



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - September, 2025

SNC Saturday 13 September at 6 pm

at church and on line

Andrew Barry will be preaching on

"Abraham, our Father" from Genesis 15: 1-6 and Romans 4: 1-15



Sunday 14 September at 8 am, Sunday @ 10 (and on line)

and Sunday @ 6

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Next Week - Romans 4: 16-25 on "Hope"

BARNABAS – Invested in Church and Mission

Barnabas believed in others when no one else would.

In Acts 9, Saul (later the Apostle Paul) had just become a follower of Jesus, but the early Christians were terrified of him. That is hardly surprising, because Saul was one of the leading persecutors of the early Church. Who stepped in? Barnabas! Acts 9:27 says, "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles." Barnabas put his own reputation on the line to vouch for Paul and what the Lord was doing in Paul's life. In doing so he helped to bring incalculable encouragement to the church through all ages.

Barnabas gave sacrificially and generously.

In Acts 4:36, we read that Barnabas sold a field and gave the money to the Apostles to support the early Church. It is mentioned almost in passing, but it speaks volumes. Encouragement often takes the form of tangible support. Barnabas didn't just say encouraging things, he lived them. He was invested in the growth and well-being of the early Church with his time, his resources and his faith.

Excerpt from the Editorial of Barnabas Aid magazine, October 2025

Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

MAC DAY TOURS—Brooklyn to Kangaroo Point Walk 7-8km

Monday 15 Sept. Meet at Padstow Station for 8.06 am train or at Sutherland 8.08 am train to Central changing for 8.50 am Central Coast train from Platform 3 arriving at Brooklyn at 9.50 am. Bring or buy morning tea and lunch. RSVP 14 Sept to Garry Fisher 0407 940 232.



MEN'S FUTSAL COMPETITION BEGINS AGAIN on Tuesday 23 September at our church. It runs from 23 Sept—16 December and 20 Jan to 3 February. Game Time 6.30-10 pm. 35 minute time slots (last time slot 9.10 pm). Rego \$60 per player. Team rego closes 16 Sept. Player rego before 19 Sept to be eligible for Round 1. Players must be 18 years of age.

MISSION PARTNER EVENING—M & L Join us on **Monday 29th September** 7.30-9.30 pm as we welcome back our mission partners, M & L who serve overseas. A great opportunity to hear about their work, their call to serve and what life and ministry looks like on the ground. There'll also be time for questions and discussion, so come along, be encouraged and support them in prayer.

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 9 September, 2025



- General offertory is under budget per month. SRE a little under budget for the year. CEC is a little under budget but not a concern. Andrew to address the financial needs with congregation this weekend.
- Discussion over staffing needs
- Development Application acknowledgment from Sutherland Council. Waiting for any complaints to come through.
- Little Church playground upkeep. A company is coming to give quote for soft-fall.
- Both under-stage cabling and carpark repair hold over till 2026.
- 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. Work in progress.
- Kids climbing on freight container—signage coming to be installed.
- AGM 2026—merit of 9 parish councillors—presentation to be made. Look at having the AGM after SNC or a weeknight.

PERSONAL

OUR SYMPATHY to the following families:

Emma and Craig Phelps and family on the recent passing of Emma's dad, Neville Denning on 30 August.

To Nathan and Sarah Gibbs and family on the passing of Nathan's dad on 30 August.

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

Michael and Holly Atherton on birth of baby Liam Edward on 15 August and to Jean and Stephen Atherton on their new grandson.

Michael and Izzy Ishak on birth of a daughter, Amelia on 22 August and to John and Suzanne Ishak, proud grandparents.

Andrew and Elyse Crawford on birth of baby daughter, Everly on 30 August.

WEDDING Congratulations to Zara Moore and Julian Oey on their marriage on 6 September and to Zara's parents, Greg and Gillian Moore.

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



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.

BIG THANK YOU to all those who attended our gardening day last Saturday. What a wonderful job everyone did to make our gardens look beautiful



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of August, 2025

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	762,444	813,333	(50,888)
SRE Fund	33,052	33,333	(280)
CEC Fund	77,354	56,666	20,688

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	61,498	73,046	(11,548)
(*) Excludes special projects and thanksgiving funds.			

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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