

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



www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

BELL RINGING PRACTICE 7 to 8 PM

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

EASTER SERVICES

GOOD FRIDAY 30th March
9.30AM

EASTER SUNDAY 1st April
8.30 & 10AM
HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane
2nd Dorothy Noyes
2nd Emelise Bond
4th Natalie Worthingt
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
15th Emily Rose
17th Tanida Johnson
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



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

Menangle Facebook site:

<https://www.facebook.com/Menangle-321604494572016/>

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!

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

What a lot of weather surprises January 31st contained – some rain overnight; a cool enough day to need a cardigan after a pretty hot spell; AND a total lunar eclipse of a blue super-moon – a phenomenon only happening once every 150 years!

I have been reminded (again!) of the importance of two things: giving thanks to God in all circumstances and living one day at a time.

Our lease at Camden expires at the end of this month. We have the option to renew at current market value, but that has increased by 60% - a staggering jump and one we can't absorb! So relocation is our next option. We had hoped to know for sure by the end of January of a shared accommodation which would have had lots of advantages – but I received word that it is still uncertain. My heart sank as our hope was deferred! Only when I thanked God for the circumstances, (He is well able to look after us!) was I able to hear His still, small voice "You still have a month". As I relaxed I recognized how stressed I had become over all this. Worry is such a killer – it is always linked to the cares of this life – and they really do strangle the life out of you!

I remember a dear lady telling me of a cross-stitch wall hanging over her mother's bed:

"To trust is not to worry, To worry is not to trust."

Thanking God in the midst of these little trials of life is really expressing our trust in Him. Not only has He expressed His love for us by sending Jesus to bring heaven's light to our lives, He has also promised to prepare our way through every trial, provide for our every need and protect us in the midst of those trials.

But we can only stay connected to all of that love and care one day at a time, because God is a "present" God, an "in-the-moment" God, a "today" God.

Just like the Jewish people during the time of their exodus and desert wandering for 40 years – they collected "manna" (bread) each day, and had sufficient for that day.

Everyone has their own practice of "bread gathering". I love to spend time with God each morning with a nice cuppa. I read my bible for a few minutes, have a chat with God (I journal my thoughts, celebrations and cares) and listen for those little God-thoughts that give me strength for my day.

Life is so much better when we practice the things we know to be true!

Blessings and love, *Sue Peacock*



Arthur Stace - Mr Eternity

On New Year's Eve 1999, an estimated 2 billion television viewers around the world watched Sydney's spectacular millennium celebrations. Sydney was to host the Olympic Games in 2000 and the city was the centre of national and global attention.

At the climax of the celebrations, just after midnight on 1 January 2000, the Harbour Bridge was lit up with the word *Eternity*. The huge crowds clustered around the harbour foreshores applauded as one.

Somewhere in their inner being they recognised the significance of this single mighty word.

Eternity was the legacy of a former misfit in Sydney society who got a new start in life in 1930 when introduced to the teachings of Jesus. His name was Arthur Stace.

Have you ever been in despair? Asked yourself the question "Is this as good as gets?" Arthur was a genuine "Aussie battler", and life had not always been kind to him. However, after becoming a follower of Jesus in mid-life, he went from a derelict drunkard to an upstanding citizen and national celebrity.

Australia during the Great Depression of the 1930s was a traumatised and divided country. One in every three men was out of a job. Many poor families were evicted from their homes and hundreds of thousands of people lived on the edge of starvation. Governments of all stripes were at a loss as to how to meet the economic crisis.

The situation of 45-year-old Arthur Stace seemed especially hopeless. All his life he had battled poverty and alcoholism. Born in the slums of inner Sydney to irresponsible parents, he was given up by his mother at the age of seven and sent to live in Goulburn in foster care. At 14 he started work in a dangerous coal mine at Port Kembla; a few years later, back in Sydney, he fell into crime. At one stage he worked for his sister's brothel.

After serving as a stretcher-bearer in World War One, Arthur returned to Sydney in 1919 a sick and shattered man. The 1920s passed in a blur. He became addicted to "grog" (alcoholic drink), and, by his own admission, spent as much time in the gutter as out of it. The "coppers" (police) lost count of the number of times they arrested him for drunkenness and vagrancy. He spent many a night sobering up in the cells of the Darlinghurst or Redfern police station before being kicked out the next morning.

On 6 August 1930 Arthur was at the end of his tether. It was bleak winter's evening when, with a few of his down-out-out mates, he took himself along to St Barnabas' Anglican church on Broadway. The minister there, Rev. R.B.S. Hammond, promised everyone who came to his meetings a cup of tea and a rock cake. But first they had to listen to a sermon.

We do not know exactly what Hammond preached that night. But we do know the effect his words had on Arthur. Straight after the service Arthur left the church, crossed over into nearby Victoria Park, and got down on his knees. He prayed: "God, God be merciful to me a sinner".

It is a fact of history that, from that moment, Arthur was a changed man. In his words, "God really met me that night in the park!" Consider his achievements over the next 37 years.

He gave up alcohol straight away, a miracle in itself. So-called "cold turkey" cures are very rare.

He held down several responsible jobs, including one in the 1950s as a caretaker and lift-operator at the city offices of the Australian Red Cross.

He toiled for decades in charitable work for unemployed, alcoholic and mentally-ill men, initially under R.B.S. Hammond's supervision but ultimately on his own initiative.

He married at the age of 57, and enjoyed nineteen happy years with his wife.

He was a strong committed Christian, worshipping at St Barnabas' on Broadway and later at the Baptist Tabernacle in Burton Street, Darlinghurst. He studied the Bible rigorously and became a respected prayer-group leader.

He preached the gospel in the "open air" on the streets of Sydney each Saturday for over twenty years, and also spoke at countless churches by invitation.

By far his most famous achievement was as a graffiti artist. Almost every day for 35 years, from 14 November 1932, Arthur spent hours chalking a single-word sermon – "*Eternity*" – on the pavements of Sydney. He had been inspired by a talk on Isaiah 57:15 delivered by the great Australian Baptist evangelist, John Gotch Ridley.

Arthur was a modest man, and for 24 years he wrote "*Eternity*" in secret. Finally, in June 1956, the press broke his story to the general public. By the time he died, in 1967, Arthur's was a beloved household name across New South Wales. His legend lived on, culminating in the use of *Eternity* on 1 January 2000 during Sydney's millennium celebrations.

Arthur's life has also inspired Australian artists in numerous genres: painting, poetry, opera, song, tapestry, sculpture, film, the novel. The New South Wales parliament changed the law to permit the use of chalk on public footpaths ("Arthur's law").

The true story of Arthur Stace is stranger than fiction. His life is a testament to the saving power of the

Gospel for those who believe.

© Roy Williams, author (with Elizabeth Meyers) of *Mr Eternity: The story of Arthur Stace* (Acorn Press, 2017)

Local JPs

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IMPORTANT NOTES

- JPs on the Register are volunteers. They may not be available at short notice or at all times of the day.
- 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.
- When seeking the services of a JP, please telephone in advance to make an appointment. It is best to telephone during weekday business hours. If urgent contact on a weekend is necessary, please limit your call to a reasonable time of the day.

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All Welcome

Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE ART CLASSES

1A/31 Cawdor Rd, Camden

Local Macarthur artist Hannedora has teamed up with professional art therapist Julie Finch to produce an arts based after school program that will foster creativity, imaginative thinking problem solving skills and self confidence.

They will deliver a range of stimulating creative activities that will encourage interaction and relationship building, while developing one's own unique visual language for self expression and self exploration.

The fun and creative program will cultivate the imagination through the exploration of a range of artistic modalities and mediums.

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ph. 4655 7735

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Antonia 0411 602 400

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My name is Malaika Hall [15yrs old]; I am working to earn extra pocket money by cleaning houses

If interested, please contact me on:

0451-142-947 (Price negotiable)

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AFTER SCHOOL CREATIVE ART CLASSES

Term 1 classes:

Primary Yr 3- Yr 6

Monday & Wednesday 3.30pm – 5pm

Early High School Yr 7 – Yr 9

Monday & Wednesday 5.30pm – 7pm

Limited to 8 students per class

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