



MENAI ANGLICAN CHURCH
Introducing Jesus: Changing Lives

Community Monthly News - September, 2026

SNC Saturday 17 October, 2026 at 6 pm at Church and on line

**Andrew Barry will be preaching from
Revelation 1 on 'The Great Redeemer'**



Sunday 18 October at 8.30 am and 10.30 am (and on line) and Sunday @ 6

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Next Week

Revelation 2-3



THE CHALLENGE OF TELLING THE NATIONS

Since the first days of the church, Christians have taught that only Jesus, God's Son, the Messiah and Lord, can bring men and women into a dynamic reconciled relationship with God the Father. It is an exclusive claim and, in consequence, it is offensive to many.

Christians believe that if men and women want to know how to make sense of life in this world then they must consider Jesus' life, death and teaching. If people want to know God in the only way he can be truly known, then they must look to Jesus. Christians proclaim that Jesus provides the only salvation from separation from God. The claim that there is no-one else who opens the way for friendship with God is not well received. It did not fit easily into the Jewish-Roman world of the apostles. It does not fit into many of the cultures around the world in which missionaries work. And, it does not fit any more easily into Australia in these days. (1) Please pray for all our Mission Partners telling the nations both overseas and in Australia.

An excerpt from "God's Mission and Ours" by Peter O'Brien p 73

Bryan Pevely for the Global Mission Team

MAC DAY TOURS 19 October, 2026 Join us as we see the sights of Cronulla peninsula, take the ferry to Bundeena, continue our walk to Cabbage Tree Point and to Bundeena Community Club for lunch. Meet Sutherland Station, platform 3 for 8.39 am train to Cronulla Station or drive and meet at Cronulla Station at 9 am. BYO morn tea and lunch. RSVP 18 October to Garry Fisher 0407 940 232.

SPRING INTO PRAYER 25 October at church from 3.30 pm to 5 pm. We will catch up on all our "missionary news" and have a time of prayer for each and enjoy some tea/coffee and treats. Further information from Bryan Pevely.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM SNC Service on 31 October at 6 pm or at our Sunday Services on 1st November. If you've come to personal faith in Jesus and haven't been baptised before, we'd love to talk with you about taking this step. Baptism is a public declaration of faith and a celebration of new life in Christ. It's not about being perfect, it's about trusting in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Talk to Michael Figueira or for youth chat to Connor Davaram if interested in being baptised.



SUMMARY OF PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF 13 October, 2026

- ◆ General Offertory: Under budget for month of September but just over budget year to date.
- ◆ SRE giving is strong.
- ◆ Mission giving was less than the monthly 100% budget of \$9.2K.
- ◆ Our expenses remain close to budget for the month. Repairs and maintenance for church and electrical work undertaken at two of our houses.
- ◆ Our 2027 Budget discussions will begin with our Treasurer and Wardens this week.
- ◆ Master Plan Review: Ongoing
- ◆ Property and Maintenance sub-committee has met and flowchart started with items that need to be attended to.
- ◆ Policy Creation—Housing, Evacuation and AI Policies discussions and policies are being created.
- ◆ Demographic data circulated to parish council and we have over 1100 people attend overall in a week and over 800 regular attendees. Our goal is to increase the regularity of attendees, as well as improve systems for pastoral care and increase responsibility for lay leadership.
- ◆ Paved pathway from courtyard to back carpark - work ongoing.
- ◆ Subdivision plans on hold till 2027.

PERSONAL

Congratulations to Chloe Doran and William Delezio who were married at our church recently on 19 September, 2026

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. Please leave a copy of the certificates on her desk.

LOST PROPERTY items left at church are in the cabinet in front of Denise's desk. Please check for your items before they are donated. Please note that we have some 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 September, 2026

CHURCH FUNDS		YEAR TO DATE	
	Received	Budget	Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Offertory	909,462	906,750	2,712
SRE Fund	66,706	39,750	26,956
CEC Fund	88,371	63,750	24,621

MISSION PARTNERS	Year to Date		
	Received	Budget	Surplus/Shortfall
Mission Partners (*)	81,100	82,177	(1,076)
(*) 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	Denise Gellert	PA/Secretary
Andrew Hartman	Asst. Minister, Leads Serve	Verity Snaith	SRE Coordinator
Michael Figueira	Asst Minister, Leads Mission	Cat Shirtley	0-5 Children's Ministry Co-Ordinator
Margaret Icke	Asst. Minister, Leads Gather	Tim Worton	Mission Focus
Kurt Peters	Asst. Minister (P/T) Leads Maturity	Caleb Gough,	Trainees
		Ruby Stephenson	
Lauren Dewhurst	Asst. Minister, Children's Pastor		
Connor Davaram	Asst. Minister, Youth Pastor		

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