

Men's Breakfast

Old Mill Inn, Maryculter
8.30 for 8.45am

£7.00, to include cereal, tea/coffee
and cooked breakfast.

See Rob or Frank for details

Mothering Sunday Service

Next Sunday,
March 30th
at 10.30am



Rock Choir

Community Concert

Friday, March 28th
at 7.00pm in St Devenick's

Don't forget!

Clocks go forward
next weekend



CS Lewis School of Prayer

with Dr Sharon Jebb Smith
Wednesday, March 26th
at 7.30pm in the Rectory

'Letters to Malcolm' is CS Lewis's
last book and is a very creative and
honest look at different aspects of
praying. If possible, please read as
far as page 99 before you come this
Wednesday.

Northfield Community Band in Concert

Sunday, March 30th at 5.30pm
here in St Devenick's
Themes from the films,
classics, swing, jazz.
Tickets: £5 for adults
and £2.50 for children under 16.

Paul is away from Monday to Saturday this
week at conferences. Please contact June
or Stephen if you are in need of
pastoral assistance during this time.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2014

Church and Community Mobilisation Process

This is a way of working which uses Bible stories to
inspire communities to realise that God has already
made provision and has given them the skills they
need to live well, bringing about everlasting change.
It is a Bible-based project which aims to alleviate
poverty, increase self-reliance, build community
cohesion and increase awareness of the link
between lived faith and living.

Please take a leaflet at the back of church

ONE HOPE

The Aberdeen Passion
2014

18th and 19th April
Aberdeen Exhibition and
Conference Centre

Tickets £15
(£12 concessions)

From Aberdeen
Box Office

Paul says: 'I would really value some feedback from the congregation in order
to identify areas for further development and improvement in my ministry
among the congregation and in the community. To this end all members of the
congregation will receive a questionnaire which is to be filled in anonymously
and returned by Easter Sunday. Thanks very much.'

Welcome to St Devenick's!



March 23rd 2014
Holy Communion

Theme: God's love never ends

Prayer of the Week

Eternal God and Father, we thirst for your love,
we long for your presence, we yearn for your peace.
Come, Lord, restore us that we may live to your glory;
through him who gives us the water of life,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Points

Please pray for:

1. Wendy Ratcliffe; Chris and Mary Rigden; Jilly Mary Robinson
2. The Vestry meeting this Thursday
3. Young mums who come to the Wednesday Toddler group
4. Peace in the Crimea

Prayer Ministry

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

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!



Simply Worship

Tonight at 7.00pm

Informal worship, prayer and
reflection for about an hour.

Everyone is welcome

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Peace and hope

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?' ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'

¹¹'Sir,' the woman said, 'you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?' ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?'

¹³Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'

¹⁵The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.'

What you have just said is quite true.'

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¹⁶He told her, 'Go, call your husband and come back.'

¹⁷'I have no husband,' she replied.

Jesus said to her, 'You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. ¹⁹'Sir,' the woman said, 'I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.'

²¹'Woman,' Jesus replied, 'believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.'

²⁵The woman said, 'I know that Messiah' (called Christ) 'is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.'

²⁶Then Jesus declared, 'I, the one speaking to you – I am he.'

The disciples rejoin Jesus

²⁷Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, 'What do you want?' or 'Why are you talking with her?'

²⁸Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹'Come, see a man who told me everything I've ever done. Could this be the Messiah?' ³⁰They came out of the town and made their way towards him.

³¹Meanwhile his disciples urged him, 'Rabbi, eat something.'

³²But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you know nothing about.'

³³Then his disciples said to each other, 'Could someone have brought him food?'

³⁴'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷Thus the saying "One sows and another reaps" is true. ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.'

Many Samaritans believe

³⁹Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I've ever done.' ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹And because of his words many more became believers.

⁴²They said to the woman, 'We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.'