

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

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

BELL RINGING PRACTICE 7 to 8 PM

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

NATIONAL DAY OF
**PRAYER &
FASTING**

The National Day of Prayer & Fasting

Saturday 22nd February 2020

Starting at 10.00am at **Durham Green**

The theme for 2020 is:

"Together for the Glory of God".

There is great power in unified prayer.

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

BIRTHDAYS

2nd James McFarlane
2nd Dorothy Noyes
2nd Emelise Bond
4th Natalie Worthington
7th Lisa Redmond
13th Graham Bell
15th Emily Rose
17th Tanida Johnson
19th Jake Kent
21st Judy Lynch
21st Sean McMullen
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
email to: byp257@gmail.com

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 46338594

Menangle Men's Shed Association

Men's Shed meets 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

BLESSINGS

What a year of contrasts! Fires, and floods!

Thankfully the bushfires are out and the dams are filling up, and our Menangle Bridge was only under water for about a day and a half.

The rain in 2020 has transformed our dry barren landscape, so even our eyes are refreshed with greenness as we look about!

When seeds are planted, if the soil is good and the seeds are watered, they germinate and produce a crop. Jesus spoke of His life being like a seed of wheat (John 12:24). He also described God's words as seeds, (Matthew 13:23) and the crop produced being dependent on the condition of our hearts. Jesus explains that a good heart is like good soil: soft, friable, rich in nutrients, well drained and receptive to seeds and water.

But, even those with good hearts, those who hear God's words and understand it, produce a difference in the output of the crop – some produce a hundredfold, some sixty fold and some thirty fold. Is there any way we influence and effect the "soil" of our hearts? Or does God decide?

According to Chris Blackeby from "As He Is" ministries in Adelaide, everyone who follows Jesus can be a hundredfold son of God. But it is a matter of faith. God's Kingdom is invisible, and we can only enter it by hearing and responding to His words, His message. Faith comes through hearing. I had no idea about the hundredfold, sixty fold and thirty fold crop until I started listening to Chris teaching about it. As I am starting to understand it, faith is growing in my heart (improving the "soil") and I am becoming aware that there is so much more God has available for me.

The eternal life of Jesus has been sown as a seed into the soil of my heart, and your heart. That seed contains His holiness, His sacrificial love, His patience and kindness, His ability to heal every kind of disease, and raise dead people to life. It contains wisdom, favour with God and mankind, and divine Son-ship. It contains forgiveness, peace and joy.

How does it come to me? I receive it by faith, as a free gift, and it grows in me.

When Jesus was asked "What shall we do that we may work the works of God?" He replied "This is the work of God: that you **believe** in Him whom He sent." (John 6:28-29)

Blessings and love,
Sue Peacock

TRUTH MADE SIMPLE

Be Holy or Do Holy? By [Greta Mavro](#)

October 10th, 2019 Revive Israel.

The Marriage of Love and Holiness

According as God has chosen us in Jesus before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: *Ephesians 1:4*

Holiness is not true holiness unless it's rooted and grounded in love. Otherwise it becomes external, harsh and religious. It becomes lofty and unattainable. Be holy as I am holy. It's a command. But it's also an invitation from our Beloved Lord to become One. True love desires to be like the Beloved. I want to be holy because You are holy, Lord. I want my holiness to be the expression of You (*in me*) because I love you.

Love without holiness is carnal and earthy. Holiness without love is lofty and external. Love and holiness must be integrated. It's the heart that separates us to God, not the external things we wear or rules we follow (*out of the mind and not out of the heart*).

Holiness must have a goal or it becomes merely outward religion, a list of do's and don'ts that thwarts the flow of passion and power. The goal of holiness is union with God. Authentic holiness is passion for purity in preparation for union with God. It is the passion of the Bride for pure union with her Bridegroom.

Holiness is ignited by love and love is purified and perfected by holiness.

Separating love from holiness and vice-verse is dangerous to our marriages, families and churches. Without holiness, the love expressed in Christian marriages becomes just like the world. When Yeshua is taken out of the marriage bed, it becomes defiled. Christian marriages are to be a reflection of the union of Christ and the Church, in both passion and purity. That makes every Christian marriage totally different from the marriages of the world where Christ is not present. He must be present in every part of the marriage, including the marriage bed.

Separating holiness from love has been the cause of separations and divorce in the Church. Holiness without love in the marriage (*bed*) blocks passion from igniting. Love without holiness blocks purity from flowing. Either way, the union becomes reduced to an outward mechanical act.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loves his wife

Menangle Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade



Brigade News

On Thursday, 28 November, 2019, the NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons declared a Section 44 for the Wollondilly Local Government Area (LGA) in response to a number of escalating fires burning in the Burratorang Valley. Over time, the declaration area was expanded to include Wollondilly, Wingecaribee, part Oberon, part Upper Lachlan and part Goulburn Mulwaree LGAs .

The declaration remained in place for 72 days and was revoked at 2000hrs on Friday evening, 7 February 2020.

The majority of fire impact into communities was in the Wollondilly and Wingecaribee LGAs however, three significant fires were managed under this S44 Declaration being the 'Green Wattle Creek' , 'Morton' and the 'Bannaby' Fires. Collectively, these fires burnt 301,271ha.

A number of towns, villages and rural localities were heavily impacted by fire resulting in the total loss of 91 Houses, 9 Facilities and 284 Outbuildings.

We have witnessed destruction, life and property saved and a number of close calls. Unfortunately, a number of firefighter injuries were sustained of varied seriousness and two (2) firefighters from the Cumberland District were killed in line of duty when a large fire affected tree fell through the front windscreen of their tanker, killing Deputy Captain Geoff Keaton and Firefighter Andrew O'Dwyer instantly.

With everything that has occurred, it is timely that we remember that it is ok to not be ok! Our CISS peers are available to help us and our immediate family 24/7 and can be contacted on 1800 049 933.

Thanks goes to all those volunteer fire fighters, their families and the local community for your support and efforts during this protracted campaign and hope that you can get some rest and catch-up on family time.

Superintendent Simon Davis | Incident Controller |
Picton ICC
NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE
Bridge Street Picton NSW 2571

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loves himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord the church: *Ephesians 5:25-29*

When a man loves his wife, he is loving himself. He nourishes and cherishes her because she is his own flesh. This is how Yeshua loves us, His bride and church, even as He loves Himself.

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. *Ephesians 5:32*

Jesus says we are to BE holy, not to DO holy. Being holy has to do with our union with Him. We are connected, so we are holy. "Doing holy" has to do with striving by following man-made rules. It is depending on oneself to be holy and not depending on our oneness with Him. If we commit to BE holy as He is holy through union with Him, we will DO holy.

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.

Thommo's Corner

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert...

.After they got their tent all set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What's it tell YOU, Tonto?"

"You dumber than buffalo. Someone stole tent."

JESUS IS ____.

jesus-is.org.au

Jesus is....Relevant

He was born to a teenage mother in a dumpy, rural, bogan town. He lived in relative obscurity until about the age of 30, working a blue collar job. But the legacy of his life makes him one of (if not) the most popular figure of all time.

Arguably, more books have been written about him, more paintings painted of him, more songs have been sung about him than any other figure in the history of the world. He is of course Jesus, the Christ.

He's way up there in pop culture. He routinely shows up in the Simpsons, and South Park. He's been the cover story of TIME Magazine and of Popular Mechanics. T-shirts – saying Jesus is my homeboy – are worn by celebrities. He's also a very popular tattoo.

And the life and death of Jesus has been portrayed in film, theatre, and musicals.

No serious scholar denies that he lived and was condemned as a criminal. And his life and teachings reverberate today. Jesus is relevant! But the question really is – how is Jesus relevant to you?

In the eyewitness account known as the Gospel of John, we read these incredible words:

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them” (John 3:36)

You can praise Jesus, disagree with him, quote him, glorify him, vilify him, trust him or reject him. But what you cannot really do is ... ignore him. Your eternity hangs or falls on how relevant Jesus is to you! *Richard Chin is the National Director of AFES.*

For more statements about Jesus go to

<http://www.jesus-is.org.au/>

ADVERTS



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