

THE MENANGLE NEWS

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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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

6pm Tuesday 24th December

Children's Service

9am Wednesday 25th December

Family Service

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.

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Graham 46338810



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

BIRTHDAYS

1st Bradley Warner
1st Simone Collison
2nd Charlie Culpan
2nd Ethan Green
3rd Laura Howard
5th Jason Jeffree
6th Sam Ashton
6th Shane Halfpenny
7th Sara McNevin
9th Paige Robertson
11th Vanessa Perentin
18th Rosemary Tedesco
19th Neave Burt
21st Shane Koeford
21st Luke Campbell
27th Fionn Johnson



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
Tue 24th Dec Christmas Eve 6pm

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST



SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2020

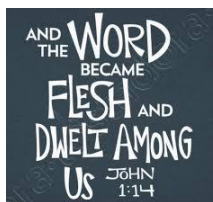
AT THE

MENANGLE FIRE SERVICE SHED

8am – 10am

\$5/Adult \$10 / Family

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS



WORDS – the Fabric of Life

Originally God's spoken Word caused creation to come into being.

God spoke to Adam and Eve in the Garden.

Then God continued speaking but also gave Moses words written down – inscribed on stone which we call the Ten Commandments. Along with these 10 moral laws, God had Moses write a complete Legal system which was recorded onto scrolls. Scribes were highly educated people employed to write letters, legal documents and also painstakingly transcribe the Bible. God continued speaking to His people, and they continued recording His words onto scrolls.

The Apostle John's letter would have been written on a scroll.

My favourite Christmas image depicts scrolls being used to weave the muscles and sinews of Jesus into place. A bit like Psalm 139 that says "You formed my inward parts, You wove me together in my mother's womb."

In other words Our Lord Jesus became the embodiment of everything God ever said up to the first Christmas.

He is the living, incarnate Word of God! God's message and God's messenger! WOW!

During the time He dwelt among us Jesus spoke about a Kingdom – the Kingdom of God. In demonstrating that Kingdom he spoke blessing into the lives of so many people – to the blind He gave sight, to the deaf He gave hearing, to the sick He gave healing, to the dead He gave life, and to all of us He gave the gift that cost Him everything :forgiveness.

When we accept this precious gift, our inward parts are re-formed to come into alignment with this Kingdom. We become people who are blessed to be a blessing. Just like Jesus!

May your Christmas be filled with the wonder and delight of the Creator God becoming human and dwelling among us!

Be Blessed!

Love *Sue Peacock*

END TIMES MADE SIMPLE

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

Most people understand the gospel (good news) as centering on sin and being forgiven because Jesus died on the cross. This could be called "the Gospel of Salvation" because it is all about us being saved from our sins.

While this is important, it is really just the threshold at the doorway of what God invites us into.

What lies beyond the doorway is the "Gospel of the Kingdom."

It is true – Jesus is the Saviour of the world. He has redeemed the world, taking back the authority to rule that the deceiver, through the serpent, had stolen from Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

He is also the first-born of a New Creation – everyone who follows Him, is born again into this New Creation. What does this New Creation look like? It is the Kingdom of Heaven on earth where the rule and authority of King Jesus is being lived out (incarnate) on the earth. It is the Kingdom of blessing where everything Jesus said and did is being expressed in us and through us.

Jesus is also the King of the Jews. He is the Messiah that the Jewish people were seeking right from the Garden of Eden (even before they knew they were Jewish!) when God promised One would come – the Seed of the woman – who would crush the head of the deceiver. The fact that Jewish people have remained Jewish, in spite of all efforts to destroy them, speaks of an eternal purpose woven into their DNA.

For now, there is a veil that hides the Jewish Messiah from many. From Jewish people who read their bibles and don't recognise Jesus (Yeshua) as the promised One, and from people of all nations who know Jesus as Lord and Saviour and take His Jewishness lightly.

The New Creation is made up of Jewish Followers of Jesus (Messianic Jews) and Believers from all nations (The International Church). Out of the marriage of these two groups God has created what He calls "The One New Man".

Both groups are utterly dependent on each other.

God has always centred His purposes in Israel – even the Garden of Eden was there. The Jewish Kings ruled from Jerusalem – and King David's throne is still there! God chose Bethlehem for the Birth of Jesus and He chose Jerusalem, His Holy City as the place where Jesus would be crucified, and ascend to Heaven. It is also the place to which He will return. Soon.

And yet God blinded the Jewish people in part so that the Nations could be included in this One New Man. The Gospel of the Kingdom was taken to the Nations, and when the Church in the Nations

(sometimes called the Gentile Church) comes into its fullness, then all Israel will be saved! All Israel will cry out with one voice "Blessed is He (Yeshua) who comes in the Name of the Lord."

The fullness of the International Church will happen when we have grown up into the fullness of Jesus – where there are no divisions among us, no denominations, simply one body expressing the Rule of Jesus in our lives. When we know Jesus in His fullness: as Saviour of the World, Head of the Church, King of the Jews, Son of God and Son of Man. When we know one another as members – parts of His body – all working together, aligned, articulated and fully mature, then we will be ready for Jesus to return for the People God has made ready for Him.

God Bless

Sue

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, John Currie (46339918) or Secretary Leon Warren (46338989) for further information.

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

Thommo's Corner

I was sitting on the sofa next to my wife who was eating and typing on her phone. I heard my phone ring that I had charging in the kitchen.

I went to check and there was a txt from my wife who wrote "bring the salt back with you"

Fast rail strategy - but high speed service still a way down the line for Goulburn

[Maryann Weston](#)

Transport infrastructure and rail times in the Goulburn region were key issues in the closely fought battle for the seat of Goulburn in March, and with the NSW Government's Fast Rail Strategy expected to be delivered before the end of 2019, all eyes are on what it might contain for the ACT and Goulburn region.

The Southern Corridor, which includes Canberra and Goulburn, has been identified by the government as among rail routes for investigation into a NSW fast rail network with a prediction that delivery of fast rail has the potential to slash travel times by up to 75 per cent. However, it's unlikely this region will see substantial improvement in travel times in the shorter term.

While the NSW Government has committed \$295 million over four years to begin early works on the fast rail network, money going to new rail alignment is primarily being spent in the outer Sydney regions on the north and south coasts, planning a route to the Central West, and to preliminary work on a new straightened track to high speed standard between Menangle in the Macarthur region and Yerrinbool in the Southern Highlands.

While it could be argued that major centres like Goulburn on the Southern Corridor would benefit from time savings on a faster journey from Menangle to Yerrinbool, the four-year funding cycle means that unless additional funding is announced, passengers can only anticipate 'incremental' improvement in travel times.

From *The Riot Act* full story at: <https://the-riotact.com/fast-rail-strategy-but-high-speed-service-still-a-way-down-the-line-for-goulburn/340169>

Carols on the Hill

An enthusiastic crowd of about 250 locals and their families and friends gathered on the church hill on Sunday night to sing Christmas carols.

Simon Twist told the story of Jesus' birth, entertaining children and adults with a wonderful painting and pun-filled narration.

Everyone enjoyed the sausage sandwiches provided by the hard-working members of our local bushfire brigade.

This year balloon tying was added to attractions of petting zoo, coffee cart and glow sticks.



*Our bible readers, Matt Deeth and Nathanial Smith
with minister, Chris Moroney.*

Thanks to the men and women of the Camden/Campbelltown Band and to the Menangle Singers who do such a fantastic job with the musical side of the night.



Thanks also to all the behind the scenes workers setting up seating, screen, lighting and sound and myriad other necessary items to ensure a successful evening.



Wayne Mulholland - Hawk Carts
Phone: 02 4632 7233 Mobile: 0431 674 890
Website: hawkcarts.com.au

CAMDEN AGLOW

10am 3rd Wednesday of the month [except Dec]
Upstairs at Narellan Library
All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

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

Primary School

Monday & Wednesday 3.45pm – 5.15pm

High School

Monday & Thursday 5.45pm – 7.15pm

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

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



Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Brigade News

Readers would be aware of the heightened bush fire awareness throughout the eastern states from news reports and the lingering smoke in the air.

Whilst the Menangle area has not yet been directly impacted by the fires, the Wollondilly (LGA) has been directly impacted by a fire that started as a consequence of lightning strikes on Tuesday, 28th November west of the Burragorang Valley between Yerranderie and the Wollondilly River, which has since been declared a Section 44 fire due to the significance of the fire.

The current strategy in combating what is now referred to as the Green Wattle Creek Fire, is one of broad containment and property protection, and has required a significant effort from the collective team of RFS Units from the Wollondilly and Wingecarribee LGA's, including the Menangle Brigade along with several units from outside the Shires along with air support from water bombing helicopters and fixed winged aircraft.

Prior to the Green Wattle Creek Fire starting, Menangle Brigade had deployed crews and assets to the northern areas of the state to assist the fire fighting effort in that part of the state. Several local Menangle members have been deployed during the past few weeks to assist with the fire fighting efforts in the north of the State, along with Menangle 9 which is our light tanker being deployed to the Gloucester area on the north coast for a five day deployment to assist with the fire fighting effort in those areas.

Given the outbreak of fire in the Burragorang Valley, Menangle members are now joining other Wollondilly & Wingecarribee RFS Units and hundreds of other volunteers and paid staff, concentrating on the local fire fighting effort participating in day and night deployments across the fire ground. This action is now expected to last through into mid January, 2020 and beyond, unless we receive significant rainfall over the fire ground area.

Residents are urged to know the risks and take precautions now. The region has experienced a long dry and warm spell, which is increasing the bush fire danger across the region as has been demonstrated by the recent fires.

As advised previously, there are simple things you can do now to prepare your family and property for the bush fire season – such as talking with your family about your bush fire survival plan, preparing your home or property, knowing the bush fire alert levels and making sure you know where to get information during a fire.

The things you do now can make a big difference to your safety during a fire, and whether your home survives.

Currently all fire permits are suspended until further notice. For information on planning and preparing for fire, refer to the Southern Highlands Facebook page or visit www.myfireplan.com.au.

With Christmas upon us, it is usually time for our annual 2020 Calendar run. However, owing to the current fire situation we are concentrating all human resources on fighting the fires with both day & night shifts operating around the clock. Therefore, we have had to abandon the traditional calendar run. Instead, what we are proposing is to do a letterbox drop throughout the Menangle area with calendars together with a letter advising where and how you can make a donation to the Brigade. Donations to support the Brigade activities are greatly appreciated and funds raised are expended on Brigade equipment and facilities, as is evident by the recent Fire Station extension.

Finally, the Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade are always seeking new members, both male and female to join the Brigade. If you are interested the Brigade meets at the Fire Station on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM and you would be most welcome to join us. The next Brigade meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, 28th January, 2020.



Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

*Menangle Rd, Menangle. Ph: (02) 4633 8320
ABN 54 240 979 619*

Captain: A Agland

Treasurer: S Rochaix

Secretary: M McGrath

10 Carrolls Rd

Menangle NSW 2568

Ph: (02) 4636 6196

Owing to the current bush fire situation the Menangle Brigade fire fighters are being deployed on a roster basis both day and night to deal with the fires.

As a consequence the Brigade are unable to conduct our annual Christmas Calendar drive this year owing to the fires and we have taken the option of hand delivering our 2020 Calendars throughout the Menangle community via a letterbox drop.

If you would like to make a donation to the Menangle Brigade you have three options available to you:

1. You can place your donation in in the Fire Hat at the Menangle Store
2. You can leave your donation in a sealed envelope with Brian and Sue Peacock 10 Station Street, Menangle

3. You can deposit your donation directly into the Brigade's bank account details as follows:

A/c Name: Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

BSB: 082 - 491

A/c : 50-957-4947

Ref: Calendar Donation

All funds donated to the Brigade are expended on the development of Brigade facilities and the purchase of equipment to support the Brigades activities

The support of the Menangle community is very much appreciated by Brigade members.

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year

Alan Agland
Captain
Menangle Bush Fire Brigade

Michael McGrath
Secretary
Menangle Bush Fire Brigade
10 Carrolls Road
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