

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

*Services cancelled
until further notice*

EASTER SERVICES

**GOOD FRIDAY 10th April
9.30AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY 12th April
8.30 & 10AM
HOLY COMMUNION**

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.

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Ben Black
3rd Ivan Green
4th Elliott Margin
5th Bev James
5th Beau Kent
6th Mark Robertson
9th Dave
9th Matthew Tedesco
12th Graham Noyes
14th Jethro Margin
19th Lucy
20th Christine Butler
21st Indigo Margin
22nd Cindy Haines
30th Brett Warner



ANNIVERSARIES

14th Steve and Simone Collison
15th Steve and Kerry Charles
18th James and Karen McFarlane
20th Steve and Vicki Blight
22nd Brian and Sue Peacock

Add your special dates to our list by sending an 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.

BLESSINGS

The Father's Love

Greetings Dear Readers,

Summer is giving way to autumn as the days are shortening, and the nights cooling down. Autumn is one of our really beautiful seasons! As our grass continues to grow with gusto with the last of summer's warmth and good rainfall, I am returning to my theme of soil.

Last month I wrote about the three types of "good soil" in the hearts of God's people – that which returns a hundredfold, sixty fold and thirty fold, when God's Word is sown into their hearts.

This has become a thread for me in my bible exploration and intersected with a short teaching by James Prince. "Children, Young Men and Fathers" based on 1 John 1: 12-14.

The children/infants know their sins are forgiven, and they know the Father; the young men have learnt to overcome the wicked one, and become strong because the Word of God abides in them; and the Fathers have known God from the beginning as Creator, Redeemer, and sustainer of all things.

James Prince refers to Galatians 5:22-23 and how the Fruit of the Holy Spirit grows in us. He suggests that the fruit being produced in the lives of God's people, may also be a way for us to know how much harvest the Lord is gathering from our hearts, and the stage that we are in.

Working our way from the bottom up:

Children/Infants are learning and practicing the last three: self-control, meekness (humility) and learning to walk by faith;

Young men are learning and practicing the middle three: goodness, kindness and patience;

And Fathers are learning and practicing the first three: peace, joy and love. **Fathers are the ones who abide in God's love and are able to impart that love and the Words of life to others.**

The story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32) reveals **the Father's Love for His children.**

The filthy, stinking, wasteful young man finally makes his way back home, expecting nothing, hoping for an opening to work as a hired servant.

His Father runs to him, covers his stinking rags with a beautiful robe; puts new shoes on his feet, and gives him a ring for his finger – a ring that restores him into everything the Father owns, a ring that represents total acceptance and belonging, a ring that guarantees his inheritance.

I believe that our heavenly Father would like us all to live in that beautiful moment of restoration – we have all wasted our lives going our own ways, just like this Younger Son. But when we soften and open up our hearts to God, a miracle happens every time. In His

mercy we don't receive what we do deserve, and in His grace we receive what we can never deserve. That moment of restoration just keeps enlarging as we remember that everything is a gift, everything is a miracle. We belong!

We will look at the older son in this Prodigal Son parable next month!

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

TRUTH MADE SIMPLE

MENORAH standing opposite the Jewish Knesset (Parliament). It is 4.30 meters high, 3.5 meters wide, and weighs 4 tons.



The menorah is very important to the Jewish people. As a light stand, it symbolizes their dependence upon God as the Light of the World.

Originally designed with seven branches and seven oil lamps, it symbolizes the seven Spirits of God described in Isaiah 11, "the Spirit of the Lord (1) shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of Wisdom (2) and Understanding (3), The Spirit of counsel (4) and Might (5), the Spirit of Knowledge (6) and of The Fear of the Lord (7)".

Of course we see Jesus adding new dimensions to this when He says "I am the Light of the World!"

The menorah was first designed for the Tent of Meeting (the Tabernacle) when the Jewish people were in the wilderness, thousands of years ago. This tent was quite an impressive portable structure that provided a place in the middle of the Jewish camp for God to dwell among His people. A spacious curtained outer court surrounded the tent, which had only two rooms.

The first, larger room (The Holy Place) contained three pieces of furniture and was fully enclosed with no windows, relying completely on the menorah for light.

The seven branch Menorah made of pure gold, with an oil lamp on each branch; positioned to throw light

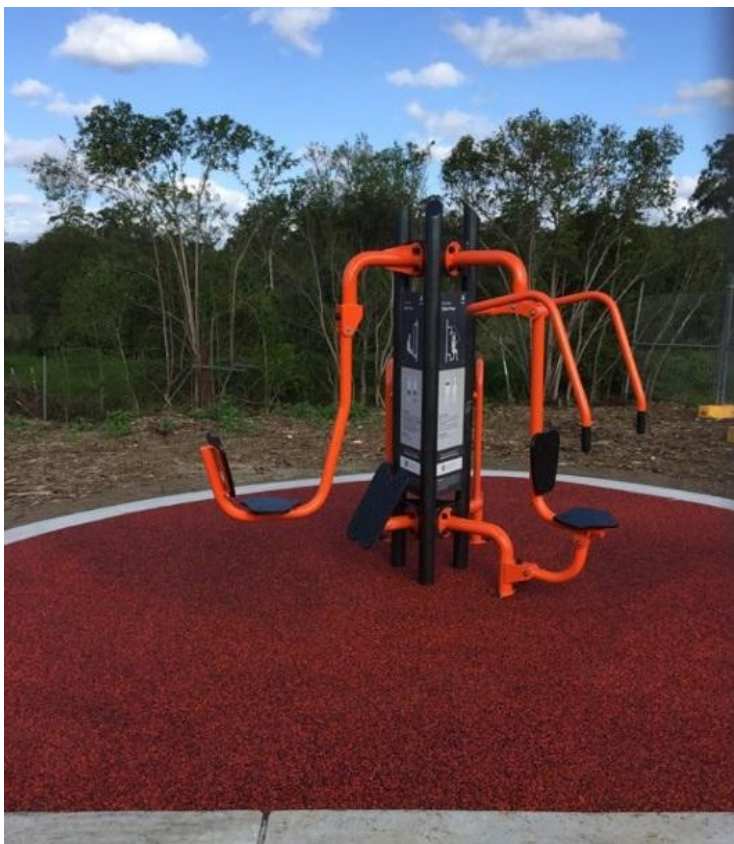
onto the Table of Showbread, a second piece of furniture.

The Table of Showbread was made from acacia wood overlaid with gold, upon which was placed each day 12 fresh round flat loaves of bread – representing the 12 tribes of Israel, and called “the Bread of the Presence”. This bread was before the face of God continually.

The third piece of furniture - the Altar of incense was positioned near the entry to the second chamber, and was made from acacia wood overlaid with gold. Upon this a special blend of fragrant herbs and spices was lit morning and evening to provide a sweet aroma continually rising up to God.

Next month – “What is in the other room?”

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT



There are 8 exercise stations located behind the old Menangle School.

A good half hour session 3 times a week will build strength and maintain fitness.

The secret to long-term commitment is accountability to a group of like-minded exercisers.

Anyone interested in making up a regular group, please contact Sue Peacock 0425 203 429 – susan.peacock2@gmail.com

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.



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

Thommo's Corner

Why I like Retirement

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays and 1 Sunday.

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one but it might take all day.

Question: What is the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called, 'seniors'?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

JESUS IS ____.

jesus-is.org.au

Jesus is ... Aussie!

Most of you will have seen the art of Reg Mombassa. This former band-member of Mental as Anything has won fame for his paintings, notably published on Mambo Clothing's T-shirts. His Mambo Theology pictures explore the spiritual side.

On one hand they display a certain insight: imagining Aussie Jesus casting out gamblers from the casino or multiplying pies and beer when they ran out at the footy. On the other hand, his art is often blasphemous and rude. And he always subverts the biblical accounts of Jesus' life.

In a recent biography, Mombassa says he believes Jesus was a real, radical preacher. But, "I think some of his more obsessed and deluded followers concocted a belief system from his teachers afterwards."

Ironically, he says he's never read the Bible from cover to cover, but claims,

"I'm very familiar with it through secondary sources, Bible comics and ... Sunday stories and films. And I've read lots of books about the Bible ..." [The Mind and Times of Reg Mombassa by Murray Waldren, pp293-94]

Mombassa says he's interested in what happens when you die. And he claims to understand the real Jesus. But ironically he admits he hasn't read the Bible properly!

Like too many Aussies, in forming their opinions on important questions like the reality of God and life after death, Mombassa has relied on vague Sunday School memories or second hand hearsay.

Check out the primary documents for yourself. Start with the [Gospel of Mark](#).

Sandy Grant

Sandy Grant, St Michael's Cathedral, Wollongong

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

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

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