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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

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What's on at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

St James Menangle welcomes you to join us on Sundays. For families, we run a children's program while the 10am service is on. This caters for children 3 years old to year 6. Under 3's are welcome in church and the service is live streamed to the adjacent room – The Stables]



St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd James McFarlane
- 2nd Dorothy Noyes
- 2nd Emelise Bond
- 4th Natalie Worthington
- 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

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: byp257@gmail.com

Library

The Wollondilly **mobile library** visits Menangle every Friday between 11am and 12noon. You will find it parked in St James Ave. AND don't forget the Little Library at 12 Station Street; available whenever you're passing by!

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

"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, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

This promise from Jesus is one we have been exploring for over 20 years at a regular monthly prayer breakfast in Camden. We have barely scratched the surface, but it has been a wonderful adventure so far.

Those of us who call ourselves "Christians" – "Christ-ones" are called by His name. For us to humble ourselves, just means sacrificing a bit of a sleep-in on a Saturday morning, and turning up to the little meeting. As Woody Allen says: "80% of success is turning up".

Praying out loud in a group is another humbling experience, but a hugely rewarding one.

Then – the big one "Turning from our wicked ways": We all think of ourselves as good people, God-fearing, law-abiding, kind, helpful people. And we are from a human perspective. But how does God, who can read our thoughts, and examine our hearts see us? We know we are forgiven, and we know we are not yet perfect, but we are on the journey towards Spiritual Maturity.

That journey requires letting go of "wicked" ways.

One of the big ones I have been tackling recently is "fault-finding". It is SO easy to see what's wrong, and even to complain about it out loud! But to see a short-fall or a failure in another, and turn it into prayer – that takes some self-denial!

Since Australia Day (great job Alan, Michael and the Fire Brigade for our Breakfast!) I have been pondering the qualities of our ANZAC Spirit. It is the true spirit or heart of our people – Sacrifice, Courage, Endurance, Mateship. Sacrifice, courage and endurance are beautiful character qualities, that produce lives of love.

BUT I suspect that our "Mateship" contains seeds of rebellion – "Us against the Troopers" as well as containing necessary seeds of survival against the elements and the common enemy.

We demonstrate this by how we drive our cars.

Who of us doesn't see how much we can get away with.... Rather than how well we obey the rules of the road. I'm just saying..... (I am reminded as I write that if I am pointing my finger at you, 3 fingers are pointing right back at me!)

So – now I have seen this little shadow of lawlessness upon our national identity, it is time for me to turn away from it. "Do first in me Father God, what you desire to do through me!"

Be blessed Beloved Aussie neighbours

Sue Peacock

Menangle Music Time

for children 0-5 and their carers

Tuesday at 9.45am

Registration is at 9.30am.

We meet in the lower room of
5 Sulman Place.

Cost is \$3 /child or \$5/family

Contact Michelle 0405 677 281



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. Contact Chris 4633 8594 /Graham 4633 8810.

Past editions of the *News* can be viewed at www.menangle.com.au

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

About 40 people attended this year.

Thanks to Michael McGrath and all the hard working fire crew for putting on a tasty breakfast.

Dave Black's poetry rendition was well received. Sue Peacock gave an informative talk on the history of the *Menangle News*. Dave had a copy of one of the early editions (Oct 1991), from which he read a couple of articles, including one about the Evans family.

Put this event on your calendar for next year – it's a great occasion for catching up with neighbours and to acknowledge the privilege we share in living in our great country!

LESLEY TRAVERSO



How did I end up in Menangle? I was living in Elderslie after moving out of Sydney as I enjoy a more rural lifestyle, and as my main hobby is flying light aircraft I wanted to be close to Camden airport.

Being English I also like historic houses and this one evoked memories of the house in Somerset where I grew up. So, it was the house that lured me to Menangle. Once I got here I discovered a wonderful community and some fantastic welcoming neighbours. It is lovely to know that people here will genuinely look out for you.

The Camden drawcard was because I used to own a DeHavilland Chipmunk which was built in 1952 and originally an RAF training plane. It arrived here in the 1970s and was owned by the Newcastle Aero club for many years before arriving in Camden at Airborne Aviation where I learnt to fly her, and then just couldn't resist ownership! A Chipmunk is a very well balanced airplane which you can fly with very light controls, and also does some lovely lady-like aerobatics. Everyone who has ever flown one (including Prince Philip) says how there is nothing quite like being in command of a Chippy!

I do love travelling the world too, having been to nearly every continent, and done some adventurous things like the North West Frontier Province of Pakistan by Jeep in 2000, Israel in the late 70s backpacking, all around Asia in the 80s, and a few weeks in Peru and Chile, trekking to Manchu Picchu last November.

The best things about my time here has been getting

to know some wonderful people and being welcomed into the community with open arms, despite not quite being a 'true blue' Aussie! My time being involved in the Menangle Community Association has been great, very inspiring and gave me a true sense of purpose. I am really going to miss everyone and the feeling that I get when I come 'home'.

It was a really difficult decision to decide to leave, and it was only because out of the blue I found a house in the Byron Bay hinterland, an area that I had planned one day to 'retire' to for the past 15 years! I am fortunate enough to be able to work remotely, so no real retirement for me! However, I get to enjoy life on the top of a hill surrounded by trees, animals and five acres. I saw the house on the internet whilst I was in a hotel room in Santiago Chile, so it was all serendipitous and meant to be.

There is a lot of 'me' in the Station Street house, my love of bright colours and the eclectic design features, but I am sure whoever buys it (the auction is tonight as I write this), will love it as much as I have done and will find a real home and community here too. Menangle is a very special place.

I will miss everyone, but there is an open invitation to come and visit!



File picture: DeHavilland Chipmunk

Editor's note: Lesley Traverso has been a committee member of MCA for a number of years and is currently serving as chairperson. We will miss Lesley's valuable contribution.

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