

Visitors and newcomers are most welcome at **St Devenick's** Coffee, tea and biscuits are served in the hall after the 10.30am service.

We look forward to meeting you then!



Ash Wednesday services 5th March, 10.30am and 7.30pm

There will be no communion on Thursday 6th March.

St Mary's Men's Breakfast, Food Bank Appeal present:
An Evening of Thanksgiving and Reflection led by **Ricky & Ghislaine Kennedy**
St Mary's Inverurie, Friday 7 March 7.30pm,
All men and women are warmly invited.

World Day of Prayer Service, Cults Parish Church, 2.00pm, Friday 7th March.

Theme: 'Streams in the desert' prepared by Chrisitan women of Egypt.

Sunday March 9th Lent Lunch and Sunday March 23rd Lent Breakfast 9.30am

THREE DAYS in Holy Week, **Robert A. Gillies**

A devotional book for Lent by Robert Gillies, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.

Copies available before Lent at discount of £5, (normally £6.95)

please order from bishop@aberdeen.anglican.org

CS Lewis School of Prayer.

Wednesday March 12th 7.30 pm

March 19th 7.30 pm

March 26th 7.30 pm

'Letters to Malcolm' is CS Lewis's last book and is a very creative and honest look at different aspects of praying. Dr Sharon Jebb Smith will be leading us through the book during three evenings in Lent. You can order a copy of the book from Amazon or you can buy one of the 15 copies we have in the church office.



Friday Friends Coffee Morning

7th Feb 9.30am - 12.00noon,

in the Church, toys for tots.



2nd March 2014

Family Service

God's nature is to give and give

Lord God you have made us in your image; may we show forth your glory in our lives and lead others to an awareness of you, through Christ our Lord, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, reigns supreme for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

1. Theresa, Peter, Robert and James Marwick, Adrian, Jennifer and Abigail McBurnie and Elizabeth and Ailsa McAlpine.
2. Alpha Course follow up
3. Diocesan Synod on March 8th
4. Scottish Referendum debate

Prayer

If you would like prayer for yourself or anyone else, after the service you are very welcome to come to our Lady Chapel to the left of the Chancel where someone will pray with you.

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A prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

John 6:1-15, (NIV)**Jesus feeds the five thousand**

6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'

¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.' ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the miraculous signs that Jesus did, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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90% of world trade is carried by ships and 70% of our imports come by sea: fruit from the Caribbean, wine from South America; coal from South Africa; refined oils from European refineries; cars from eastern Europe and the Far East, container loads of household goods from China and clothes from Pakistan. These ships are crewed by men and women from eastern Europe, South and East Asia, Philippines and a host of less developed countries. The only time we come in contact with them is if we happen to meet a small uncertain group on Union Street or if we are fortunate enough to go on a cruise. But they are there - thousands of them, over the horizon where we don't see them. The conditions that most work in are nothing like those I and my contemporaries enjoyed in the European merchant fleets: low wages; nine or 12 month contracts with no guarantee of reemployment; small crews; crowded conditions onboard; terminals miles from the nearest town and in some countries they are not even allowed ashore - due to "security considerations".

That is why there are organisations like the Mission to Seafarers. The Mission is an Anglican based worldwide charity devoted to helping seafarers whenever and wherever they need it regardless of nationality, culture or faith. We care about the welfare of these foreign seafarers thousands of miles from home. The help we give varies widely: comforting the families of pirate hostages in south India; visiting crews of laid up ships off the Gulf Emirates via our unique floating Centre; operating over 100 Centres worldwide where crews can relax and get internet and phone access to contact their families back home; supporting chaplains and volunteers to provide help where it is needed. Here in Scotland our Chaplain Tim Tunley and his volunteers provide comfort on bereavements, have arranged hospital treatments, facilitate home contacts and often simply give the guys a run to the shops to avoid a two mile walk from the ship. Immediately after the Philippines typhoon last year we gave out phone cards so that Philippino seafarers could call their families. This year we will reopen the Seafarers Centre at Grangemouth where it is sorely needed and continue to establish Flying Angel support groups around the country.

The Vestry have kindly agreed to support the Mission to Seafarers as a Lent Appeal so we will be giving out collecting boxes for your small change over Lent as well as some gift aid envelopes if you wish to use them. We hope you can support the welfare of those men and women less affluent than ourselves, who keep our petrol stations, supermarket shelves, clothing stores and car showrooms stocked.

Thanks, Jim Middleton