
Dates for your diary

Friday Friends Coffee Morning. Friday September 5th, 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.

Banchory Men's Conference. Saturday September 6th 8.30am - 1.30pm. *'Man for our times'* Guest Speaker: John Stevens. If you would like more details, please speak to Heulwen.

Wednesday 10 Sept, 7.30pm in the Rectory. a visit from Margaret Saunderson, a missionary with Latin Link in Lima, Peru. She works in evangelism and discipleship in some of the poorest areas of Lima, which has led to the planting of several churches and the setting up of the Zoe Association to help aspects of social need and which has proved a blessing to many. **2014 Diocesan Autumn Conference** at St Mary's Church Centre, Inverurie on Saturday 13th September. **Prayers in the Rectory.** We meet together at 8.45am every Friday (in term time) for about 30 minutes to pray for our church and for the needs of those around us. Anyone is welcome to come along.

Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars we hung our harps, for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion!'

How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill. May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed;

the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm and has scattered the proud in their conceit, **casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, to remember his promise of mercy,

the promise made to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Our series of sermons on Paul's letter to the Colossians continues today. Sermon notes and Autumn Programme cards are available at the back of church as you leave.

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

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 August 31st Morning Worship

Theme: a Spirit-filled life

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, you call your witnesses from every nation and reveal your glory in their lives: make us thankful for the example of your saints and martyrs and strengthen us that we, like them, may be faithful in the service of your kingdom. Grant that in the face of all hatred and fear your people may be ready to live or die constant in love for friend and foe alike; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Readings for the day:

Matthew 16: 21-28; Colossians 1: 9-14.

These can be found on the separate readings sheet.

Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, we ask for your mercy and your help. Our selfishness betrays you:

Lord forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We fail to share the pain of your suffering:

Lord forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We run away from those who abuse you:

Lord forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

We are afraid of being known to belong to you:

Lord forgive us. **Christ have mercy.**

Thought for the Week:

*To worship is to quicken the conscience
by the holiness of God, to feed the mind
with the truth of God, to purge the imagination
by the beauty of God, to open the heart
to the love of God and to devote the will
to the purpose of God.*

Archbishop William Temple

News

Cindy and Chan in Malaysia would like to share good news with their St Devenick's family. On July 20th they welcomed a third son into their family when Joshua was born; a playmate for John and Joe. More fun, noise and happy days!

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Sermons. Sunday morning's sermon is usually available on the church website within a day or two. If you have missed the service and would like to catch up, just click on the link at the bottom of the homepage.

Sunday Club and Youth Church. Give God thanks that last Sunday we had 25 children under the age of 18, almost a third of our total numbers last week! Sunday Club are in need of one adult volunteer each Sunday to help support the teachers. Could you help 4 or 5 times a year? Please speak to Paul if you feel this could be for you.

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 0-3 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.

Oasis. The Oasis evening scheduled for September 7th has been postponed until September 14th.

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Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Alexander Symon, Fiona Symons, John and Kalpa Tan, Maya, Anya & Chiara.
2. Bex Collins, as she launches a new Christian group at Westhill Academy this week, called Soul.
3. those from the church starting the Growing course on September 6th.
4. the Barnabas Fund as it supports persecuted Christians.
5. Christians in Iraq.

Next Sunday 7th September: Family Service

Leading:	Donna Kriel
Preaching:	Paul Watson
Intercessions:	
Reading:	
Readings:	
Welcome:	Mary Hadfield
Offering:	Iain House Martin Mallett
Coffee:	Mary McLauchlan Jim McLauchlan
Sound:	Martin Kirkham
Flowers:	Joan Noble

Monthly pattern of services at St Devenick's

Sunday	Time	Services	Sunday Club and Youth Church
1 st	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Family Service	(everybody in church together)
2 nd	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Come into church at Holy Communion time
3 rd	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Messy Church	YC in church throughout; SC in for beginning
4 th	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	YC and SC in own groups throughout
5 th	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Morning Worship	YC and SC in own groups throughout

Each Thursday at 10.30am: Holy Communion

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 each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.30am until 2.30pm. 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.