



Community Monthly News - February 2026

SNC Saturday 14 February at 6 pm

at church and on line

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from Matthew 9: 1-13



Sunday 15 February at 8.30 am and Sunday 10.30 am (and on line)

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and **Sunday @ 6** **Tim Worton** will preach
from Psalm 103: 1-12 and Matt. 9: 1-13

Our Mission Partners – Who do they serve with?

Here is a list of those organisations that our Partners are linked with

Church Missionary Society, CMS – “A world that knows Jesus”

130 missionaries in 38 countries including the **Kilbys and Galeas**

Bush Church Aid Society, BCA – “Going the Distance”

Placing committed & gifted gospel workers in 40+ locations in rural Australia includes the **Owens and Rachael Bell**.

SIM Australia – “Making Christ known in communities where he is least known”

Mission workers in 40+ countries around the world including **Mal Watts**, National Director.

OM Australia – “Love Jesus. Love people”

94 workers worldwide including **D and K** (secure)

Wycliffe Australia – “Good news in anyone’s language”

240 workers including **M and L** (secure)

NOVO – “Make new”

Over 500 missionaries in more than 80 countries including **A and C** (secure)

Bryan Pevely for the GMT

MAC DAY TOURS 16 February to Ballast Point, Birchgrove A 4km easy walk. Meet Padstow Station 8.25 am train to Circular Quay or Sutherland 8.25 am train to Redfern, change to Platform 9 for Circular Quay, all meet at Wharf 5. Bring or buy morn tea and lunch. RSVP to Garry Fisher on 0407 940 232 by 15 February.

BERKELEY OP SHOP: We have paused donations to Berkeley. We need to reclaim our meeting room back for 2026 and appreciate you finding alternate places to make your donations.

DISCOVER commences 17 February 7.30 pm to 9 pm at Church. This course explains not only the truth of Christianity but why that truth matters. Chat with Michael Figueira for more details.



CAMP ONE 2026 AUCTION FUND RAISER

Sunday 1 March at 12 pm. Our goal is to raise \$10k for CampOne. Any extra funds raised will help students attend the SNC weekend away. Which will be held on Friday 11 Sept till Sun. 13 Sept. at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. CampOne is for youth Yr 6-12 and will run from 14—18 April. You can partner with our young people in 3 ways. *Pray, Invite Youth Aged people you know to Camp One. Financially: Offer auction items or come and bid (donate)*

Also we want to see young people receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, see new Jesus centered friendships form and present ones strengthened. We want to see God's people thriving as disciples who are serving their Lord.

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 10 February, 2025

- Offertories were \$98k for December, which was encouraging. Mission giving steady at \$6.3k. To meet budget in 2026 we need to receive \$100,750 per month.
 - Annual General Meeting will be held 23 March at church at 7 pm. All elected officers must have completed Safe Ministry (according to new diocesan rules.) and have a Working with Children Check.
- Numbers at SNC a little down but overall morning attendance is up. Midweek traditional service should start in Term 2. Numbers at the new 8.30 am service is larger than 10.30 am.
- Investigation into Rooms 1 & 2 and mouldy smell and possible upgrade of the toilet facilities.
- Vestry Clean up is ongoing.
- Masterplan Review and tiering mezzanine back row. Discussions with architect this month.
- Policy review—many of our policies need to be reviewed.
- Piano replacement—discussions and choice—nearing completion.
- Short term changes to front roundabout to improve gathering—underway.
- Ceiling repair garden room and women's toilet. Investigation ongoing.



PERSONAL

Baby News .. Congratulations to Ashleigh and Meghan Sitton on the birth of Grace Maree on 16 December, 2025

Congratulations to Shannon and Michael Newman on the birth of a son, Luke on 12 December 2025 and to Mark and Mary Elson on becoming grandparents.

Congratulations to Nathan and Talitha Bull on the birth of Hayley.

ENGAGEMENT: Congratulations to our engaged couples:

- ◆ Caleb Gough and Ashley Crofton;
- ◆ Bethany Lewis and Andrew Sestanovic,
- ◆ Ashley Stephenson and Ruby Gorham.

MARRIAGE—Congratulations to Grace Baird and Ragana Geno on their marriage on 29 January, 2026.

BAPTISM—Aubrey Gregory Rowlands baptised on 7 February. Parents, Tom & Esse Rowlands.

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.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of January, 2026

CHURCH FUNDS	YEAR TO DATE		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	98,924	99,089	(165)
SRE Fund	395	4,166	(3,771)
CEC Fund	3,724	7,083	(3,358)

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	6,200	9,130	(2,930)
(*) 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

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