



SNC Saturday 16 May at 6 pm

at church and on line

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Sunday 17 May at 8.30 am and Sunday 10.30 am (and on line)

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Next Week

Lamentations 3

The Red Sea Rescue was just a rehearsal for Calvary.

Excerpt from a sermon by Simon Manchester on Exodus 14-15

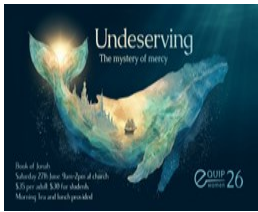
"I know that if you use your eyes and you look in your mind at the Red Sea and then you look at Calvary; you'll think that Red Sea was huge and Calvary was little. In actual fact, Red Sea was little and Calvary was huge.

It's very important to get this. I know it seems as if the Red Sea, especially in the movies, was big scale: hundreds of chariots, thousands of people, billions of litres of water but Calvary is massive.

What's taking place at Calvary is, sin is being dealt with, death is being dealt with and reversed, the devil is being defeated, Principalities and Powers are being disarmed, millions and millions and millions of people are being given the opportunity to be led into Salvation for ever. It is an absolute and massive Victory that takes place at Calvary. It makes Red Sea look like a little toy model.

Now the Red Sea has come and gone but if you're a person today who wants to know how to escape their sin and to arrive in Life (capital L), you need Jesus Christ."

Bryan Pevely for the *Global Mission Team*



Equip Women 2026 at Menai Anglican. Registrations are open. Women aged 13 to 101 welcome. Morning Tea/lunch provided. \$35 for adults; \$125 for uni/tafe students, \$15 for high school students. Time: 9 am to 2 pm. Let us know of any dietary requirements. Mums and bubs welcome, no babysitting for older children. Study from the book of Jonah. *A note from Isobel Lin, Equip26 Chair to inspire:*

This book is full of unexpected twists and turns, finishes with an intriguing cliff hanger. It invites us to reflect more deeply on ourselves with the mystery of God's mercy. Join us for EQUIP 25 "Undeserving" Book on line- menaianglican.org

MAC DAY TOURS—Fish Markets Walk on Monday 25 May. Walk along Blackwattle Bay to the new Fish Markets, explore its sites and delights, approx. 4km—easy walk. Meet Padstow Station 8.40 am train to Central Station or Sutherland 8.45 am train to Central, all meet in the Country Terminal at the Eternity Bar and Grill, then Light Rail to Rozelle Bay to walk to the new fish market. RSVP 24May to Garry Fisher 0407 940 232.

STATE OF ORIGIN MEN'S EVENT—Wed 17 June. Church doors open 6.15 pm/dinner 6.30 pm/game 8 pm. Dinner Cost \$25 adults and under 18—\$15. Book on line.



BAPTISM and CONFIRMATION Service—27-28 June. If you have come to a personal faith in Jesus and not been baptised before we would love to chat to you. Baptised as a child but not yet publicly affirmed your faith, confirmation is for you. Contact: Michael Figueira, michael@menaianglican.org or for youth, Connor Davaram, connor@menaianglican.org.

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF 12 May, 2026



- ◆ General Offertory: are ahead of budget and year to date \$7K under budget but \$16K over same period last year. SRE is \$2.8k below budget. Mission giving YTD \$29.2k CEC giving behind budget.
- ◆ Encouraging story of a young person joining our church and wanting to become a Christian because of their experience at SRE.

Encouraging that our last year, year 12 group has continued strong. We have 34 in that year group continuing at church.

- ◆ Andrew is working on a draft document for Thanksgiving in June.
- ◆ Baptism services over 27/28 June Confirmations on 27 June with Bishop Hayward..
- ◆ Subdivision plans—working on putting budgets together.
- ◆ Piano replacement. Thanks to generous gifts we have a new piano.
- ◆ Grant Applications—two have been submitted, one for carpark safety and accessibility upgrade and one for expansion of solar panels on church roof.
- ◆ Ceiling repair in women's toilet—on going and repair needed in top kitchen, playspace storeroom and over Denise's desk.
- ◆ Incident Reporting process— is being overhauled.
- ◆ Short term changes to front roundabout in process.
- ◆ Proposal for the establishment of a sub-committee to look at the property maintenance schedule and work through current projects and processes for maintenance and preferred contractors, both in the short term and for structural issues.

PERSONAL

Baby News .. Congratulations to Sarah and James Stevens on their baby girl Eliana who arrived on Thursday 23 April. Also to Craig and Yvette Stevens and Ruth Sanders on becoming grandparents.

Our Sympathy to the family of Jan Adeney who passed away on 7 May. Our caring thoughts to Arthur, Margie and James Pietsch and family.

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.

SERVICE MINISTRY NEEDS If you would like to serve in a role at one of our services, SNC, 8.30 am 10.30 am or Sunday @ 6, please have a chat with either Denise Gellett (0425 208 938) or Margaret Icke (0415 463 914) and we can talk you through the process. We always have vacancies in the following areas:



- ◆ Morning Tea Cart—8.30 and 10.30 am
- ◆ Supper at Sunday @ 6 Set up and Pack Down at Sunday @ 6
- ◆ Welcome (all services)
- ◆ Coffee Cart (all services)
- ◆ Communion Serving (all services)
- ◆ Lawn Mowing (must be 18 years)
- ◆ Dymo Machine for 8.30 am and 10.30 am (creating name tags)
- ◆ Logistics (help to set up at 8.30 am) Logistics help to pack down at 10.30 am)



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of April, 2026

CHURCH FUNDS	YEAR TO DATE		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	403,000	395,752	(7,248)
SRE Fund	10,658	17,667	(7,009)
CEC Fund	17,939	28,333	(10,394)

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	29,610	36,583	(6,973)
(*) 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

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