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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

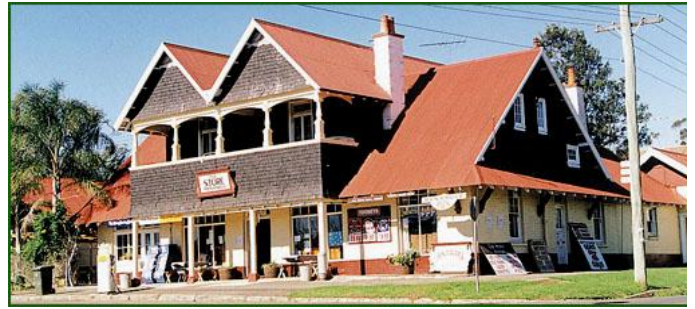
Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

BIRTHDAYS

- 2nd Robert George
- 4th James Porteous
- 4th Stephen Cross
- 9th Harry Warner
- 13th Patricia Costello
- 14th William Lamrock-George
- 14th Sue Lamrock
- 17th Reece Collison
- 18th Jimmy Anderson
- 22nd Natalie Hughes
- 22nd Timothy Malone
- 22nd Cliff Bonamy
- 25th Vicky Jeffree
- 26th Steve Collison



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



THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

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).

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

THE HARVEST

The season has changed! Snow has fallen in the snow-fields, winter has arrived.

The last Sunday in May in the church calendar was the celebration of Pentecost. This is aligned with one of the Spring Feasts of the Lord (Shavuot – the Feast of Weeks) celebrated by Jewish people. (Of course the northern hemisphere seasons are opposite to ours down-under!)

The purpose of the Feast was to celebrate the wheat harvest.

Jesus said: “Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains alone. But if it dies it produces much grain.”(John12:24)

After planting, the grain of wheat quickly takes up water and the chemical process of germination begins. Roots begin to break through the outer cover and push down into the soil, and a shoot breaks out and begins to thrust its way towards the light. Everything else inside the grain becomes energy for the roots and the shoot, until the roots are able to absorb water and all its nutrients from the soil.

The shoot pushes through the surface of the soil and grows as strongly as the roots permit. Given the right soil and weather conditions the grain produces a head full of grain.

Jesus said: “The earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle because the harvest has come.” (Mark 4:28,29).

We know that Jesus allowed His body to be the single grain, falling into the ground and dying. We know that His life has been shared by untold millions of people on the earth. Communion, The Eucharist is a beautiful expression and remembrance of this.

During March, April and May, (our Corona Confinement), the grain has been ripening.

The grain is ripe when it perfectly conforms to the life from which it has come.

The life of Jesus is full of grace and truth.

Every fruit of the Spirit is present:

Love abounds;

Joy bubbles up;

Peace of mind and heart prevail;

Patience quietly endures misunderstanding and faults in others;

Goodness thinks well of others, giving the benefit of the doubt;

Kindness sweetly blesses others;

Faithfulness gives thanks and praise to God in all circumstances;

Meekness gently embraces humility;

And Self-Control denies self-reliance to remain utterly dependent upon the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

I love pondering images such as these – metaphors that give us greater understanding of this marvelous adventure of faith into which we are invited.

Blessings and love,

Sue Peacock

Infrastructure must keep pace with development says MP

By Craig Thomson macarthuradvertiser.com.au

Campbelltown MP Greg Warren believes a looming decision to increase the number of homes in a Menangle Park development could be detrimental to the lives of Macarthur residents.

NSW Planning will be responsible for green-lighting or rejecting plans to increase development in Menangle Park to 5250 dwellings - an increase of 1850 homes.

Mr Warren said that as new residents are welcomed to the community, they need every opportunity to enjoy the good lifestyle we existing residents enjoy.

"That's why any increase in dwellings must be matched by an increase in infrastructure," he said.

Mr Warren said Infrastructure needed to cater for the large development in Menangle Park.

The Campbelltown MP says the Infrastructure should include:

Electrification of the train line south of Macarthur Train Station Southbound on and off-ramps at the Menangle Road/Hume Highway junction.

The creation of dedicated parking bays at Menangle Train Station.

Additional parking at Macarthur Train Station and Campbelltown Train Station.

Appropriate upgrades/creation of public school infrastructure

Establishment of a local public bus service Ensuring health services were appropriately staffed and resourced, Ensuring enough train services are operating to cater for the demand.

"In Western Sydney - particular in the Macarthur region - infrastructure has failed miserably to keep pace with development," Mr Warren said.

"The electrification of the rail line south of Macarthur Train Station and southbound entry and exit ramps at the Menangle Road/Hume Highway junction are necessities.

"The Berejiklian Government must also explain how it plans to cater to the educational needs of future students as well as the increase in demand on public transport and health services.

"The state government has neglected schools, public transport and the local health system for the past nine years and the ripple effects are being felt throughout the entire Macarthur region.

"Developers deliver housing estates, but it is the government's mission to create sustainable, resilient and resourceful communities. "You achieve that by ensuring residents have access to adequate health, education, roads and transport services."

JESUS IS ____.

Jesus is unscientific.

In the movie *Meet the Parents*, Robert De Niro plays Jack—an intimidating ex-CIA agent. Greg is his daughter's boyfriend (Ben Stiller) and they don't hit it off. At one point, Jack hooks Greg up to a lie detector and asks him a series of uncomfortable and revealing questions. Greg is exposed.

The scene is funny for its absurdity. We've all heard of a daunting future father-in-law. But this is ridiculous.

Sometimes it is said there are two kinds of people. Those who believe in evidence. And those who have faith.

Evidence and faith are seen as contrary and opposing things. Either you're a person of faith—someone who can't be reasoned with. Or you're scientifically minded—someone who chooses hard facts over wishful thinking.

And yet, when it comes to daily life, no one demands the kind of evidence Jack did. You'd be crazy if you did! On closer inspection, pitting faith and evidence

against one another is not convincing. Even the most scientifically-minded person still exercises faith every day. It might be faith in a motor vehicle that defies my understanding. It might be taking a medicine whose ingredients I can't pronounce. In both cases, I am exercising faith in something that I have not personally tested.

When it comes to other people, all of us exercise faith.

It is worth pausing to think about what our faith in others is based on. Ideally, we make a friend, confide in a confidant, or choose a spouse, based on the proven character of the person. Yet the evidence for their trustworthiness does not amount to peer-reviewed science.

Sure, we may look for tangible signs such as healthy communication skills, kind speech and a good reputation. But none of these things is strictly scientific. Trusting or having faith in someone is in a large measure, intuitive. Through conversation, through 'sussing them out', you determine if someone is worth trusting.

Faith in Jesus is much the same. Like all characters in human history, Jesus cannot be put under a microscope or tested with the experiments of modern science. Even if we lived in the time of Christ, no test could have determined that he is the divine Son of God, or the Saviour of the world. (What would we look for? A certain blood type? Or a particular DNA?) What we can do is look at the accounts of his life. Unlike other major religions, Christianity is 'particularly open—some would say vulnerable—to historical scrutiny', as John Dickson says in his book *A Doubter's Guide to Jesus* (2018).

In one sense, trusting Jesus is not so different from trusting any other person. There is evidence available, but it is not scientific evidence. It is historical evidence from eyewitnesses. Not so different actually from getting the word on someone's reputation today.

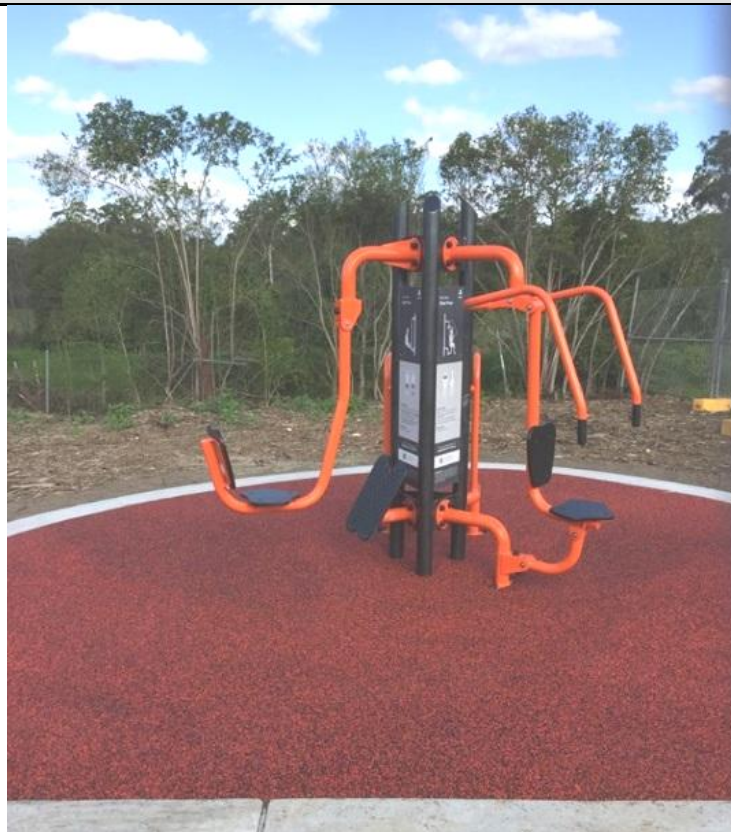
The difference with Jesus is the level of the claims he makes. He claims to have risen from the dead. He claims to live in heaven *now*. He claims to offer us life eternally with God.

A person would have to have observed every moment and incident in the universe since its inception to say these things are not possible. So two questions cry out for an answer. Are Jesus' claims true? Would you check him out and see?

Joshua Maule - one of the ministers at Jannali Anglican Church.

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

NEW GYM EQUIPMENT



Our outdoor gym equipment is accessible again! The machines are safe and simple to use. If you would like to use them, but feel a bit uncertain about it, please phone me and I will be happy to help you get started.
Sue Peacock 0425 203 429

Sudoku

			9		2	7	3	8
	6				5			9
8	2	9	3			6		1
		1			6		8	2
	9	3		1		4		5
	8		7			9	1	
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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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