



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - September, 2026

**Sunday 13 September at 8.30 am and 10.30 am (and on line)
and Sunday @ 6**

Kurt Peters will preach from Romans 13: 8-14 on

"DayTime Living"



Next Week

Weaker and Stronger from Romans 14

Simon and Angela Owen – Cloncurry Update

During the week of August 23-30 Saint Andrew's Cloncurry hosted a Christian student mission team from James Cook University in Townsville. They came to serve and run activities for kids and adults.

Unfortunately, the town had been hit by an outbreak of influenza A and many people were sick. The Owen family were no exception with the kids and Angela being particularly ill. Simon was able to struggle on and he was well at the right times and the team stepped up.

Angela reports: "The good news is that all the events and ministry in the schools and community through the week seem to go really well and bear fruit. We all still managed to go to the sunset Friday evening service at the dam which was very special. Simon preached despite being sick and it was a great night. Give thanks to God that all the billets and other accommodation worked out well and during the week a few church ladies helped feed the team and cater for different events."

The monthly service at Julia Creek is **this Sunday at 2pm**. Simon will be leading and preaching after the Cloncurry 9.30 service and a 90 minute road trip up with the family. On a very busy Sunday, please pray for many to attend church and for safety driving there and back.

Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

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ARCHBISHOP MSOSA from Mozambique and Angola will visit our church on **Sunday 27 Sept.** at our 8.30 am and 10.30 am services where he will share firsthand insights into the challenge of being faithful in Mozambique and Angola and how our brothers and sisters overseas are living on the frontline of tested faith. An invitation is extended to join us at 12.30 pm after church to a lunch with the Archbishop (sponsored by

Anglican Aid) He is speaking some time between 12:30 and 2:30pm. We will have lunch and then he'll speak from about 1pm onwards. You are welcome to come and join us any time - whether or not you eat. It is essential for catering purposes for you to **register at**

anglicanaid.org.au/field-notes-from-Mozambique/

HSC PRAYER BREAKFAST 26 September at 9am to 11 am at Church. Every year we come together to support our Yr 12 students through their HSC exam period by praying for them and also to spend time praying for the apprentices and TAFE students. We will enjoy a stellar buffet breaky for a small charge of \$10. Please RSVP to Connor, connor@menaianglican.org

MAC DAY TOURS—Spit Bridge to Manly Walk on Monday 28 Sept. Join us as we walk and explore the harbour from the Spit Bridge to Manly, approx. 10 km rated a 'moderate' walk. This one is for the **fit walkers** and will take most of the day. Meet Padstow Station 8.25 am train to Wynard Station, bus to Spit Bridge from Carrington St. Stand A or Sutherland Station 8.25 am train to Town Hall. Change to Wynard from Platform 3, all meeting at the bus stand. Bring or buy morn tea and lunch. RSVP to Garry Fisher 0407 940 232 by 27 Sept.

SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF 8 Sept. 2026



- ◆ General Offertory: lower than budget but we remain above budget Year to date basis. SRE giving is strong. We will set aside any giving from Sept. onwards for 2027. Other expenses in line with budget. CEC giving year to date will see us exceed our full year plan. Mission giving was 89% of the monthly budget, close to the 90% being paid..
- ◆ Andrew shared he hopes to have "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" as a theme for 2027.
- ◆ Great response to our Discover course.
- ◆ Master Plan Review: Ongoing
- ◆ Property and Maintenance sub-committee has met and flowchart started with items that need to be attended to. Garden Day was fantastic.
- ◆ Policy Creation—Housing, Evacuation and AI Policies being created.
- ◆ Housing Policy will be reviewed every August into the future.
- ◆ Paved pathway from courtyard to back carpark, work has commenced.
- ◆ Incident reporting process and new incident reporting forms—have been circulated and this will form a register as well as a report.
- ◆ Evacuation Drill—Discussion and notified that recommendation for drills in the next 5 years—for 2026 this will be held during Monday Playspace and MAC Mondays.

PERSONAL

Baby News: Congratulations to Nathan and Hannah Stavropoulous on the birth of Anastasir recently.

Congratulations to Bethany Lewis and James Sestanovic who were recently married on 23rd August.

Please let Denise know any news about our members so it can be included in "Personal News". Email denise@menaianglican.org



A SAFE CHURCH Please use the following online forms for all reporting going forward. The forms can be found at menaianglican.org/safe-ministry, also accessible at the footer of our webpage.

- **Incident**—An injury or a near miss that occurred onsite at Menai Anglican Church ministry program.
- **Hazard Report** - Use this form to report health and safety hazards found at Menai Anglican Church. Once completed, this report is automatically sent to Andrew Barry (Senior Minister) and Denise Gellett (Parish Administrator)



NUT FREE ZONE—We have a 'nut awareness' policy and no food is to be 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. Please note that we have numerous glasses, sunglasses, rings and necklaces that have been lost around the church. Please see Denise in the office.



GIVING AND FINANCIAL UPDATE

for the Month of August, 2026

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	812,939	806,000	6,939
SRE Fund	63,855	35,333	28,522
CEC Fund	80,357	56,666	23,691

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	74,555	73,046	1,409
(*) 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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