

**Scottish Episcopal Church Community Fund  
annual gift day, last Sunday in June**

A few years back the Vestry decided that all loose cash in the collection plates on the last Sunday in June would be sent as our donation to the fund. If you would like to make a donation and you won't be here on 24 June, please put your cash donation in an envelope and label it Community Fund, and either put it in the plate or send it to the office.

**Aberdeen City Beach Clean, Torry Battery**

**Sunday June 16th 2.00–4.00pm** Please contact Ian or Julia House if you can take part or for more details.

**Fundraising Ceilidh Westhill, Saturday  
22nd June 2013.** For more info see Jill Kirkham.

**Sunday Club and Youth Church volunteers**

If you would consider being involved in either of these vital ministries after the summer please contact Paul as we are facing a shortage of helpers.

If you want to show your support for the improvement of conditions for textile workers in Bangladesh then please go to this website:  
<http://action.goingtowork.org.uk/page/speakout/tell-uk-clothes-retailers-to-back-bangladesh-safety-plan>

**I AM BREATHING:**

There will be a showing of an award-winning documentary I Am Breathing on 21 June in Rubislaw Church Centre, 1 Beaconsfield Place at 7.30pm. The film is the hard-hitting story of Neil Platt - a 33 year old British architect who developed Motor Neurone Disease shortly after the birth of his son. Paralysed from the neck down, with only months to live, he tells his story to help raise awareness of this devastating disease and dedicates the film to his one year old son, Oscar. To reserve a place, please phone Carol Mackillop on 01224 326228 or Alan Oswald on 01224 317244

**The Church Office**

will be staffed Tues & Thurs 9.40am-11.15am and 1.30pm-2.45pm. Messages left on the answer machine will be responded to asap. Any items for the notice sheet should be phoned or emailed to the office by 9.00am Thursday.

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**Welcome to church  
today!**

**16th June 2013**

This mornings service is  
**Morning Worship**

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!*

Lord God of love, as you come to us and give yourself for us and to us, make us aware of your coming and your generosity, that we may rejoice in your presence and give our love to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**St Devenick's**

A Scottish Episcopal Church and a member of the Evangelical Alliance

**Our aim: to know God and to make him known**

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**Team for 16th June. Pentecost 4.**

**Leading:** Stephen Goodyear

**Preaching:** June MacCormack

**Reading:** Mark Beecroft

**Readings:** Galatians 2: 15-21, page 1169 and  
Luke 7: 36 -8:3, page 1036

**Prayers:** Ann Bale

**Offering:** Jim Middleton and Simon Barnett

**Coffee:** Elizabeth Barnett and Elizabeth Phull.

**Prayer Ministry:** Rob Cooper and Julia House

**Sound:** Alan Stokes **Flowers:** Ann Bale

Anyone desiring personal prayer is invited into Sanctuary in the Lady Chapel following the service. A member of the prayer team will come and pray with you.

**THIS WEEK**

Thursday 10.30am Holy Communion.

Saturday 7.30-9.00pm The Mix

**Prayer Points**

Please pray for:

1. Harry and Suzanne Adams and Ian and Ruth Arthur and Stuart and Ann Bale.
2. the final mix on Saturday 22nd.
3. those involved in children's ministry as we met to plan for the next session.
4. Calum Harker as he is married to Nishma on June 30th.

**Team for 23rd June. Pentecost 5.**

**Leading:** Paul Watson

**Preaching:** Gerry Bowyer

**Prayers:** Cissy Dirr

**Reading:** Helen Goodyear

**Books:** Pat James and Maureen Dallard

**Offering:** Stuart Bale

**Coffee:**

**Sound:** Simon Barnett **Flowers:** Helen Gill

**Galatians 2:15-18 The Message (MSG)**

<sup>15-16</sup> We Jews know that we have no advantage of birth over "non-Jewish sinners." We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ. How do we know? We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good.

<sup>17-18</sup> Have some of you noticed that we are not yet perfect? (No great surprise, right?) And are you ready to make the accusation that since people like me, who go through Christ in order to get things right with God, aren't perfectly virtuous, Christ must therefore be an accessory to sin? The accusation is frivolous. If I was "trying to be good," I would be rebuilding the same old barn that I tore down. I would be acting as a charlatan.

**Luke 7:36-8:3, The Message (MSG)  
Anointing His Feet**

<sup>36-39</sup> One of the Pharisees asked him over for a meal. He went to the Pharisee's house and sat down at the dinner table. Just then a woman of the village, the town harlot, having learned that Jesus was a guest in the home of the Pharisee, came with a bottle of very expensive perfume and stood at his feet, weeping, raining tears on his feet. Letting down her hair, she dried his feet, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man was the prophet I thought he was, he would have known what kind of woman this is who is falling all over him."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Oh? Tell me."

<sup>41-42</sup> "Two men were in debt to a banker. One owed five hundred silver pieces, the other fifty. Neither of them could pay up, and so the banker canceled both debts. Which of the two would be more grateful?"

<sup>43-47</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one who was forgiven the most."

"That's right," said Jesus. Then turning to the woman, but speaking to Simon, he said, "Do you see this woman? I came to your home; you provided no water for my feet, but she rained tears on my feet and dried them with her hair. You gave me no greeting, but from the time I arrived she hasn't quit kissing my feet. You provided nothing for freshening up, but she has soothed my feet with perfume. Impressive, isn't it? She was forgiven many, many sins, and so she is very, very grateful. If the forgiveness is minimal, the gratitude is minimal."

<sup>48</sup> Then he spoke to her: "I forgive your sins."

<sup>49</sup> That set the dinner guests talking behind his back: "Who does he think he is, forgiving sins!"

<sup>50</sup> He ignored them and said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

<sup>8 1-3</sup> He continued according to plan, traveled to town after town, village after village, preaching God's kingdom, spreading the Message. The Twelve were with him. There were also some women in their company who had been healed of various evil afflictions and illnesses: Mary, the one called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out; Joanna, wife of Chuza, Herod's manager; and Susanna—along with many others who used their considerable means to provide for the company.

**Galatians 2:19-21 The Message (MSG)**

<sup>19-21</sup> What actually took place is this: I tried keeping rules and working my head off to please God, and it didn't work. So I quit being a "law man" so that I could be God's man. Christ's life showed me how, and enabled me to do it. I identified myself completely with him. Indeed, I have been crucified with Christ. My ego is no longer central. It is no longer important that I appear righteous before you or have your good opinion, and I am no longer driven to impress God. Christ lives in me. The life you see me living is not "mine," but it is lived by faith in the Son of God, who loved Christ died unnecessarily.