



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - October, 2025

SNC Saturday 18 October at 6 pm

at church and on line

will be preaching on

"Serve" from Mark 10: 32-45 and Ephesians 4: 11-16



**Sunday 19 October at 8 am, Sunday @ 10 (and on line)
and Sunday @ 6**

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

NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN 145 YEARS



"Every Christian is responsible to his Lord for doing what he can to make the gospel known throughout the world; for to the whole Church the command was given – "Go ye into all the world, and disciple all the nations."

The Church of Christ as a body has not yet fully realised the weight of this command; but it has been found by experience that the endeavour to carry it out has brought to any Church new life and energy for internal work, and that its power for home efforts has been thereby greatly increased."

*an excerpt from the front page of The Church of England Record
(now The Australian Church Record) of July 1st, 1880.*

Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

SERVE WEEKEND 18-19 October—Explore the Ministry Market in the hall after church this weekend. Chance to meet different teams, see what they do and discover how you can be a part of it.

SPRING INTO PRAYER—Sunday 19 October 3.30-5pm at church. Opportunity to pray for our mission partners and Kilby's video update.



BAPTISM SERVICES 8 & 9 November There are two opportunities to consider: **Infant Baptism and Believer's Baptism.** If you are Interested, please chat to Michael Figueira, our Mission Pastor or our Youth Minister, Connor Davaram.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CLAY ORNAMENTS WORKSHOP Sat. 15 Nov. 1.45 –4 pm or Tues. 18 Nov. 7-9.30 pm at Church. Brochures on Info desk. Cost \$25 per person. Join us as we are guided by the craft team where you can create a minimum of 6 unique pieces perfect for adding to your Christmas décor. We will enjoy festive food together and a short message about the reason for the season. Child minding available on the Saturday event. BYO apron. All materials supplied. Register by Sunday 6 Nov. to menaianglican.org/women. If paying by cash, please register with Denise.



MAC DAY TOURS—Lake Parramatta Walk, **27 October**. Meet 8.21am Padstow train to Central, go to Platform 18 for Parramatta or Sutherland 8.25 am to Redfern, change for P'matta train on Platform 4 all meeting at Parramatta Square on north side of Station and then walk to Light Rail station BYO or buy lunch or morning tea. RSVP 26 Oct to Garry Fisher 0407 940 232

CMS SUMMER SCHOOL 3-9 January 2026 at KCC Katoomba **Morning talks:** Seven Bible studies on the book of [Proverbs](#), with Dan Wu, lecturer in Old Testament at Moore Theological College. **Evening speaker:** Derek Brotherson, Principal SMBC **Registration:** through the MyCMS portal on the [CMS Summer School website](#). One day ticket - Adult \$80, Concession \$60 includes morning tea. Come up for the day.



SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 12 October, 2025

- General offertory is up for September and approaching the budget amount. SRE was below budget. Mission has a shortfall. Need to promote SRE fund.
- Number of young families coming to church is growing.
- Subdivision plans—waiting on Council report.
- Policy Review—Looking at our Critical Incident Policy.
- Little Church playground upkeep. Awaiting a quote.
- Both under-stage cabling and carpark repair hold over till 2026.
- Short term changes to front roundabout to improve gathering - Ongoing
- Lining on parking places in carpark done.
- Changes to be made to drop off point for some of our elderly folk in time.

PERSONAL

BAPTISM .. Elijah Manu Hizo was baptised on 28 September, 2025. Parents Arben and Steffil Hizo.

OUR SYMPATHY to the following families:

Keri and Alan Sweet on the passing of Keri's mum Daphne on 15 September.

Mel and Ellie Clarke and family on the passing of Mel's father, Bob O'Neill recently.

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

Grandparents—Kevin and Sue Hancock on the birth of Ruben Humphries to mum and dad Lisa and David recently.

Grandparent—Janelle Jackson—first grandchild, Arlo David Jackson born on 30 Sept. to David and Richie.

WEDDING Congratulations to Luke Corban and Phoebe Giles on their wedding on 4 October.

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.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE for the Month of September, 2025

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	861,849	915,000	(53,150)
SRE Fund	33,722	37,500	(3,777)
CEC Fund	84,636	63,750	20,886

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	67,366	82,177	(14,810)
(*) 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	Cat Shirtley	0-5 Children's Ministry Co-ordinator
Margaret Icke	Asst. Minister, Leads Gather	Trainees:	Sylvia Wong, Keats
Kurt Peters	Asst. Minister (P/T) Leads Maturity		Davaram, Caleb Gough, Tim Worton
Kelly Peters	Asst. Minister, Children's Pastor		
Connor Davaram	Asst. Minister, Youth Pastor		

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