



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - October, 2025

SNC Saturday 15 November at 6 pm

at church and on line

Andrew Hartman will be preaching on

"More than Conquerors—Free Indeed" from Romans 6: 15-23



**Sunday 16 November at 8 am, Sunday @ 10 (and on line)
and Sunday @ 6**

'More than Conquerors—Free Indeed'

for 8 am: Ezekiel 36: 24-28 and Romans 6: 15-23

for Sunday @ 10 and Sunday @ 6: Romans 6: 15-23

Next Week - Romans 7: 1-14 on Released

Reasons to pray for our Mission Partners

The scriptures tell us that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents and so we pray for the lost. (Luke 15:7)

The scriptures tell us of God's heart for the nations so we pray for the proclamation of the gospel to the ends of the Earth. (Matthew 28:16-20)

The scriptures tell us of the plentiful harvest and the need for more workers so we pray that God will raise up many more workers. (Matthew 9:37-38)

The scriptures tell us it is God who opens doors for the gospel and so we pray for opportunities for those sent out in cross cultural mission. (Colossians 4:3-4)

And finally, the scriptures tell us that God is able to do far more than we ever imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

Excerpt from the Welcome page of the 2024 CMS Prayer Diary.

So please pray for the work of our Mission Partners at MAC
Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

CAROLS ON THE LAWN, Sat 6th December! We greet about 2,000 people onto our church grounds to celebrate Christmas. It's a wonderful opportunity to share joy, hospitality, and the hope of Jesus with our community. We can't do it without you! Come serve for an hour or two and enjoy the carols, kids' activities, bbq and coffee, setup and pack down, and more. If you can help, you can sign up at the info hub.

TOYS 'N TUCKER is happening and we thank you for your donations. We are using the Berkeley Storage area for all the lovely goodies that are coming in for Toys n Tucker. We would kindly ask that you do not bring items for Berkeley until **23rd November**. Thanks.

MAC DAY TOURS: Bundeena to Wedding Cake Rock Walk on 17 Nov. We are going to Royal National Park, driving (car share) to Bundeena, walk approx. 6.5km return to Wedding Cake Rock. It is classed as a "moderate" walk. Meet at the south end of Beachcomer Rd. in Bundeena at 8.45 am. Bring morning tea and buy lunch at Bundeena Community Club



A THANKSGIVING LUNCH AT CHURCH on 27 November from 12 noon to 2 pm for those who are retired, semi-retired or of retirement age, but who have never retired from serving Jesus. A chance to laugh, meet each other, celebrate, pray and thank God and eat some yummy food. RSVP to Denise at denise@menaianglican.org / \$10 at the door or register and pay on line.

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 11 November, 2025



- General offertory in excess of budget figure for the month; SRE Fund received 2 substantial donations. Mission funds are over budget. CEC giving may be a little short of budget. Expenses a little high.
- Baptism Service last weekend was joyful and our Serve Weekend was encouraging with 140 people signing up to serve.
- Staff leaving—Kelly Peters, Sylvia Wong, Keats Davaram and maybe Tim Worton.
- Need to create an AI policy—we need to be careful with how resources are created.
- Policy Review—Continuing to look at our Critical Incident Policy.
- Subdivision plans—advertising period closed, Rural Fire Service want a bigger buffer zone for the second lot, drainage changes. Awaiting final approval from Council.
- Short term changes to front roundabout to improve gathering - Ongoing
- Changes to be made to drop off point for some of our elderly folk in time. Awaiting consultation.
- Clean out day of the green shed to be planned.
- Both the hearing loop and air conditioner on the south wall need maintenance and headsets not working well.
- Piano needs replacement—quote being obtained.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM? Our next infant baptism service will be on 22-23 November. If interested in your child/children being baptised, please speak to Michael Figueira—michael@menaianglican.org

PERSONAL

SYMPATHY—We extend our sympathy to Ross and Judy Everingham and family on the passing of Ross's brother Noel on 13 November after an illness with MND.

BAPTISM .. Xavier Mestre, Michaela Yeadon, Leila Gruggen, Eden Fraser, Jessica Mendez, Sarah Sheen and Alana Russell were all baptised on the weekend of 8 and 9 November

BABY NEWS—Darcy Kelly was born on 17 October, to Linday and Daniel.

WEDDING Congratulations to Joel Khoury and Olivia Ishak on their marriage on 2nd November.

ENGAGEMENT: Congratulations to Mia Childers and Zac Hyslop were recently engaged in 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Blue Christmas Service—Thursday 18 December 7.30 pm at church
- ♦ Discover 2026 on February 17 at 7.30 pm
- ♦ Growing Together in Christ, March 8 at 2 pm to 4.30 pm—Women's event at Club House in Rivermont Estate, Hillock Way Menai . An opportunity to meet women of different ages and stages.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of October, 2025

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	963,663	1,016,666	(53,003)
SRE Fund	48,867	41,666	7,200
CEC Fund	88,947	70,833	18,113

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	77,434	91,308	(13,873)
(*) 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

Andrew Hartman Asst. Minister, Leads Serve

Michael Figueira Asst Minister, Leads Mission

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