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St James

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**Services cancelled
until further notice**

On-line services can be seen
on the church website

www.menangleanglican.com.au/services

you can also access past sermons

St. Patrick's Church

Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

Work begins on the Rotolactor Paddock

Earthworks and demolition of farm sheds, lots of construction fencing and signs (including the enigmatic, "Land – coming soon"!)



Demolished farm shed in Stevens Road

Picture courtesy of Laura Egan-Burt

BIRTHDAYS

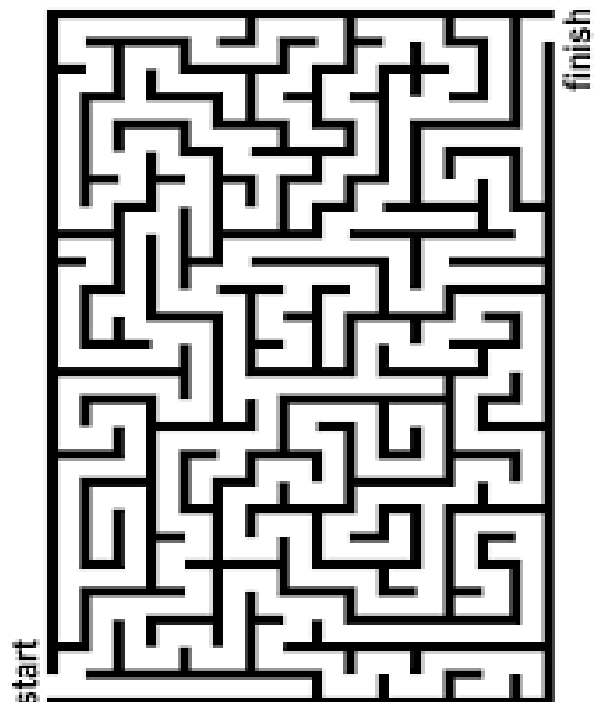
- 1st Steve Charles
- 2nd Troy Mealing
- 4th Lauren Bell
- 4th Stuart Leigh Baxter
- 5th Siobhan Burt
- 7th Ernie
- 8th Lily Margin
- 8th Kate Porteous
- 10th Tiarne Holz
- 12th Rowan Shiner
- 12th Nicholas Lamrock-George
- 16th Christine
- 16th Cameron Halfpenny
- 16th Sky Samantha Kyle
- 17th Edward McDonald
- 21st Abe Peacock
- 25th Unchalee Thompson
- 27th Ethan Campbell
- 29th Kerry Charles
- 30th Steve



ANNIVERSARIES

- 7th Robert & Debra Malone
- 10th Paul and Unchalee Thompson

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



BLESSINGS

I am anticipating the lifting of coronavirus restrictions like ladies in our Colonial days must have longed for the moment they could take off their tight-fitting corsets at the end of a day of social engagements. Barely able to breathe, let alone eat, tiny waistlines were well protected by restricting whale-bones.

As I look back to the closing down of our social lives, (it reminds me of how the Red sea closed behind the Israelites as they walked through!) I am blessed indeed that I was able to attend the Colour Conference at Hillsong on the 12th, 13th and 14th March, (a gathering of thousands) we were able to hold our March Camden Aglow Branch Meeting on the 18th, and Brian and I were able to have lunch at Menangle Country Club on March 22nd for our 45th Wedding Anniversary.



At Colour we were introduced to the song "The Blessing", by Elevation Worship which has gone viral during our confinement time. These precious words come from Numbers chapter 6 and have been spoken over God's people for thousands of years. Ironically, as a Nation, they have known so little peace throughout their history, and even modern-day Israel fights enemies on her borders every day.

God must have known their need when He gave them the Blessing!

The other deeply significant experience of the Colour Conference was sharing communion with thousands of women from every walk of life, every denomination, and many different countries. I am beginning to realize that the essence of our Christian lives is in the communion – the Last Supper, the Eucharist.

I wrote last month that the Jewish Passover is the setting for the Communion. Like a beautiful ruby set in a gorgeous golden ring, The Communion

provides a dazzling new dimension to the celebration of the Passover, and the Passover feast provides the background context for the Communion.

If we are prepared to make Communion the non-negotiable central truth of our Christian Faith we will all be perfectly united with one another.

Firstly it is a remembrance meal we share. We remember that Jesus gave His life as a sacrifice of love – the Passover Lamb. We remember that a New Covenant was made between God the Father and God the Son – a covenant of Grace, exchanging our brokenness for His wholeness, our shortfall for the perfect obedience of Jesus. We remember that life comes out of death.

Secondly, it is a sacrament. Through the bread and wine, we partake of the divine life of Jesus into our beings – our bodies, our souls, our spirits, our finances, and our relationships are blessed and brought into alignment with God's word and His will as we engage in this precious encounter.

The bread represents His body – broken and given for us, and to us so that we may be healed and whole. Healing is the children's bread.

The wine represents His blood, poured out for the forgiveness of all our sins.

Thirdly it is an opportunity for us to grow our faith. When we break bread together our eyes are open, we see truth more clearly, and we grasp hold of more of the God-life that is our new covenant inheritance.

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

Queen's Birthday Celebration

Monday 8th June 2020

Queen Elizabeth II is the constitutional monarch of 16 sovereign states and the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. She was born on 21 April 1926 but her birthday is celebrated on a separate date. She has been Queen since 1952 and is now the longest reigning British monarch in history, the second-longest being Queen Victoria who reigned for 63 years.

In Britain, the monarch's birthday has been celebrated since 1748 and, in Australia, every year since the First Fleet arrived in 1788. The birthday was always celebrated on the actual date of the monarch's birthday until 1936, the year of the death of King George V, Elizabeth's grandfather. His birthday was 3 June and the date has since stayed around early June.

Activities that may be resuming soon...

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

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 Marion Marriott (4633 9229) or Secretary John Currie (4633 9918).

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT

- back in use –

THOMMO'S CORNER

The Bathtub Test

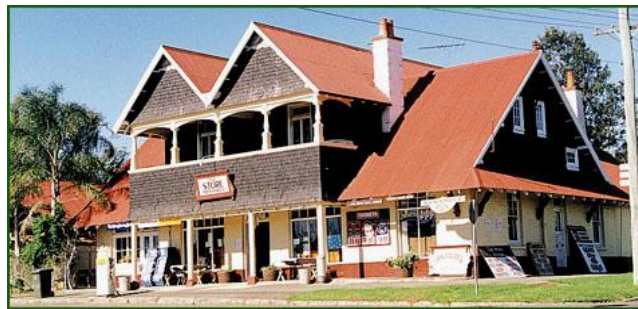
During a visit to the mental asylum, I asked the director how do
You determine whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.

"Well," said the director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a
teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub..."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

**ARE YOU GOING TO SHARE THIS, OR DO
YOU WANT THE BED NEXT TO MINE??**



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

JESUS IS ____.

Jesus is ... worth checking out.

Do you remember Popeye, the cartoon character who eats a can of spinach when he wants to develop some quick muscles? During WWII, when meat was scarce, the US Government used Popeye to promote spinach as a substitute for meat. This was because a study by some German scientists in the late 1800s had shown that spinach contains the same amount of iron as meat.

Unfortunately, the world had fallen victim to an accounting error. The German researchers did prove that spinach contains iron, but when they wrote down their results they put the decimal point in the wrong place, thus overstating the amount of iron in spinach by a factor of 10! They later corrected the error, but apparently this news didn't make it to the US until after the war, by which time Popeye had been getting strong on spinach for nearly 10 years!

Spinach actually contains no more iron than other leafy vegetables. In fact, the iron in spinach is not easily absorbed by the body unless it's combined with an acid. (If you are a spinach fan, however, you will still benefit from its high vitamin C and riboflavin content.)

There are other famous myths that have been debunked, but which still are often repeated as fact.

For example, it's often said that the Great Wall of China is the only man-made structure that can be seen from space. In fact, it can't be seen from space at all. It *can* be seen from low-Earth orbit – but so too can the Giza pyramids and even airport runways.

Or, have you heard that masses of lemmings regularly jump off cliffs to their death in the ocean? This was perpetuated by a 1958 Disney documentary *White Wilderness*, which faked the whole thing. It simply doesn't happen.

And what about the "fact" that human beings only use 10% of our brains? Again, this has no scientific basis.

How easily and quickly false ideas can become

accepted truth!

What's true in other spheres is no less true in the area of our spiritual beliefs. It's not unusual for people to quickly give unquestionable status to beliefs that may in fact have questionable origins. We owe it to ourselves to examine what the evidence actually says.

In the 20th chapter of John's Gospel, John tells us about Thomas. He has gone down in history as "Doubting Thomas" – although in fact, in the end he turned out to be "Believing Thomas."

When the other disciples told him that Jesus had risen from the dead, he refused to believe until he saw the evidence. When Jesus appeared to him, and showed him his hands and feet, complete with nail hole scars, Thomas had to radically re-think his beliefs (see John 20:28).

Like Thomas, I believe Jesus invites us to check him out for ourselves. You may find answers that surprise you!

John Reed Minister,
St John's Anglican Church, Keiraville

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

Campbelltown Herald Wed 17 Aug 1904

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

A Bicycle match, for a small stake, over two miles on the road, took place on Saturday last between W. Regan and J. Mahoney jun., and was won after a good race by Mahoney by about ten yards. The time for the distance was very slow, but the race, which created great interest, was watched by a large number of people.

The attention of your readers is again called to the social to be held on Tuesday next, 23rd instant, in aid of St. Patrick's Church. A first-class band has been engaged, and supper will be provided in the usual manner, and it is hoped that the efforts of the hon. secretaries— Miss Rose Hickey and Mr. T. J. Quirk— will meet with the success they so richly deserve.

On Wednesday, 31st August, the members of the Camden Football Club Minstrel Troupe have very kindly offered their services for an entertainment to be given in the local hall in aid of the School of Arts. As the gentlemen comprising this troupe have a very high local reputation, it is hoped the hall will be packed on the occasion.

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

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

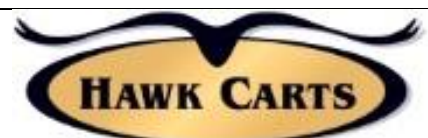
<https://www.facebook.com/forbiddendancecompany>

CAMDEN AGLOW

10am 3rd Wednesday of the month
[except Dec]

Upstairs at Narellan Library
All Welcome

Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261



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