

Dates for your diary

Friday Friends Coffee Morning. Friday May 16th, 9.30—12.00. Drop into church for a cup of coffee and some homebaking, and the chance to relax and chat. Toys are available for young children and everybody is welcome.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th this year.

Overseas visitors. Kathleen Wahl from Namibia will be visiting on May 18th and speaking at our morning service. Debbie from Child Action Lanka will be here on Tuesday and Wednesday, 27th and 28th of May.

Prayers in the Rectory. We meet together at 8.45am for about 30 minutes to pray for our church and for the needs of those around us. Anyone is welcome to come along.

'Given Over' sermon series. These five upcoming sermons are based on talks that Paul gave during Holy Week at Inverurie:

May 11th	<i>Given over to the Jews</i>
May 18th	<i>Given over to the Romans</i>
May 25th	<i>Given over to the disciples</i>
June 15th	<i>Given over to God</i>
June 22nd	<i>Given over for us</i>

Young people and children

Sunday Club (3-10yrs) and **Youth Church** (11+ yrs) meet during the 10.30 service.

There is a **crèche** available in the church hall during the service and you are welcome to leave your 0-2 year old in good hands while you enjoy the service.

Mix and Junior Mix. These clubs run on Saturday evenings in term time. Junior Mix (6.00-7.30pm) is for ages 8-10 years and the Mix (7.30-9.00pm) is for 10+ years. The dates for the rest of this term are:

- 10th May Mix
- 24th May Junior Mix and Mix
- 14th June Junior Mix and Mix
end-of-term party

There are large print hymn books and service sheets available

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Welcome

to St Devenick's Church

...especially if you are a visitor or newcomer! Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10.30am service and we look forward to meeting you then.



Our aim:

To know God and to make him known

Sunday May 4th 2014

Family Service

Jesus, the Light of the World

We welcome Christine Ferrera from the Torch Trust for the Blind, who will be speaking to us this morning

Prayer of the Week

Abide with us Lord, throughout this day. Abide with us in our journeying, and in our homes. Abide with us in our seeking and in our longings. Abide with us now and to eternity, Jesus, risen Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory for ever. Amen.

Prayer Ministry

If you would like prayer for yourself or for anyone else, you are very welcome to come to the Lady Chapel (the door is behind the pulpit at the side of the chancel) after the service, where someone will pray with you.

Oasis

Thomas, the seeker of truth: the search for truth as part of a community of faith. John 20: 24-31.
This evening, 6.00-7.00pm.

Message for the week:

Our personal experience of life is an important source of wisdom and insight as we reflect on our encounters with God and people in our journey. But wider issues and influences also play an important rôle in revealing truth to us so that our understanding of the nature of things is not just based on our experience, important as it is. For Christians the Bible and the reflections of the church universal are vital and even authoritative sources which at times will challenge and even subvert our own perspective. Each one of us is responsible for how we relate our story to the biblical story, finding our place within it but also allowing it to challenge us and call us to account. None of us is the main actor in our own story.

News

Torch Trust for the Blind. Today we welcome Mrs Christine Ferrera of Torch Trust for the Blind. Information is available on ways that we can support this very important service to the visually impaired, including ways to volunteer. Please take this as you are leaving church today.

Peterculter School. We remember the whole community as they deal with the shock and grief of losing their headteacher, Susan Crossan, in sudden and tragic circumstances this week.

Exams. A prayer sheet is available as you leave with the exam times of our Youth Church members. Please take one so that you can pray for them at specific times during the coming weeks.

Friday Friends Coffee Morning. In May and June we will host a coffee morning on the **third** Friday of each month along with our usual one on the **first** Friday. All are from 9.30am – 12 noon, toys are available for young children and everybody is welcome.

Cascade Conversation. Paul appreciates your prayers for this event last week which brought together people from a wide variety of backgrounds in the Scottish Episcopal Church to discuss same-sex relationships and whether these should have the church's blessing. This was part of an ongoing process, but was a good opportunity for people to meet others with very different views and experiences and genuinely try to listen and understand one another. It was not a decision making event but an attempt to build deeper understanding as we try to find a way forward as a church.

Christian Aid Week. May 11th - May 17th. Please see Pat Skidmore if you are interested in helping. 868660 or patricia_skidmore@hotmail.com

Thanks from Paul. Almost £1,500 has been raised for Simeon House through sponsorship for the Balmoral 10K. It was great weather and he was very pleased with his time!

Donna writes:

What you might not see....As you head to the hall for tea and coffee after service, try and picture that same space filled with 30 kids aged 8-11. That's what was happening in there last Saturday night, beautiful chaos with the Junior Mix & Mix. We had a great time playing various games together and then a great discussion on Easter, why we celebrate it and what the story means for us today. During service last Sunday, 7 of our youth (and one ex-youth) met in the rectory for a pancake breakfast, exam-focused prayer time and a discussion about 'hope'. It was then the church's turn to be filled with beautiful chaos in the afternoon with 25 kids and parents at Messy Church. Focusing on creation and the wonderful world God has made, we explored that theme through singing, and various fun crafts throughout the afternoon. That's 63 children and young people, aged 1-18, involved in our church over the weekend!

"And so we grew up, knowing only a God who enjoyed our presence as we skipped, ran and played through this building which was built for His glory." Corrie Ten Boom.

Please take this notice sheet home as a reminder and for prayer.

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Mark and Heulwen Beecroft, David and Peter; Evelyn Birse; Gerry and Jo Bowyer
 2. Kathleen Simpson on her return from hospital
 3. Brenda Kay, recovering from surgery
 4. Our young people sitting their exams
 5. Those who have lost their sight
 6. The community of Peterculter School following the sudden death of the headteacher, Susan Crossan, this week
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Next Sunday

Leading	Ian Arthur
Preaching	Paul Watson
Intercessions	Ian Arthur
Reading	Simon Barnett
Readings	John 9:1-12, 35-41
Welcome	Pat James
Offering	Stuart Bale Martin Mallet
Coffee	Anne Scragg Cynthia Middleton
Prayer Ministry	Anne Tree Sheila Kelly
Sound	Alan Stokes
Flowers	Barbara Norris

Monthly pattern of services at St Devenick's

1 st Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Family Service
2 nd Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Messy Church
4 th Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
5 th Sunday	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship

Each Thursday at 10.30am:
Each Friday at 8.45am:

Holy Communion
Prayers in the Rectory

Housegroups meet during the week on various days. Being in a housegroup is a good way to enjoy getting to know others in the church, and to have an opportunity to study the Bible and learn together. They are open to everybody. If you are interested in joining a housegroup, please see Cissy Dirr or Paul.

The Church Office (01224 863574) will be staffed on Tuesday and Thursday, late morning to mid afternoon. Email is checked daily. Messages left on the answer machine will be responded to as soon as possible. Items for the notice sheet should be phoned or emailed (**office@stdevenicks.org**) to the office by 9.00am on Thursday.
