

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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

1st, 3rd & 5th 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

BIRTHDAYS

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



ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

REST IN GOD

For many people Lent is a special season of 40 days to focus on our hearts and minds and lives in preparation for Easter. As Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying preparing for the work God had given Him to do, so we are invited to echo this each year that we might be well prepared for the work God has given us to do.

My spiritual focus this year is "Rest". I am applying myself to learn what Jesus meant when He said "Come to Me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your soul." (Matthew 11 NKJ)

Another translation (The Message) expresses the words of Jesus this way: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to Me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with Me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with Me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

As I have kept "Rest" in my awareness, and spent time journaling with God about it, The Holy Spirit inspired this acronym:

R – Reach out to Jesus

E – Enter His stillness

S – Soak in His love

T – Taste His goodness.

So – Jesus promised to give us rest if we come to Him, and yield the control of our lives to Him. And then as we practice "the unforced rhythms of grace" we will find that we have peace of heart and mind.

"Grace" is the empowering presence of God – the power of God to do for us, and to be in us, all that He requires at any single moment. It is a partnership (a dance?) between God and each one of us, where we allow God to lead, but we respond and stay in step with Him. As He leads our lives He provides all we need, and He surrounds us and protects us. It is spiritual intimacy with the God who made us, and who sustains our lives. It is the answer to our prayer "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Later in the bible – in Hebrews – we are warned not to fall short of this rest through unbelief (disobedience), or through self-assertion. "For he who has entered God's rest has himself ceased from doing his own works."

We no longer work independently, we are not self-employed! We are Kingdom Ambassadors who work with and for our King. Everything we do is for God's Kingdom: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things (food, clothing, shelter) will be added to you." (Matthew 6)

So – may you also find rest for your soul dear Reader!

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.

MCA NEWS

Election of new committee

Lesley nominated Hans-Lothar Huhn for **Chair**, Laura seconded. Hans elected.

Lesley nominated Jason Doust for **Vice Chair**, Laura seconded. Jason elected.

Laura to remain **Secretary** unopposed.

Brian to remain **Treasurer**, unopposed.

Other Committee members are Sue Peacock and Jason Burt.

On-going Projects

Hall – building engineer revising plans; once these are finalised and an estimate of costs is obtained we will be seeking funding grants.

School – liaising with Council re power, toilets and running water.

Up-coming events – Menangle Milkshake Day.

Development – continuing to advocate for the best possible outcome for the village and its residents.

About The Menangle News

Brian and I moved to our little cottage in Station Street Menangle from Liverpool in May 1977. The Nepean was in flood so we came the long way round via Camden!

We were warmly welcomed by our neighbours - other young couples who were also buying their first homes as the workers' cottages from the Camden Park were sold off.

As we settled in and began our family, we realised that many of the older Menangle residents had lived here all their lives and had some wonderful stories to tell.

As well as St James Anglican and St Patricks Catholic Churches, and the Fire Brigade the first Menangle Playgroup started up about that time. I decided it would be good to have a way to collect the news from these community groups and publish it. I had recently been through a significant epiphany with an encounter with Jesus, who had healed me instantly of post-natal depression, and given me hope and joy. I wanted to share this with my friends and neighbours too!

Another secret of the success of the Menangle Community News (as the original publication was called) was the centralised Post Office where each household had a mail box, and Margaret Ritchie our Post Mistress, was very happy to have the "News" on her counter for all to receive.

The very first issue of the Menangle Community News was typed up on **gestetner** stencils and duplicated at St John's Church Office in October 1980.

In the early years we had some Menangle Celebrities like Tom Curry and Nea Templeman as our story writers - "Menangle As I Remember It" was very popular. One of Tom's stories is below. Our local gossip column "Mayne Lines" was penned by Sue Mayne, who with her husband Dave were proprietors of the Menangle Store, and kept us up to date with births, deaths and marriages etc.

Many Community activities took place at the Menangle School of Arts in its day - it was a wonderful centre for dances, trivia nights, playgroups, and elections. Every election would find trestle tables out the front laden with homemade cakes for a fundraiser of some kind. All these things were promoted through the Menangle News of course!

Helen Halfpenny's recipes were always keenly sought after, and we had occasional columns on "healthy eating" from resident nutritionists, and medical advice from local doctors.

The Menangle News (as it became known in 1991) is simply a Community Newsletter - reports from Durham Green, Men at Shop, Fire Brigade, Menangle Community Group, promotion of Community Events like the Christmas Carols on the Common, annual Australia Day Breakfast (which actually began as an afternoon tea to thank all our contributors and was called "The Menangle News Australia Day Awards". We encouraged Menangleites to nominate neighbours for "awards" and we printed up certificates)

Since the School of Arts hasn't been usable, the Fire Brigade very kindly allowed us to move down there, and now even take care of all the catering for the Breakfast.

Menangle is a wonderful community, and we enjoy contributing with the monthly Menangle News. Originally it was my "baby", providing an outlet for my love for writing when I had the wonderful privilege of being a stay-at-home-mum, but in more recent years Brian had taken on the production role, allowing me to continue writing a column which is really aimed at spiritual edification. For many years now Steve Charles has printed the "News" on the St James photocopier and Kerry Charles then walks around the Village posting it in letterboxes.

Brian and I have been married to each other for over 40 years, we have 4 adult offspring and 8 grandchildren about whom we are dotty! We attend St James Church. Brian works as Administrator for St James, and does bookkeeping for St John's in Camden, and keeps the accounts for our Curves Business. He is treasurer for many community groups because he is good with numbers and very kind hearted.

The central motivation of my life is my love for God and desire to see His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. As well as Sundays at St James I belong to a wonderful interdenominational Christian movement called "Aglow International". I have served as President of Camden Aglow since 2006 and love the opportunities it offers to grow in my own faith and encourage others as well.

A large chunk of my time is invested into running our Curves Business - a labour of love! I trained as a P.E. Teacher in the early 70s, and enjoy providing a gym for women to exercise together and support each other in caring well for their bodies. The Curves circuit of exercise machines is beautifully designed to provide a full body workout in just 30 minutes, which means busy women can fit it into their lifestyle.

Sue Peacock

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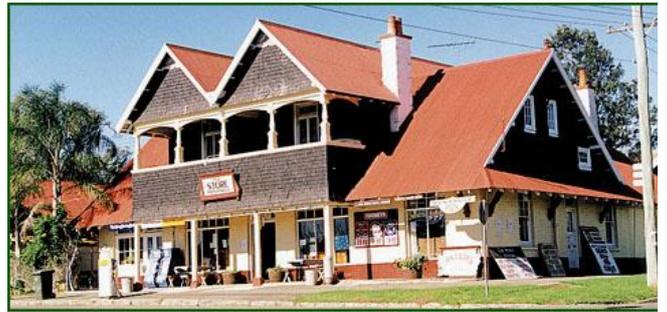
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