



## Equipping Christians for the General Election



"engaGE15 " ..... is CARE's

campaign to help the Scottish Church interact with the upcoming General Election.

Go to <http://www.engage15.org.uk/> for a new interactive web-site created to encourage Christians to be more informed and to engage positively in public life.

What does the Bible say about voting ?

Information on human trafficking, abortion, religious liberty, marriage and much more, with suggested questions for candidates !

## Dates for your diary

Everyone is welcome to the **Election HUSTINGS Debate**

at Peterculter Parish Church

**27th April at 7.30 pm**

Submit questions in advance to

[minister@culterkirk.co.uk](mailto:minister@culterkirk.co.uk) or tel 01224 735845



'Women Together' will meet on **Friday 8th**

**May at 10.30am**, at the rectory. An evening

event is planned for **Friday 22nd May**. Any

queries or to be on the mailing list, please

contact Ina at [inaawatson@gmail.com](mailto:inaawatson@gmail.com).

### The Dead Sea Scrolls



A short course exploring the history, background and meaning of the scrolls. On **30th April & 7th May** at 7.30pm, at Peterculter Parish

### **Friday Friends Coffee Morning.**

**Friday May 1st 9.30am** in the church.

Drop into church for a cup of coffee and some homebakes, and the chance to relax and chat. Toys are available for young children and everybody is welcome.

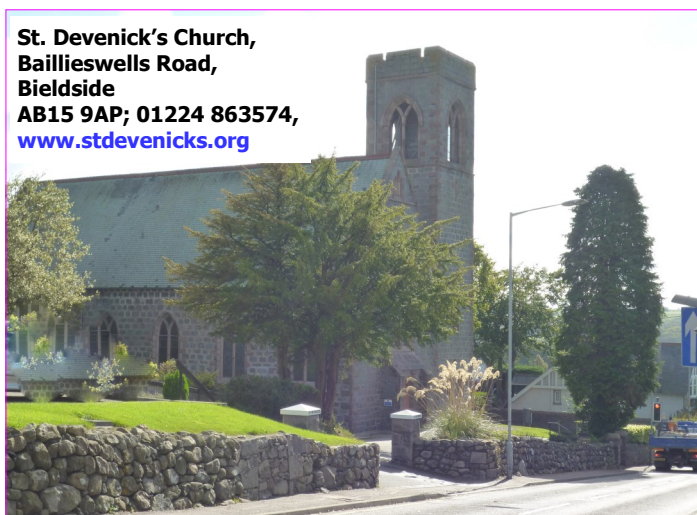
**First Friday of each month.**



**SAVE THE DATE !**

Church Picnic planned for **Sunday 31st MAY**

**St. Devenick's Church,**  
**Baillieswells Road,**  
**Bielside**  
**AB15 9AP; 01224 863574,**  
[www.stdevenicks.org](http://www.stdevenicks.org)



# Welcome to St Devenick's Church

.....especially if you are a visitor or a 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 April 26th

Holy Communion

**Theme:** Blessed are those who mourn

**Leading** Julia House  
**Preaching** Paul Watson  
**Intercessions:** Ruth Arthur  
**Reader** Heulwen Beecroft  
**Readings:** Isaiah 61: 1-7 2 Corinthians 12: 19-21, Luke 18: 9-14

### Prayer of the Week

O god of Peace, whose son, our Lord Jesus Christ, was brought back from the dead to be the great Shepherd, grant that we may be led by him out of darkness and death into the fullness of life eternal; through the same Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, in all eternity.  
**Amen.**

**MESSY CHURCH TODAY**  
in the CHURCH 3.30 –5.00 pm



### Young people and children

**Youth Pastor: Donna Kriel;** Mobile: 07825 778840

Email: [st.devsyouth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:st.devsyouth@hotmail.co.uk)

**Sunday Club** (3-10yrs) and **Youth Church** (11yrs+) 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 and the Mix (7.30-9.00pm) is for 10+ years.

### Thought for the week

You're blessed when you feel you have lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you .

Matthew 5:4 (The Message)

## NEWS

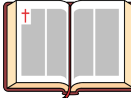
### Kathleen and Udo Wahl

Sadly Kathleen and Udo are not able to pay us a visit this year. Kathleen's mother (Margaret) is not very mobile and is due to have a hip replacement shortly, so they will be staying near her in Nottingham until their return to Namibia at the end of the month. They would love to have come and hope that it will be possible next year. They send their greetings to everyone and ask us to continue to remember them in prayer, especially concerning the sale or rental of Imkerhof.



### Bye Buy Childhood 2015

Mothers' Union's latest findings on the commercialisation of childhood. Children should be valued as children and not as consumers! Find out more by reading the **2015 Report and Engagement** packs at [www.byebuychildhood.org/resources](http://www.byebuychildhood.org/resources)

**Bibles:** There will now be 2 or 3 bibles in each row of chairs on Sundays, to replace those on the table as you enter.  The readings will still be on a sheet of paper, but if desired, people will also be able to locate the passage context and refer to other passages during the sermon. Getting the most out of the bible readings and sermon is an important part of the Sunday Service and hopefully this arrangement will help. At the end of the service if you are helping to stack chairs please remove the bible and just lay it on top of a chair. They will be put away later. Thankyou.



**Volunteers needed** to help deliver and collect envelopes during Christian Aid Week. (10th -16th May)  
Please speak to Pat Skidmore (01224 868660)

**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.

**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. <http://stdevenicks.org/>

Please note that St. Devenick's EMAIL address is [office@stdevenicks.org](mailto:office@stdevenicks.org)  
([office@stdevenicks.org.uk](mailto:office@stdevenicks.org.uk) is out of use )

**There are large print hymn books and service sheets available.**

## Prayer points:

### Please pray :-

1. For Bex Collins, Gordon and Frances Cook, Margaret Cook, Anne and Rob Cooper.
2. For wisdom and God's guidance as we consider who to vote for in the Election.
3. That the issues raised during this election campaign are those that are on God's heart.
4. That hustings events will be well attended and that candidates will be impacted by the views of local Christians.
5. For all refugees fleeing conflict.

## Next Sunday - 3rd May

### Family Worship

Leading: June MacCormack  
Preaching: Jill Kirkham  
Welcome: Chris Rigden & Steve Holehouse  
Offering: Rob Cooper and Ina Watson  
Prayer ministry: Bex Collins  
Sound: Ann Scragg & Cynthia Middleton  
Coffee: Joan Noble  
Flowers: Meryrick Hadfield & Val Holehouse  
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## Monthly pattern of services at St. Devenick's

Sunday	Time	Services	Sunday Club and Youth Church
1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Family Service	(everybody in church together)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Come into church at Holy Communion time
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am 10.30am 3.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Worship Messy Church	Youth start in church then to YC; SC in for beginning
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	YC and SC in own groups throughout
5 <sup>th</sup>	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)** is staffed each week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00am until 12.00pm. 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 by 9.00am on Thursday. ([office@stdevenicks.org](mailto:office@stdevenicks.org)), subject - *Notice sheet* .

### Rector: Rev Paul R Watson

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Day off: Saturday

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