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ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Sunday Services: 8.30 am and 10.00 am

10.00 am service is live-streamed at

www.menangleanglican.org.au

**Ladies Coffee Morning 10am at the Store
1st Friday each month.**



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Sue Peacock 0425 203 429



Mini Trotters Winter Holiday Program at Club Menangle from 8th – 19th JULY

Including: Mess it up – Winter Blue Ice Slime; Kids Candle Making; Kids Succulent Garden Workshop; Ladybug Love & King of the Jungle – Pinot & Picasso Mess it up Bath Crumble; Family Race Day with Wests Tigers; and Ready Steady Go for Kids.

See Club Menangle website for details and to book.



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2nd Robert George

4th James Porteous, Stephen Cross

9th Harry Warner

13th Patricia Costello

14th William Lamrock-George, Sue Lamrock

17th Reece Collison

18th Jimmy Anderson

19th Jay Dowse

20th Josh Clifton

22nd Natalie Hughes, Timothy Malone

24th Bridget McGrath

25th Vicky Jeffree

26th Steve Collison

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to:

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VINCENT ODGERS FENCING

0438 233 160

Steve Collison recommended Vince, and I am pleased with the service I have received from him. Vince phoned me the same day I left a message and visited to give me a quote the next day. His quote was on par with my other two quotes.

He is local, reliable, and he does a good job.

THE ODD JOKE

Why don't seagulls fly over the bay? *Because then they'd be bagels!*

Where should you go in the room if you are feeling cold? *The corner – they're usually 90 degrees!*

EDITORIAL: The Big Picture!

Dear Reader,

I am enjoying watching the progress of the School of Arts (Community Hall) near the Menangle Store. The view of the roofline from my place is very reminiscent of Noah's Ark – an unexpected joy! And quite timely with the recent floods!



Noah's ark came to land on Mt Ararat, a giant mountain on the border of Turkey and Armenia.

After the floodwaters washed away all the corruption on planet earth, God made a covenant with Noah, never to destroy the earth again by flood! Then God said to Noah to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. One of Noah's sons was actively righteous, (Shem) one was passively righteous (Japheth) and one was sinful (Ham). And so the cycle began again!

Tiny Armenia, flanked by Russia in the north, Turkey on the East and Iran on the west was the first nation to very courageously stand as a Christian Nation, surviving from 300 AD till today. In 1916 they suffered terrible atrocities from Turkey – The Islamic Ottoman Empire – when it enacted a massive genocide. One year later the Ottoman empire was demolished. God placed a death sentence on it!

Within this last month a delegation of God's people – Messianic Jews, Arabic Believers and International Christians travelled to Armenia to renew the Noah Covenant of peace. While they were landing in Armenia, the Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi's helicopter malfunctioned and crashed, killing him. Raisi was responsible for the mass murder of thousands of political prisoners in Iran.

God has passed a death sentence on Hamas (the Iranian terrorist organisation ruling in Gaza) because of the October 7 massacre in Israel. Hamas will be destroyed. This will be the most humane outcome for the residents of Gaza, and what most of them want.

There are still 120 Israeli hostages being held – either alive or dead – after eight months of war. The families of these precious people are in agony – swinging between hope for a hostage deal/cease fire and despair when Hamas again, and again and again refuse.

The blatant disregard for human life – of their own citizens and their neighbours beggars belief. Yet, many in the West – believe the lies and rhetoric of the Islamic media, and criticize the Government of Israel, a tiny little Democracy fighting to survive.

So good to hear Peter Dutton and Anthony Albanese united in slamming antisemitism in our Federal Parliament!

Blessings and love, Sue



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MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.

Update

Matt Deeth and the MCA have set up an update from Sydney Water on the Menangle Priority Sewerage Program for 6.00pm on Wednesday 26th JUNE in the Menangle RFS Shed for those interested in learning more or wanting to ask questions about the plans and timeline for sewer connection for the community of Menangle. Wollondilly Council are very actively engaged in this issue, see excerpt from Mayor Gould's letter to The Hon, Rose Jackson MLC Minister for Water.

*"Highlight that Sydney Water and the NSW Government have a long-standing commitment to the **Priority Sewerage Program (PSP) which was committed to in 1997** and to date has appeared to have stalled in delivering outcomes to numerous Wollondilly Villages including Menangle, Mount Hunter, Nattai, Yanderra. This is continually evident in Sydney Water Operating Licence Reports compiled and supplied to sitting Ministers over two decades."*

We are encouraging as many people to attend in person as possible as questions will only be taken in person on the evening. If you are unable to attend in person then it is possible to join remotely via zoom with the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86763692345?pwd=YJkoctezUslKSifXtYGRPPkfGj4D8.1>

Meeting ID: 867 6369 2345 Passcode: 542588

From the Inside Out. Gratitude and Shame

Sometimes the comparison of two words brings refreshment and invites a new perspective.

Debra Fileta, a U.S. Counsellor and Psychologist, brought these thoughts to my attention:

Gratitude moves us towards God.

Shame moves us away from God.

And she added that shame keeps us in the cycle of sin.

Gratitude – being thankful – need not be felt to be real. Giving thanks is a life changing habit that can be cultivated. Like any other habit it is formed through choice.

The bible doesn't say "FOR everything give thanks."

It says, "IN everything give thanks." During the trials and difficulties, (even those of our own making!) during the misunderstandings, and even in the midst of disaster, when we give thanks to God, we acknowledge that He is good and can make all things work together for good.

It saves us from the emotional anguish that we can otherwise engage in when we desperately fabricate a different story, with the outcome we wanted. (If only...)

And the heaviness of disappointment, regret, guilt or shame that accompanies all the above!

Gratitude is basically an act of faith – a choice to trust God and leave the outcome in His hands. What a relief! No need to conjure up happy, warm fuzzy feelings first... Just make a simple choice.

Shame on the other hand moves us away from God because it has us believe the lie that we must fix ourselves and our lives before we approach Him.

So – when regret, or disappointment, or guilt or even shame hits – give thanks to God that He makes ALL things work together for our good, and His glory!

And enjoy the peace and joy that result!!!

"PENTECOST" OR "SHAVUOT"?

Originally, "Shavuot" was known as "the Feast of Weeks."

Translated into the Greek of the New Testament it is now commonly known as "Pentecost". For those following the Gregorian calendar, Pentecost Sunday was celebrated on Sunday May 19th. For those following the Biblical Calendar Pentecost will be celebrated on June 11th and 12th.

Why Christians Should Celebrate Shavuot

1. *God's Holy Law*: God gave the Ten Commandments to His People at the base of Mount Sinai, on this day. These Ten Laws are still the moral standard by which people will be measured on the Day of Judgement when Jesus returns.
2. *Promise Delivered*: In the New Testament, Shavuot marks the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples, fulfilling Jesus' promise and empowering believers.
3. *Languages*: Pentecost (Shavuot) in Acts is about spreading the Gospel, prayer, and worship of God. The Holy Spirit united people through diverse languages, showing His power to bring unity.
4. *Thanksgiving*: Shavuot is historically a feast of gratitude for the wheat harvest. Today, it's a time to thank God for salvation through Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit who empowers us from within to live godly lives.
5. *Promise to Come*: The first outpouring of the Holy Spirit is compared to the "early rains" and happened only in Jerusalem. There is a second outpouring promised, compared to the "latter rains". This will be a world-wide outpouring and will happen just before Jesus Returns.

Christians can celebrate Shavuot with music, fellowship, and prayer, reflecting on God's faithfulness and fulfillment of His promises. It's a time to remember and a time to pray for the promise still to come!

Dairy foods and rich honey-sweetened desserts are enjoyed symbolising the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey (Israel) into which God invited His people.

ALIGNMENT BOOK CLUB

3rd Tuesday each month

At 10 Station St, Menangle at 2.00 pm

TUESDAY 11th June, 9th July

We will be reading a chapter each month of this wonderful book written by Asher Intrater, a Messianic Jew living in Jerusalem. The Jewish approach to the Bible is such a big - picture view of God's Kingdom: God as Creator – the Fall of mankind in the Garden – Redemption through Jesus as Saviour – the Return and Rule of Jesus as King. Asher brings the Old and New Covenant promises into a wonderfully rich, integrated whole that helps us understand these end-times days we are living in.

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MEN'S SHED

Open on Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am to 12noon in the old Whiteman's shed, Stevens Rd, Menangle.

(Public holidays excepted.)

Contact Allan Webb: 46339886; 0409 246 117

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Wollondilly mobile library visits Menangle every Tuesday between 9.30 am and 11.30 am.

Near St Patricks on Menangle Road

MENANGLE DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

Menangle District Probus Club especially caters for retirees in our community, and is for friendship, fellowship and fun.

NEXT MEETING Monday June 17th, then July 15th at 10.00am at Durham Green

June Speaker: Faye Yarroll representing the Lions Hearing and Medical Dogs.

If interested, please contact

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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade June 2024 Update



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Menangle Rural Fire Brigade has had a busy month, with nine call-outs in May and 5 for the first week of June including grass fires, automated fire alarms, animal rescues and multiple motor vehicle accidents.

The brigade also held its Annual General Meeting. There was only one change to the Brigade's Field Officer positions at the AGM with the addition of one more Deputy Captain. Congratulations to Matt Menzies who was welcomed as a Deputy Captain.

Members of the brigade have been busy with training with Brigade Members undertaking Crew Leader and Community Engagement Facilitator training.

In 2024 Menangle Brigade will be welcoming Junior members. More information about Junior membership will be provided in next month's Menangle News. In the meantime, you can also message the brigade via our Facebook page with any questions or for further details.



Macarthur Retired & Former Police Association of NSW Charity Golf Day Lakeside Golf Club Thursday 30 May 2024.

In May Menangle Rural Fire Brigade was fortunate to be the recipients of funds raised in the 2nd annual Macarthur Retired & Former Police Association of NSW Charity Golf Day. The event was a major success with 32 players taking part and over \$15,000 being raised on the day.

A huge thank you on behalf of Captain James McFarlane and all of the members of Menangle Rural Fire Brigade to everyone who supported this event including the MRFPFA, Hole Sponsors and extremely generous donors. These funds will make a significant contribution to the brigade, allowing us to purchase much needed equipment and improve facilities at Menangle Fire Station. This in turn allows us to support the community of Menangle and other communities during times of emergency.

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