

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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St James

Minister: Rev Chris Moroney
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8.30am: Traditional Service

10am: Family Service and Sunday School

Families are welcome to join us on Sundays. 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



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BELL RINGING PRACTICE 7 to 8 PM

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday evenings
New members welcome.

Columbarium Niches

Reservations can be made with a deposit of \$200
contact Brian - 4633 8261

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

Menangle Facebook site:

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Menangle website: www.menangle.com.au

LIBRARIES

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!

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.
Contacts: Chris 46338594 Graham 46338810

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 Harry & Francis Warner

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

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



FRIDAY 26th JANUARY 2018
AT THE MENANGLE FIRE SERVICE SHED
8am – 10am
\$5/Adult \$10 / Family

Special features include:

- AUSTRALIANA THEME - wear your Akubra
- Good tucker cooked by our wonderful Brigade
- Info on the Beersheba Memorial Wall at Menangle Park
- Light Horse Troop
- Classic Car Club on display



RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

Shalom!

As well as being a greeting “*shalom*” is a blessing – it means “completeness, wholeness, peace, health, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfection, fullness, rest and harmony; the absence of agitation or discord.”

Jesus offers His followers that kind of peace. “*Shalom* I leave you, My *shalom* I give to you; but not as the world gives! Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”

As I ponder these words, I believe that *shalom* is a made-to-measure response for so many situations we face. Jesus really lived in unbelievable peace, and imposed that peace everywhere He went – He calmed storms; He drove out demons from men who were strong enough to break free of chains; He embraced people suffering from leprosy; and in the end, He gave up His life as He forgave His murderers.

Jesus doesn’t offer the peace of good circumstances – the peace of mind that is based on having health insurance, or retirement accounts, or bomb shelters, or labour saving devices.

The peace He offers is relational – peace with God, peace with others and most importantly peace within.

Living in that kind of peace means that I no longer judge myself on my performance – and, with respect, I no longer let you judge me by my performance. Knowing my performance will always be less than perfect, God very kindly put me into Jesus – accounting to me every good and perfect act of Jesus, and leaving all my failure and shortfall in His tomb. Jesus died to pay our debt, when He rose from the grave He made us into a brand new race of people: Children of God! As He is, so are we in this world!

You can have this peace with God the moment you realise you want it.

Below is a simple prayer you might like to pray.

Dear Father in heaven who created me: I give up running away and I turn to you. Please forgive me, cleanse me from my sin and give me a completely new heart and spirit. Heal my soul, my wounds and my traumas.

Accept me into Your Kingdom in the name of Jesus Christ, who has paid for me in full when He died on the cross. Show me what you want me to do as I serve you from now on. Be my King and rule over my life. Thank you!

May the Lord bless you and keep you, may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

ANZAC – Egypt – ‘Banjo’ Paterson

The line of horses struggled in the soft burning sand, their fetlocks sinking deep in the desert hills. The dust of their efforts was a rising column in the still, searing air. The relentless blazing sun seemed intent on delivering one message: ‘Go home, Aussie. This place is for camels, not horses.’

It was the Sinai Desert, 1917. One hundred years ago.

After the evacuation at Gallipoli, Anzac troops were sent back to Egypt. From there, they were directed to the liberation of the Holy Land, then ruled by the sultan of the Ottoman Empire. Reunited with their horses, the men of the Light Horse set off across the desert, their emu plumes waving.

A group of bushmen from Queensland soon had a solution to the soft sand problem. In anticipation of trench warfare like that in Gallipoli and France, some chicken wire had been sent to prevent sand from sliding and caving in any defences. But the bushies knew it could be used to build a road. Soon the horses and troops with their 30 kg of kit were using this unusual ‘highway through the desert’.

Many were conscious, as they travelled, that this was the route that the Christ Child must have taken on returning from Egypt after escaping the murderous King Herod. They flicked through their Bibles, awed with the thought that they were following in the footsteps of Moses, Abraham and Jesus.

Looking back, we can see they too were riding into history on their faithful Walers. The great horses had been brought out on troopships from Australia and corralled at Heliopolis in Egypt. Every farmer had to donate a horse to the war effort and, as those breaking them in were to learn, it was rarely the best beast.

Leading the team breaking in the feral brumbies and the farmer’s nags, the wild bush horses and the occasional decent pony was a man famous throughout the English-speaking world for his poetry: AB ‘Banjo’ Paterson, renowned for *The Man From Snowy River* and *Waltzing Matilda*. While many teenagers had added a few years to their age to register for active service, ‘Banjo’ had dropped a couple from his.

He’d gone to London, hoping to be sent as a journalist to the Western Front in Flanders but was unable to obtain a position. He drove an ambulance in France but, on learning of the formation of the ‘Australian Remount Squadron’ in the Middle East, he hurried home. Commissioned in the Australian Imperial Force, he was eventually sent to Moascar in Egypt to command a motley group of men including buckjumpers, circus performers, farriers and veterinarians. They broke in thousands of horses and mules, shod them, fed them, groomed them, raced

them, trained them for battle conditions and kept the best of them for the ordinary front-line trooper despite, as Paterson noted, the constant efforts of officers to secure the best mounts for themselves.

It was the behind-the-scenes efforts of these world-class trainers that made possible the famous Light Horse charge at Beersheba on 31 October 1917. As one trooper quipped, in typical laconic Aussie style, the success of the charge wasn't about the heroism of the troops but that the men couldn't hold the desperately thirsty horses back once they smelled the water.

The beginning of the liberation of the land God had promised to Abraham wasn't so much about a single charge as the coordinated efforts of many units working together. The Anzacs were conscious the wells of Beersheba featured strongly in Biblical history. The famous khaki New Testament 'On Active Service' was issued to the Australian Army. It came in two different blue hues for the Navy and Air Force. More than one million copies were carried to war in shirt pockets.

'Banjo' was no stranger to the Bible. His mother, Rose, ensured that the Bible and nightly prayers were the family's strongest companions. His mother was very keen for her children to understand how the Scriptures emphasised concern for others as well as good manners and respect for all.

'Banjo' Paterson is immortalised on our ten dollar note. His role in the Anzac battalions is one of the least-known parts of his life. It has slipped to obscurity, perhaps because—mysteriously—he never wrote a poem about the great Walers he worked so hard to train. Or if he did, none have survived. Perhaps he found their loyalty and faithfulness too heart-breaking to commemorate once the decision was made to leave all but one of the horses behind after the war was over. For many Aussies, the unthinkable came to pass when they had to leave their 'best mate' behind.

'Banjo', however, did produce some verse during the war. It's not nearly as famous as his earlier ballads but the patriotism and larrikin spirit of the Aussie bushman shines through.

One such poem was "BOOTS" written while he was in Egypt somewhere near 1917.

Writer: Annie Hamilton

New Year Quotes

I'm a little bit older, a little bit wiser, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser.

~ Robert Paul ~

From New Year's on the outlook brightens; good humour lost in a mood of failure returns. I resolve to stop complaining.

~ Leonard Bernstein ~

Making resolutions is a cleansing ritual of self assessment and repentance that demands personal honesty and, ultimately, reinforces humility. Breaking them is part of the cycle.

~ Eric Zorn ~

Now there are more overweight people in America than average-weight people. So overweight people are now average... which means, you have met your New Year's resolution.

~ Jay Leno ~

Yesterday, everybody smoked his last cigar, took his last drink and swore his last oath. Today, we are a pious and exemplary community. Thirty days from now, we shall have cast our reformation to the winds and gone to cutting our ancient shortcomings considerably shorter than ever. *~ Mark Twain ~*

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions! *~ Joey Adams ~*

Local JPs

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Alanna Jones	04 2527 8244
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Matthew Mansell	04 9925 7811
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- You must not use the information on the Register to send unsolicited communications, other than those necessary to enable you to make legitimate use of the JP services.
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