



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - August, 2025

SNC Saturday 16 August at 6 pm

at church and on line

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Sunday 17 August at 8 am, Sunday @ 10 (and on line)

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Next Week - Romans 2 "Judgment"

THE CHILDREN OF GOD

"I hasten to say to you that obedience is not the way to get into the family of God but it is often the way to get on in the family of God. You don't obey to get into God's family, you confess to him that you don't obey and then he extends forgiveness to you through Jesus and you enter his family by grace and you stay in the family by grace and you grow in the family by grace but obedience will bless the relationship.

Just as when you pile your children into the back seat of the car for family holidays, their obedience is not the key to their security but their obedience is often the key to the happiness of the journey."

*Excerpt from a sermon by Simon Manchester on the book of Amos in 2013
Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team*

IMAGE BEARERS IN A BROKEN WORLD 25 August 7.30 pm—9 pm at Church Guest speaker: Rob Smith, addresses one of today's most complex cultural topics. Over the past decade, transgender issues have moved from society's margins to mainstream conversation, with increasing numbers exploring gender identities that differ from their biological sex. All growth group leaders are encouraged to attend, though all from our church community is warmly invited.



MAC GARDENING DAY—6 September from 9 am to 3 pm Sausage Sizzle at midday. Children welcome. Help us tidy our gardens.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—23 August at Norwest. Cost \$126 adult or student \$78. Morning tea and lunch included. Register as a group or individual at onelovewomen.com/register. Contact people: Margaret Icke at margaret.icke@menaianglican.com or Sylvia Hampson, sylvia@menaianglican.org

HSC PRAYER BREAKFAST We would love to see our church family come together on **13 September 9am TO 11 am at Church**. Every year we come together to support our Yr 12 students through their HSC exam period by praying for them. We also want to spend time praying for the apprentices and Tafe students. We will enjoy a stellar buffet breaky for only \$10. RSVP to Connor, connor@menaianglican.org

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 9 July, 2025



- General offertory YTD is below budget. SRE a little short for year. CEC is doing well. Final figures for Thanksgiving 2025 have been sent to parishioners.
- Staff still working towards congregational change.
- 23 Attendees at the current Discover course.
- New Playground: Fencing has been erected. Gate pole to be stabilized
- Little Church Playground upkeep. Government grant received. Maybe do the work in the next school holidays.
- Short term changes to front roundabout to improve gathering area—discussions ongoing. Garden has been cleared. Work in progress.
- Carpark repair: Speed bumps need to be renovated and tree roots attended to.
- Subdivision plans approved by council re our submission of application.
- Vestry clean up/new cable rack—Rack arrived and will be installed..
- New light in upper parking lot and repair/replacement of non-functional lights. Ongoing.
- Kids climbing on freight container—parents to be advised and 4 signs coming to be installed.
- Gardening Day 6 September is being organised.

PERSONAL

OUR SYMPATHY to the following families:

Joan and Kerrie Lonsdale and family on the recent passing of Richard on 12 July.

To Kathy and Charles Corban on the passing of Kathy's father on 22nd July.

Also to Larry and Brenda Warton on the passing of Larry's sister, Merryl on 31 July and to Brad and Brooke Warton and family, for the loss of their aunt.

BABY NEWS—Congratulations to the following families on baby joy ...

Steffil and Arben Hizo for baby Elijah born on 28 March.

Scott and Nicole Atherton on the birth of Nora on 10 July and to grandparents Jean and Stephen Atherton.

To Keri and Alan Sweet becoming grandparents again to baby Raife born to Brenton and Ally Sweet on 9 July

To Michael and Louise Figueira on the birth of Caleb on Friday 1 August.

Please let Denise know any news about our members so it can be included in "Personal News". Email denise@menaianglican.org



VOLUNTEERS needed at Lucas Heights School during the HSC, 16 Oct. to 7 Nov. to help with students who need readers and writers. Working with Check is required (school can help with process). Call Simone Gellett, 0412 508 034



WH&S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY Any matters relating to WH & S at church report to a churchwarden/parish councillor OR leave Denise a note on her desk. Our *Incident Reporting folder with forms* is in the office or in first aid box in foyer in a folder. Fill in one of the forms giving details of the incident and leave on Denise's desk for follow up.



NUT FREE ZONE—We have a 'nut awareness' policy and no food is brought to the church containing nuts or traces of nuts.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK & SAFE MINISTRY TRAINING for those working with children and youth. Once you complete your working with children check (whether for the first time or renewal) and your safe ministry training, email details to Denise (denise@menaianglican.org) your WWC certificate, date of birth and also a copy of your safe ministry certificate so we can include these in our records as per our legal responsibility. Leave a copy of the certificates on her desk.

LOST PROPERTY items left at church are now in the cabinet in front of Denise's desk. Please check for your items before they are donated to Berkeley.

THANK YOU to the members of Menai Anglican Church from the Lonsdale family who would like to thank you all, those who prayed and supported us in various ways both before Richard's passing and after. We thank God for the servant hearts of our church family.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of July, 2025

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	669,265	711,666	(42,401)
SRE Fund	30,657	29,166	(1,490)
CEC Fund	73,524	49,583	(23,941)

MISSION	Received	Year to date	Surplus/Shortfall
Missions *	54,822	63,916	(\$9,094)
* Excludes Thanksgiving special			

Please note that we have changed our bank account to Westpac Bank.

St Paul's Anglican Church, Menai. **BSB No:** 032-134 **Account No:** 481 520. For regular internet giving by direct transfer, please use one of these: REFS: Gen Off; Gen. Mission or Mission—*Partner name*. Donations to either of our tax deductible funds, please contact: Church Finance Officer, Melanie Lucas, at macfinance@outlook.com

Our giving includes the giving of ourselves wholly and solely to God. As scripture reminds us we are to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. *'Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain'. 1 Cor. 15:58*

STAFF

Andrew Barry	Senior Minister 10 am Focus Pastor	Denise Gellett	PA/Secretary
Andrew Hartman	Asst. Minister, Leads Serve	Verity Snaith	SRE Co-ordinator
Michael Figueira	Asst Minister, Leads Mission	Nola Betts	Data Base Manager
Margaret Icke	Asst. Minister, Leads Gather	Kat Shirtley	0-5 Children's Ministry Co-ordinator
Kurt Peters	Asst. Minister (P/T) Leads Maturity	Trainees: Sylvia Wong, Keats Davaram, Caleb Gough, Tim Worton	
Kelly Peters	Asst. Minister, Children's Pastor		
Connor Davaram	Asst. Minister, Youth Pastor		

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