



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - April 2026

SNC Saturday 25 April at 6 pm

at church and on line

Our new series: Into the Ashes, Out of the Ashes

Andrew Barry will be preaching on

“Complaining and Faith (Habakkuk 1: 1-2:5)

from Habakkuk 1: 1-11



Sunday 26 April at 8.30 am and Sunday 10.30 am (and on line)

and Sunday @ 6

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Our 8.30 am service—Infant Baptism

Next Week

Habakkuk 2 “Judgment, Promise and Faith’

LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS – SUPPORTED IN PRAYER

Simon and Angela Owen in Cloncurry – Please pray for our next Julia Creek church service at 2pm on Sunday 26 April (every 4th Sunday).

Rachael Bell in Bathurst – Please pray for just two of the vacancies she is trying to fill:

SRE teacher for Blayney High School (no SRE for over a year)

Chaplain for Orana Heights Public School, Dubbo (3 applications currently)

Michelle Lim in Riverwood – Praise God that He is powerful and for our great new Chinese Australian leadership at Riverwood Anglican. Please pray for Vincent and Mai Chan and the team.

Sylvia and Joel Hampson in Lakemba – Please pray that God would grow us to be prayerful and dependent on Him as we try to meet new friends and neighbours together and as we settle in to our new church family in Lakemba.

Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

GROWTH GROUP BOOKLETS for the coming term are available from the information hub or directly from Denise as is the leaders guide from Denise in the office.



MEN'S SOCIAL GOLF DAY Friday 8 May at Bexley Park Golf Course at 203 Stoney Creek Rd. Kingsgrove with tee off times between 9.40 to 10 am. Cost for the event approx. \$35 for seniors and \$40 for "youngies" includes golf and prizes. Carts available for hire \$45. Lunch is available at the Club Bistro. Friends are welcome. Intention is to play a modified ambrose event.

Please register with Phil Akers 0419 285 320

YEAR 13 FIJI FUNDRAISER—2nd May at 8 pm after SNC We have 6 young church members attending Youthworks Year 13 program. We are so thankful that over the weekend after Easter, \$8,000 was donated towards their mission trip to Fiji. Do come along to the Trivia night. \$15 pp and no RSVP necessary.

ADVANCE NOTICE—17 May at 3.30 pm at the church. Fall into prayer where we join together to pray for and learn about our missionaries and what is happening in their field of ministry.



SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF 21 April, 2026

- ◆ General Offertory: March reflected a higher than budget result at \$108K. YTD \$10K shortfall to budget. SRE is \$7.9k below budget by \$4.6k. Pleasing mission giving for first 3 months reached \$22k and we paid out \$24K leaving \$1.6k shortfall.
- ◆ Attendance over Easter weekend was larger than last year.
- ◆ Our recent 2 Onboard meetings were encouraging with our newcomers.
- ◆ Youth Group momentum has been maintained and CampOne was bigger this year in numbers.
- ◆ Men with Time continue their improvements to both inside and outside with the latest repainting of doors in the main kitchen refreshed.
- ◆ Master Plan Review ongoing with 3 plans to review.
- ◆ Carpark repair—ongoing and hopeful of a grant to help with repairs.
- ◆ AGM recommendations to parish council will be discussed at the May meeting of parish council.
- ◆ Ceiling repair in women's toilet—on going and repair needed in top kitchen, playspace storeroom and over Denise's desk.
- ◆ New grant application ideas: Ideas for this grant which closes 8 May need to be something that benefits the community. Ideas: repairing carpark, and/or perhaps the gathering area out the front. Quotes needed for all ideas. John to get quotes for lighting the carpark and re-paving carpark and removal of roots.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of March, 2026

CHURCH FUNDS	YEAR TO DATE		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	292,028	297,269	(5,241)
SRE Fund	7,905	12,500	(4,595)
CEC Fund	15,408	21,250	(5,841)

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	22,417	27,393	(4,976)
(*) 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

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