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St James

Minister: Rev Chris Moroney
Enquiries: Ph. 4633 8594

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.

Menangle Music Time

for children 0-5 and their carers

Tuesday at 9.30 for 9.45am start
- during school term only -

We meet in the lower room of
5 Sulman Place
Cost is \$3 /child or \$5/family
Contact Michelle 0405 677 281

Columbarium Niches

a deposit of \$200
will secure your reservation
contact Brian - 4633 8261

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

2nd Ethan Taylor
9th Elizabeth Hobbs
15th Jason Maher
17th Peter Wright
19th Brodie Mealing
23rd Laura Burt
24th Dave Black
25th Elizabeth Cross
28th Brian Peacock
30th Rhiannon



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

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

AGM Saturday 10th August at 1.30pm
at 10 Station Street, Menangle
new members are always welcome
membership: \$1 joining fee plus \$2 per year

current office bearers:

chair - Hans-Lothar Huhn

vice-chair - Jason Doust

secretary - Sue Peacock

treasurer - Brian Peacock

committee - Sam Davis, Mel Davis

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

FREEDOM

Our ANZACs fought for freedom: I can remember my Dad, who served in WW11 quoting a strongly held belief of his day: "I disapprove of what you say, but I will **defend to the death** your right to say it" (Evelyn Beatrice Hall)

Voltaire, (to whom the above quote is sometimes wrongly attributed) and who advocated for freedom of speech and religion, once penned "to learn who rules over you, simply find out who you are not allowed to criticise".

Sadly we have seen the vitriol and hatred of those advocating a false Marxist doctrine of "inclusion". If adherence to Marxism produces this type of "fruit" do we really want to be under its influence?

The God of the Christians offers a real stance on inclusion, tolerance and compassion towards all. Ironically the recognition that we all share the same fallen nature is inclusive. You may have expressed that fallen nature in one way – and me in another, but we were ALL going our own self-centred way. Until we are apprehended by the ultimate love of God, displayed through His Son 2,000 years ago, and available at this instant, we simply continue to go our own self-centred way. God's love is not threatened by differing opinions and the necessity of debate. God's love offers swift access to an ocean of mercy for all who admit their need of it. Everyone has a choice to be in or out – to accept or reject God's gracious offer. It is impossible to be more "inclusive" than that!

Is this political or is it cultural? I suggest it is both. There is a Christian Culture that represents the Culture of Heaven in the world. But with it comes the system of government employed in Heaven described as a Kingdom. There is a King – Jesus Christ, and there are subjects – His followers. True followers of Jesus put loyalty to Him ahead of everything else. They act with honesty and integrity so He will be honoured. They care for the needs of others, because that is what their King modelled for them when He lived in Israel 2,000 years ago. They behave graciously, and they love and speak the truth.

Through the centuries many movements have tried to silence this voice of love and truth. The Roman Empire, The Greek Empire, Communist Russia, Nazi

Germany to list a few. But they are all gone and God's voice of love and truth and grace and mercy continues to be heard. Interestingly, Chinese Communism has sent the Christians "underground" but the church in China is multiplying at an extraordinary rate, albeit with many martyrs.

This is not the time for followers of Jesus to be silent. It is a time to be actively involved in standing not only for Israel Folau's basic rights as a fellow Australian, but also for our own rights to freedoms and those of every neighbour.

God Bless

Sue Peacock

NAIDOC WEEK

William Cooper – Bill Ferguson
Aboriginal Activists

Our History and the Christian Connection

NAIDOC represents the National Aboriginal and Islanders Day Observance Committee and is celebrated each year.

NAIDOC WEEK is a very significant event in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders calendar. It is the time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions, both past and present that Indigenous Australians have made and continue to make to our country and society.

Before the 1960s, Australia's indigenous people were not Australian citizens even though they had been born in Australia and their ancestors had lived here for generations. They were not allowed to vote, not counted in the census figures and didn't have the same rights as white people. They were like nobodies in their own country. That's something that's very hard for those who are part of the majority to imagine. But two men, William Cooper and Bill Ferguson understood it well.

One such person was William Cooper, a Yorta Yorta man. He was not only an advocate for his people but is remembered and celebrated in Israel in the Yad Vashem, Israel's official memorial to the Jewish victims of the Holocaust. His public opposition to the initial Nazi attack on Jews was the only known non-government protest. For this the Jewish nation has established the Chair for the Study of Resistance during the Holocaust in tribute to William Cooper.

Bill Ferguson furious at being ignored by both political parties, resigned from the Labor Party and stood as an Independent for Dubbo in the 1949 Federal elections. As an Independent member he made this commitment to his people:

'To all you people of Aboriginal blood, I say...I am fighting for your freedom. Aboriginals still live

under laws meant only to control criminals and lunatics: they are not allowed ordinary human rights...I can promise you nothing but the will to work.'

This would be his last public speech. Bill Ferguson collapsed as he left the platform and died of hypertensive heart disease in Dubbo Base Hospital on January 4th, 1950.

(<http://diduno.info/bill-ferguson/>)

William was an Aboriginal who grew up in the early 1900s in NSW. He was taught to read and write by missionaries who ran a school for aboriginal children. From the Bible he learned that all people are created by God and are children of God. William also learned the words of Jesus 'Treat other people the way you want them to treat you.' He became a Christian and accepted these truths.

As he grew older he realised that Aboriginal people were not being treated this way. He wrote letters to government leaders protesting the inequality he saw around him and formed the Australian Aborigines League. On one occasion, he gathered over 1800 signatures on a petition to King George V and VI of England to improve the rights of Aboriginals but the Australian Government did not forward it on because the Australian Government and its laws did not accept them as Australian citizens.

William as a member of the Australian Workers Union had many friends within that organisation that helped him in his cause. In protest against Australia Day 1938 he, Bill Ferguson and other Aboriginal activist organised the 'Day of Mourning' to be held at the same time in Sydney Town Hall. However, they were refused access to the Town Hall. Later he persuaded some church leaders to recognise an Aboriginal Sunday starting in 1940 on the day before Australia Day. This became National Aborigines Day, which was changed to July and became a celebration of aboriginal culture, which we now know as NAIDOC Week. On 9 November 1938 Nazis in Germany terrorized Jewish people, burning synagogues and smashing their homes and businesses. Ninety-one Jews were killed and 30,000 deported to concentration camps. People around the world were shocked, but William knew that he needed to protest the injustice that was happening. As someone who had experienced oppression himself, he spoke passionately against it and led a deputation to the German consulate in Melbourne. The resolution they left voiced "on behalf of the Aborigines of Australia, a strong protest at the cruel persecution of the Jewish people by the Nazi Government of Germany". It asked that this persecution be ended.

This was the only known non-government protest worldwide against the initial Nazi attack on the Jews at the time. In recent years, Jewish communities in Israel and Australia have honoured William Cooper, whose Christian beliefs led him to action on behalf of those who were oppressed. (ref 1)

What a legacy! How active are we in speaking up for those who are unable to speak for themselves?

Sally Smith

Probus Club

Menangle district Probus Club is a club specially catering for retirees in our community. It joins clubs in United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand designed for fellowship, friendship and fun for retirees. A large number of the members live in the Durham Green Village, but from retirees in the district area of Menangle and Menangle Park would be eligible to join - applications welcome. If interested, it is suggested that contact could be made with the President, Pat McDonall (46339203) or Secretary Leon Warren (46338989) for further information.

There was a preacher who fell into the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the Captain yelled "Do you need help sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me."

A little later another boat came by and a fisherman asked "Hey do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned and went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

Paul Thompson.

Menangle Men's Shed Association

A new Men's Shed has started in the old Whiteman's Shed in Stevens Road, Menangle. We are a small group in a huge shed. We have made a good beginning with some generously donated items. The Men's Shed operates on Mondays from 9am till 12noon. New members are always welcome. Donations of good quality tools, timber and machines would be much appreciated. Contact Kevin Gunn on 46339786 or aoobcamden@bigpond.com.



ADVERTS

CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING
3rd Wednesday each month
Upstairs at Narellan Library
All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

Dog Tips

Figure out what is it that you are doing that rewards your nuisance barking dog.

Stop doing it!

Reward your hound for being quiet and calm.

Teach your dog to sit and stay instead of bark to get attention.

How do I stop my dog barking when I'm not home?

Keep the dog in the quietest part of the house/yard. A dog with behaviour problems has not earned "the run of the house".

Keep curtains and/or shades drawn. ...

Leave a radio or TV on as white noise to block out train, truck and aeroplane sounds ...

As you leave, give the dog an "only-when-I'm-gone" chew toy with your scent imparted on it.

DOGWALKING SERVICE

We are 12 and 9 year old sisters who live in Menangle.

We would like to offer to walk your dog if you're too busy or tired.

\$15 for 30 minutes

\$20 for 45 minutes

Contact Danielle 0416069033

The Forbidden Dance Company

We currently provide fun private dancing classes to suit every individual. Salsa, Bachata & Merengue.

Currently held in our personal studio in Haines Pl, Menangle or at your home. Private lessons: 1.5 hour basic classes: \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Discount for groups or multiple pre-booked lessons. Call Claudia on 0430 460 205 to book in or email: Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com

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



Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts

Phone: 02 4632 7233

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Website: hawkcarts.com.au

All Terrain Utility Cart – "The BEAST"

and the Single Seat Golf Cart.

ADVERTS

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!

AVON CALLING

Antonia 0411 602 400

LIONS CLUB OF CAMDEN MARKETS

from 7:30am Saturday

at Onslow Park

[next to Camden Showground]

Ph: 0417 230 418

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden ph. 4655 7735

House Cleaning

My name is Malaika Hall [16yrs old]; I am working to earn extra pocket money by cleaning houses

If interested, please contact me on:

0451-142-947 (Price negotiable)

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.

Classes:

Primary School

Monday & Wednesday 3.45pm – 5.15pm

High School

Monday & Thursday 5.45pm – 7.15pm

Limited to 8 students per class

Contact: Julie Finch 0403173066

julie64finch@gmail.com

Hanne 0409833722

hannedora@outlook.com

NUTRIMETICS

If anyone is interested in getting a Nutrimetics Brochure delivered to your door please contact Katie on 0404140659