
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 October 4th

Harvest Thanksgiving

Leading

June MacCormack

Preaching

Rob Cooper

Reading

Mark 4: 26-32

**Our offering this morning will be
donated to**



Send a Cow

This week's notice sheet is in a different, trial format to see if it is feasible to have a notice sheet combined with the Bible readings, instead of on separate sheets of paper. The reading today happens to be very short and there is only one, so there is quite a lot of blank space. Usually there are three readings of various lengths. Any blank space could be used for your own notes. If you have any helpful feedback, please send it to helenmgoodyear@aol.com . Thanks.

Thought for the Week:

*God has a bias towards the poor.
Because he loves everyone equally
he wants the poor to share equally
in the good world he has provided
for us.*

Prayer of the Week

Lord our God, on the way of goodness, if we stumble lift us up; on the way of holiness, if we stray bring us back; on the way of kindness, if we toughen soften our hearts; that we may draw others to you and your saving power, by our words and our example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God for ever and ever. Amen.

News

THANK YOU! to everyone who helped to make the church look so beautiful for our Harvest Thanksgiving service this morning.

Harvest Lunch. Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch after the service today. Donations will be for Send a Cow and their work in Africa. Produce from the decoration of the church will be 'sold' in return for a donation.

Oasis. A quiet and reflective hour this evening, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. The theme is 'Discerning God's activity' and everyone is invited.



Messy Church.

The next Messy Church is on Sunday, October 25th, 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Parenting Course. We are planning to run a parenting course for parents of primary age children in the second half of this term (late October to early December). It will take place on Monday mornings and we will be providing a crèche. If you would like to help with staffing the crèche and have PVG disclosure, please speak to Helen Goodyear or Paul.

Prayer for the City. A prayer meeting on October 16th, 7.30-9.00pm at Destiny Church Woodside.

Women Together. We next meet together on Friday October 16th, 10.30am—12 noon in the rectory. All women of any age are welcome. Please pick up a leaflet for more details.

Men's Hillwalk. Saturday, October 24th, leaving St Devenick's at 9.00am and returning 1.00pm. Contact Paul if you are interested in coming.

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. Everybody is welcome.

Creche and Flower teams. The numbers on these teams are diminishing. Can you help? Please contact Liz Barnett (crèche) or Midge Harbottle (flowers).

Friday Friends Coffee Morning. First Friday of each month. 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. **The next Friday Friends is on November 6th.**

Sermons. Sunday morning's sermon is available on the church website. Just click on the link at the bottom of the homepage. www.stdevenicks.org

Housegroups. If you are interested in joining a housegroup, please speak to Paul.

There are large print hymn books and service sheets available

About Us

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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 termtime.

Junior Mix (6.00-7.30pm) is for ages 8-10 and

The Mix (7.30-9.00pm) is for 10+ years.

The Prayer Network is a group of St Devenick's folk committed to pray confidentially for people and issues as required. If a prayer need arises, let us know by what ever means is convenient and we will then pass on the request, in a brief message, to the team.

Key contacts:

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Prayer points:

Please pray for:-

1. Alex Symon; John, Kalpa, Maya, Anya and Chiara Tan; John , Laura and James Tickell.
2. Anne Tree and Ann Bale, both in ill health just now.
3. Susan Furth to make a full recovery.
4. the work of Send a Cow.

Next Sunday - 11th October Holy Communion (Praying Well)

Leading: Ian Arthur

Preaching: Paul Watson

Reader: Pat James

Intercessions: Julia House

Welcome: Midge Harbottle

Offering: Frank Dirr

Simon Barnett

Prayer min: Cissy Dirr

Kathleen Simpson

Sound: Simon Barnett

Coffee: Mary Rigden

Elizabeth Phull

Flowers: TBA

Creche: Heulwen Beecroft

Kalpa Tan

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

The Church Office is staffed on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Emails and phone messages received in the office will be checked regularly and 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 (subject: Notice sheet).

Mark 4: 26-32

Notes

The parable of the growing seed

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
