
Dates for your diary



MESSY CHURCH

TODAY

3.30—5 PM

Future Messy Church dates are; 18 January, 22 February, 22 March, 26 April and 17 May

Singers for Carol Service 21st December

There will be a practice at 9.30am on the morning of this year's Carol Service for all those interested in participating in leading the singing that day. We will run through the carols to be sung, and if you would like to sing a part, this will be your opportunity to try it out! Having some friendly faces singing at the front of church will encourage everyone to join in. Wear dark lower half and bright upper half. Anyone is welcome. Please speak to Helen if you plan to come along.

20th Anniversary on Wednesday 17th

December at 6 pm in St. Andrew's Cathedral a service will be held to mark the 20th Anniversary of the First Ordination of women to the Priesthood held in the Scottish Episcopal Church, which was held in our Diocese. All are welcome to attend to support those very first women who made history being ordained on this date in 1994. Our guest preacher is to be Bishop Bruce Cameron. The Seabury Mass will be sung for the 2nd time by the Cathedral Choir.

It is also an opportunity to give thanks and say our goodbyes to the Provost who is leaving for his new position on the following day.

Refreshments will be served after the Service

Thought for the Week

*The one thing we can't bear for Jesus to be is **ordinary**, for his ordinariness invites us to follow him by providing us with a template of how to be Godlike even as an ordinary human being. The reality of the Son of God, true God, entering our humanity is astounding, humbling and mysterious. Michael Frost and Dan Russ*

Invitations to the Christmas events are available at the back of the church to give to friends and neighbours.

Welcome

 to St Devenick's
Church and coffee in the hall afterwards

Our aim:

To know God and to make him known

Sunday December 14th Holy Communion

Leading: Julia House
Preaching: Paul Watson
Intercessions: Steve Holehouse
Reader: Jill Kirkham
Readings: Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Prayer of the Week

Come, Holy Spirit of God, come upon us, that you may send us out in your power. Fill us with your grace and goodness, that we may be able to bring the Good News to the oppressed, to comfort the brokenhearted and to bring liberty and freedom to your people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christmas at St. Devenick's



Carol Service; Sunday

21st December at 10.30am and there will be a Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto in the Church Hall afterwards at approximately 11.30 . All welcome.

Sunday 21st at 7 pm.—short service for the bereaved.

Christingle Service; Monday 22nd December at 4 pm

Watchnight Service; Christmas Eve at 11.15 pm

Christmas Day; Family Service 10.30am
Holy Communion 11.15 am

You are most welcome to join us!

NEWS

The Lady Chapel will be open before the 10.30 service every Sunday from 10.00 to 10.20 for anyone to pray. Please feel free to walk through the church to the door in the chancel on the left behind the pulpit.

Donations for Cyrenians "Christmas and Beyond Appeal"

Please place donations in an envelope in the offering plate or give it to one of the wardens no later than today, marked Cyrenians, with cheques made payable to Aberdeen Cyrenians

AGM - Jim Middleton and Wendy Ratcliffe are the two new vestry members and Helen Goodyear the new people's warden. The election of the lay representative will take place after the service on the 19th of January.

Christmas appeal - 26 shoeboxes were donated to the Christmas children's appeal by St Devenick's. A big thank you to all who made up a box.

Young people and children

Sunday Club (3-10yrs) and Youth Church

(11yrs+) meet during the 10.30 service. After this Sunday (14th) they will not meet again until 11 January.

There is a **crèche** available in the church hall during the Sunday morning service and you are welcome to leave your 0-3 year old in good hands while you enjoy the service. **Carol Service** - Children are welcome at the Carol Service on 21 December but the option is available for them to go to the hall if they prefer.

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Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Myles and Emma Mackintosh, Finlay, Ruari & Campbell; Ian Main; Martin Mallett.
2. The family of Raymond Gauld whose funeral is being held in St Devenick's on Monday.
3. The church youth as they prepare for the Christmas Fayre.
4. Rev Ken Gordon and the people of St Clements, Mastrick.
5. The work of the Cyrenians and Bethany Trust and those who are homeless in Aberdeen.

Next Sunday 21st December Carol Service

Leading: Mark Beecroft
Preaching: Paul Watson
Intercessions: June MacCormack
Welcome: Mary Rigden
Offering: Simon Barnett
John Tan
Sound: Bex Collins
Coffee: Elizabeth Barnett
Elizabeth McAlpine

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 Mussy 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**

The Church Office (01224 863574) will be staffed each week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11.00am until 2.00pm. Email is checked daily. Messages left on the answering machine will be responded to as soon as possible. Items for the notice sheet should be phoned or emailed to the office (**office@stdevenicks.org**) by 9.00am on Thursday.

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