

## Dates for your diary

### David and Goliath

A short and fun service for all primary age children this afternoon at 4pm in church. Please pick up a flyer from the back of church if you would like more information.

### Oasis

A quiet and reflective hour next Sunday, October 4th, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. The theme is 'Discerning God's activity' and everyone is invited.



### 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 this coming Friday, October 2nd.**

### Harvest Lunch

Everyone is welcome to stay for lunch after the Harvest service next Sunday on October 4th. Donations to Send a Cow and their work in Africa. Produce from the decoration of the church will be 'sold' in return for a donation. **Please speak to Helen if you can contribute soup, cheese or bread for the lunch.**



### Messy Church

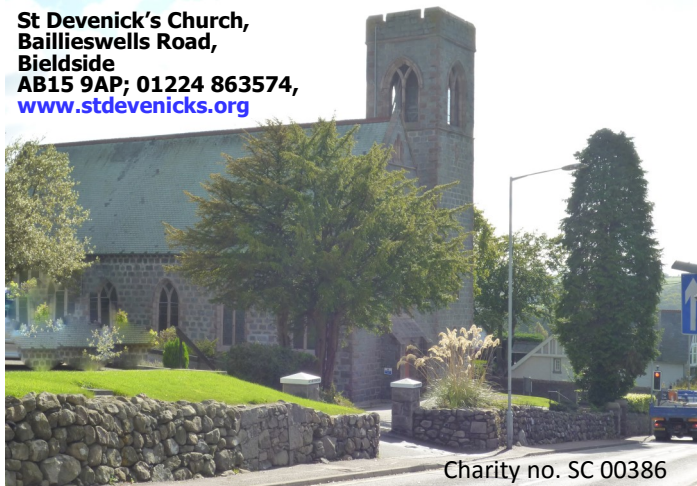
The next Messy Church is on Sunday, October 25th, 3.30pm to 5.00pm

### Women Together

We are meeting this Friday, October 2nd, over coffee in the church, joining in with the coffee morning. All women of any age are welcome.

**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.

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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 September 27th

Holy Communion, Confirmation  
and Licensing

### 'Believing Well'

#### Leading

Stephen Goodyear

#### Preaching

The Right Revd Bob Gillies  
Bishop of the Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

#### Readings

Isaiah 58: 1-9

Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

### 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.

## A special welcome to Bishop Bob

Welcome too to Bex Collins, who is being confirmed today, and to her family and friends who have joined us to be part of this very special service.

## All are welcome!

### Thought for the Week:

'Where the Spirit is there is always summer, there are always good fruits, that is to say, good works. The Spirit warms us by drawing us to love God and to overflow with love for others.'

*William Tyndale*

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# News

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## Decorating the church for Harvest

If you can help with making the church look beautiful for Harvest this year, please come along next Saturday, October 3rd at 10.30am. Please bring Autumn coloured flowers, vegetables, fruits, branches hung with fruit, pots of jam and chutneys, plaited bread and cottage loaves, dried wheat shafts and old used gardening tools. (Produce to be sold for "Send a Cow" at the Harvest Lunch) Displays will be created to be small and simple and relate to the wonderful harvest.

Everybody is welcome to bring harvest gifts to the service next Sunday, October 4th too.

## 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.

**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:

Paul Watson ([paulrobertwatson@gmail.com](mailto:paulrobertwatson@gmail.com))  
June MacCormack ([june@maccormack.co.uk](mailto:june@maccormack.co.uk))  
Rob Cooper ([robert.cooper0@talk21.ccom](mailto:robert.cooper0@talk21.ccom))

## Creche and Flower teams

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

## Rota Duties

You can check to see when you are on a rota on the St. Devenick's website.

Go to <http://stdevenicks.org> and find 'rotas' at the bottom of the drop-down 'Church Life' menu. If you would like to be reminded of the password, please speak to Valerie or Helen.

## Church Notice Sheet

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over the preparation of the Church Notice Sheet. Please speak to Paul or Helen if you are interested.

**Sermons.** Sunday morning's sermon is available on the church website. Just click on the link at the bottom of the homepage. <http://stdevenicks.org/>

## Young people and children

### Youth Pastor: Donna Kriel

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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.

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

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### Prayer points:

Please pray for:-

1. George and Sharon Smith, Christel Stripe and Gaye Svensen.
2. The pastoral visiting and preaching teams, licensed today.
3. Bex Collins, as she embarks today on the next chapter of her walk with God.
4. The 'David and Goliath' service for children this afternoon.
5. Marjorie Roadnight's father, in Woodend

### Next Sunday -20th September Family service—HARVEST

Leading: June MacCormack  
Preaching: Rob Cooper  
Reader: TBA  
Intercessions: TBA  
Welcome: Mary Hadfield  
Offering: Jim Middleton and Jannie Kriel  
Prayer ministry: Rob Cooper & Elisabeth Lonsdale  
Sound: Iain House  
Coffee: Ann Scragg and Cynthia Middleton  
Flowers: Everyone (see notice)  
Creche: Wendy Ratcliffe and Anne Cooper

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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	Holy Communion	(everybody in church together)
	10.30am	Family Service	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Come into church at Holy Communion time
	10.30am	Holy Communion	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion	Youth start in church then to YC; SC in for beginning
	10.30am	Morning Worship	
Next Messy Church on Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>			
4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion	YC and SC in own groups throughout
	10.30am	Holy Communion	
5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Holy Communion	YC and SC in own groups throughout
	10.30am	Morning Worship	

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#### The Church Office will not be regularly staffed until the week beginning October 4th.

However, emails and phone messages received in the office will be checked twice a week, 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). For any matter requiring immediate attention, please contact Paul Watson or Helen Goodyear. Thankyou.

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#### Rector: Rev Paul R Watson

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Day off: Saturday

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

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## Isaiah 58: 1-9

'Shout it aloud, do not hold back.  
Raise your voice like a trumpet.  
Declare to my people their rebellion  
and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.  
<sup>2</sup> For day after day they seek me out;  
they seem eager to know my ways,  
as if they were a nation that does what is right  
and has not forsaken the commands of its God.  
They ask me for just decisions  
and seem eager for God to come near them.  
<sup>3</sup> "Why have we fasted," they say,  
"and you have not seen it?  
Why have we humbled ourselves,  
and you have not noticed?"  
"Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please  
and exploit all your workers.  
<sup>4</sup> Your fasting ends in quarrelling and strife,  
and in striking each other with wicked fists.  
You cannot fast as you do today  
and expect your voice to be heard on high.  
<sup>5</sup> Is this the kind of fast I have chosen,  
only a day for people to humble themselves?  
Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed  
and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?  
Is that what you call a fast,  
a day acceptable to the LORD?  
<sup>6</sup> Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:  
to loose the chains of injustice  
and untie the cords of the yoke,  
to set the oppressed free  
and break every yoke?  
<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your food with the hungry  
and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter –  
when you see the naked, to clothe them,  
and not to turn away from your own flesh  
and blood?  
<sup>8</sup> Then your light will break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing will quickly appear;  
then your righteousness will go before you,  
and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.  
<sup>9</sup> Then you will call, and the LORD will answer;  
you will cry for help, and he will say: here am I.

*This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

**6** 'Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### **Prayer**

<sup>5</sup> And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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### **Fasting**

<sup>16</sup> When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.*

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**