangle.anglican.asn.au](http://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

## ANNIVERSARIES

14<sup>th</sup> Steve and Simone Collison  
15<sup>th</sup> Steve and Kerry Charles  
18<sup>th</sup> James and Karen McFarlane  
20<sup>th</sup> Steve and Vicki Blight  
22<sup>nd</sup> Brian and Sue Peacock

**Articles and contributions welcome:**

email: [byp257@gmail.com](mailto:byp257@gmail.com)

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

## St. Patrick's Church



**Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each Month at 6pm**

## BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Black  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ivan Green  
4<sup>th</sup> Elliott Margin  
5<sup>th</sup> Bev James  
5<sup>th</sup> Beau Kent  
6<sup>th</sup> Mark Robertson  
9<sup>th</sup> Dave  
9<sup>th</sup> Matthew Tedesco  
12<sup>th</sup> Graham Noyes  
14<sup>th</sup> Jethro Margin  
19<sup>th</sup> Lucy  
20<sup>th</sup> Christine Butler  
21<sup>st</sup> Indigo Margin  
22<sup>nd</sup> Cindy Haines  
30<sup>th</sup> Brett Warner



## MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION AGM

**2pm Saturday 19th March  
in the Training Room at the  
Rural Fire Service Shed  
ALL WELCOME**

**Membership \$2 plus \$1 annual fee  
[Member-only voting]**

## RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

It is a very interesting concept that the Government of the world rests on the shoulders of Jesus. We sometimes look to earthly governments to provide justice, freedom and a fair go for all. Sadly, earthly governments are made up of human beings – many of whom are very well meaning, but still only human!

The Body of Christ on the earth – the church – actually includes His shoulders! So we have a powerful place of influence in the way our country is governed. One particularly important verse in the Bible is 2 Chronicles 7:14. God promises His people “If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins and heal their land.”

Does this mean we need a Lobby group for the Christian perspective? Yes – and we have an Australian Christian Lobby Group whom we do well to support. Does this mean we should vote for Christians, and Christian Parties in our Parliaments? Yes, and we do well to support them!

However it means much, much more than that.

It means that the attitudes and behaviour of God’s people, individually and corporately, directly impacts the health and wellbeing of our nation. The buck stops with us – not the Prime Minister, or any other leader.

So – what does it mean to “humble myself”? Like every virtue in the Christian Life it means to receive a gift from God (the humility of Jesus) and give up something more of my selfishness (self-reliance in this case). Humility is a beautiful virtue – it is not thinking less of myself – it is thinking of myself less. Basically it is about self-forgetfulness. When we truly behold the goodness of God, the holiness of God, the majesty of God, self-consciousness is displaced by God-consciousness!

Jesus said “I only do what I see the Father doing.” His thoughts and focus were constantly on God, and He displayed perfect humility... even when He became angry, made a whip and drove out the money-changers from the temple! Humility is not whimpy – it is strength under control, and one’s will yielded to God.

So – when we have humbled ourselves, it is time to pray and seek God’s face. Many times our prayers are seeking God’s hand – asking Him to do something, or give something or change something in our circumstances or in His world. To seek His face is just to draw near and be still before Him, listening for His voice, abiding in His loving kindness.

OK – we have humbled ourselves, we have sought God’s face, what does it mean to “turn from our wicked ways”? This can be individual – letting go of any grudges, prejudices, offences, fault-finding, resentful thoughts that we may be harbouring towards other people. For God’s people all these wicked ways

can sometimes be directed towards other denominations, or leaders of other denominations, so we think of “them and us”, thereby dividing what God has declared is “ONE BODY” in Christ Jesus.

And it can be corporate – where we consider the things that beset our country – domestic violence, drug abuse, the epidemic of depression that ravages society, the lack of hope that leads to suicide, especially in our young people, changes in laws that lead to destruction rather than life. For us to turn from these is for us to walk in the opposite spirit – peace and compassion, patience, contentment, hope, and goodness, which describes “love” pretty well!

If we do our bit – loving God, and loving our neighbours as we love ourselves, as the momentum of this increases day by day, we will see the mighty hand of God move in our nation.

Blessings and love,

*Sue Peacock*

## WANTED: Home Cook

We are looking for a good home cook available to cook meals in our home in Durham Green once a week.

Day, time and fee negotiable.

Contact Val on 46339483.

## ANZAC DAY and the Christian Connection

### Field-Marshal Bernard L Montgomery and the ANZACs

‘Hello, Monty, glad to see you.’ The governor of Gibraltar, Rusty Eastwood, held out his hand as the car door opened and a distinctive black beret became visible.

‘Hello, Rusty. How are you?’ A thin-faced man with a trim moustache stepped out of the car and was quickly ushered out of sight.

But not quite quickly enough. The governor’s visitor was seen by a Nazi spy who happened to be visiting the colonial secretary at that very moment. ‘Surely that cannot be Field-Marshal Montgomery?’ the spy asked.

The colonial secretary looked embarrassed and tried to hide the fact the hero of El Alamein was in Gibraltar. It was supposed to be a secret Montgomery was not in the North African desert. This was 26 May 1944 as the invasion of Europe was about to begin. As soon as the spy left, he phoned Berlin.

Based on this military intelligence, the Nazis quickly diverted troops to repel the expected southern landing in the Mediterranean.

But it never happened.

The spy was taken in by one of the biggest hoaxes of the war. He hadn’t seen any top British general. Instead he’d been fooled by the Australian actor, Clifton James, impersonating Field-Marshal Montgomery.

The allies did not want the Nazis to know they were planning to land on the beaches of Normandy, so they devised an elaborate deception.

Like Clifton James, 'Monty' had an Australian upbringing. His father had been appointed Bishop of Tasmania in 1889 and Monty had spent over a decade there. Perhaps his time in Australia gave him a unique understanding of the Australian forces in the Middle East. He switched his Field-Marshal's cap for an Aussie slouch hat when he arrived in the desert, then to the black beret for which he became famous. 'I have cancelled the plan for withdrawal,' he told his officers at their first meeting. 'If we are attacked, then there will be no retreat. If we cannot stay here alive, then we will stay here dead.'

Like Joshua, who commanded the desert troops of Israel over three thousand years before, Monty knew the importance of being single-minded and whole-hearted. 'Do not fear... be strong and courageous!' God had told Joshua.

Within a week of Monty's arrival, the atmosphere of defeat changed to hope. The Second Battle of El Alamein became the first decisive major allied victory. At a time when high-ranking officers tended to issue orders from well behind the front lines, Monty's personal appearances greatly heartened his troops.

He read two Bible chapters daily. One journalist wrote after El Alamein: *'This was total war, waged with more weight, power and concentration than the Nazi war machine ever had encountered and directed by a master of total war — a man who said his prayers in his desert tent night and morning and quoted the Bible to his troops to make them better fighters.'*

Monty's wife said in a booklet published in 1945: *'I wonder how many of my readers have been brought up to learn a verse from the Bible every day? I was... and as a consequence know nearly all the Psalms and... New Testament by heart. And I brought my children up to learn a verse from the Bible every morning before breakfast. It may be that Field-Marshal Montgomery's knowledge and love of the Bible starts from this fact. As is well known, the two books he carries with him are the Bible and Pilgrim's Progress.'*

Let us pray that the Bible, God's Word to us, may again take its rightful place in our hearts and homes! ... And the best way to do that is to begin...to learn a verse of the Bible by heart each day.'

Written by Annie Hamilton DIDUNO

See: <http://diduno.info/> for more articles like this one.

## Transition from Passover to Easter

*The reason for the separation of Passover and Easter into separate dates is found in a calendar, a controversy and a culture.*

### First the Calendar

Passover, like all other Jewish holidays, is set according to a lunar calendar and falls on the 14th day of the

month of Nissan. In the first two centuries, churches in Asia Minor (modern Turkey) followed the practice of Jewish Christians and commemorated the death and resurrection of Jesus on Nissan 14, no matter on what day of the week it happened to fall. (The name "Easter" was not yet given to the holiday. Rather, it was called *pascha*, Greek for Passover.) But sometime in the middle of the second century, some non-Jewish Christians began celebrating it on the Sunday following Nissan 14.

### Then the Controversy:

What resulted was a **controversy** over the date of the observance. In A.D. 197 Victor, Bishop of Rome, excommunicated Christians who observed *pascha* on Nissan 14. But it was the Emperor Constantine who permanently settled the debate in the fourth century, when he officially required all churches to observe *pascha* on the Sunday after Nissan 14.

### Then the Culture:

But why change the date? What was wrong with celebrating the 14th of Nissan? That brings us to the culture of the early church. After the first century or so, the church became predominantly non-Jewish. Sadly, along with this shift came an increasingly anti-Semitic tendency, reflected in the theological writings of many leaders of the first church. In these writings the Jewish people were frequently depicted as wicked and abandoned by God, and all the blessings given to the Jewish people by God were appropriated by the Church for itself. In an anti-Judaic culture, the desire to celebrate *pascha* at a different date than the Jewish Passover gradually won out. When this final separation of *pascha* from Passover occurred, the day became focused on the Resurrection alone, rather than on the entire sequence of death and resurrection together.

From about the seventh century on, for various calendrical reasons, the date of what was by then called Easter was further modified. Today Easter (or as some prefer to call it, Resurrection Sunday) is aligned with the solar calendar. It falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. Because of various technicalities, Easter falls on a different date for Eastern Orthodox Christians than for Western Christians. In the calendar used by the western Churches, Easter can fall anywhere from March 22 to April 25th. Because of the divergences between the solar and lunar calendars, Passover and Easter fall at a variety of times in relation to one another.

<http://jewishroots.net/>

## 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](mailto:sarahdeeth@me.com)

Ph 0403550692 - 6 Station St (next to old hall)

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

### CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

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