

## 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.

**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 one of us know and we will then pass on the request, in a brief message, to the team.

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## St Devenick's Church

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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.

## 13th December 2015

Holy Communion

**3rd Sunday in Advent**



**Leading:** Stephen Goodyear

**Preaching:** Paul Watson

**Reading:** *Jim Middleton*

**Intercessions:** *Ruth Arthur*

### **Thought for the week:**

I would make them virtuous and happy, easy in themselves and useful to others. Whither would I lead them? To heaven; to God the Judge, the lover of all, and to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant. What religion do I preach? The religion of love; the law of kindness brought to light by the Gospel. What is this good for? To make all who receive it enjoy God and themselves: to make them like God; lovers of all; contented in their lives; and crying out at their death, in calm assurance, 'O grave, where is thy victory!' Thanks be unto God, who giveth me the victory, through my Lord Jesus Christ.

*John Wesley*

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## Prayer of the Week

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*Good and gracious God, grant us a glimpse of your glory, that we may rejoice in your presence and abide in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

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## News

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### AGM ELECTION RESULTS

Vestry members: Ruth Arthur  
Jannie Kriel  
Lay representative: Julia House  
Alternate lay rep: John MacCormack  
People's Warden: Helen Goodyear


**FIONA MASTERTON** The funeral of Fiona Masterton will take place here in St Devenick's tomorrow, Monday 14th December, at 1.45pm.

**HOUSEGROUPS CHRISTMAS PARTY** This will take place this Wednesday, 16th December at 7.00pm in church. There will be a 'bring-and-share' finger buffet and the evening will end with Communion.



**A SINCERE 'THANK YOU'** from Ken Gordon and the family, who would like to thank all those who contributed to and helped so efficiently and kindly with the refreshments after Monday's funeral service. £408.50 was donated at the service for the work of Compassion UK, a Christian charity that makes it possible for needy children in under-developed parts of the world to receive education and spiritual nurture.

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 **CHRISTMAS SERVICE INVITATIONS** Please take enough for your street as you leave this morning and put them through your neighbours' doors in the next few days.

**POP-UP CHRISTMAS CHOIR** Our rehearsal will be this coming Tuesday, December 15th at 7.30pm in church, and we will also meet at 9.45 on the morning of the Carol Service.



**ROTAS** You can find the rotas for all the various tasks in the life of the church on the website. Click on 'Services,' select 'Rotas' from the dropdown menu and use the password when prompted. If you would like to be reminded of the password, please speak to Valerie.

**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](http://www.stdevenicks.org)

**HOUSEGROUPS** There are several housegroups in St Devenick's that meet at various times of the day and week. If you would like to join one please speak to Paul.



**MESSY CHRISTMAS** is this afternoon, 3.30—5.00pm.

**FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING** First Friday of each month. 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.

**CRÈCHE AND FLOWER TEAMS** The numbers on these teams are diminishing. Please contact Liz Barnett (crèche) or Midge Harbottle (flowers) if you would like to be involved.

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## Zephaniah 3: 14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing, Daughter Zion; shout aloud, Israel!  
Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,  
Daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away your  
punishment,

he has turned back your enemy.

The LORD, the King of Israel, is with you;  
never again will you fear any harm.

<sup>16</sup> On that day they will say to Jerusalem,  
'Do not fear, Zion;

do not let your hands hang limp.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is with you,  
the Mighty Warrior who saves.

He will take great delight in you;

in his love he will no longer rebuke you,  
but will rejoice over you with singing.'

<sup>18</sup> 'I will remove from you all who mourn  
over the loss of your appointed festivals,  
which is a burden and reproach for you.

<sup>19</sup> At that time I will deal

with all who oppressed you.

I will rescue the lame;

I will gather the exiles.

I will give them praise and honour in every  
land where they have suffered shame.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will gather you;

at that time I will bring you home.

I will give you honour and praise

among all the peoples of the earth

when I restore your fortunes

before your very eyes,' says the LORD.

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

## Philippians 4: 4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it  
again: rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be  
evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be  
anxious about anything, but in every  
situation, by prayer and petition, with  
thanksgiving, present your requests to  
God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which

transcends all understanding, will guard  
your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

## Luke 3: 7-18

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds coming out to be  
baptised by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who  
warned you to flee from the coming  
wrath?' <sup>8</sup> Produce fruit in keeping with  
repentance. And do not begin to say to  
yourselves, "We have Abraham as our  
father." For I tell you that out of these  
stones God can raise up children for  
Abraham. <sup>9</sup> The axe has been laid to the  
root of the trees, and every tree that does  
not produce good fruit will be cut down  
and thrown into the fire.'

<sup>10</sup> 'What should we do then?' the crowd  
asked.

<sup>11</sup> John answered, 'Anyone who has two  
shirts should share with the one who has  
none, and anyone who has food should do  
the same.'

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptised.  
'Teacher,' they asked, 'what should we do?'

<sup>13</sup> 'Don't collect any more than you are  
required to,' he told them.

<sup>14</sup> Then some soldiers asked him, 'And what  
should we do?'

He replied, 'Don't extort money and don't  
accuse people falsely – be content with  
your pay.'

<sup>15</sup> The people were waiting expectantly and  
were all wondering in their hearts if John  
might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John  
answered them all, 'I baptise you  
with water. But one who is more powerful  
than I will come, the straps of whose  
sandals I am not worthy to untie.

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He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’<sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

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

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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## Notes

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## Prayer points:

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Please pray for:-

1. Pat James; Robin and Brenda Kay; Sheila Kelly
  2. the residents and staff of Simeon House after the death of Fiona Masterton.
  3. Douglas, Rachael and Evelyn Moore as they prepare to return to Houston.
  4. People attending our Christmas services.
  5. Families facing their first Christmas after suffering a job loss.
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**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.

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### Next Sunday - 20th December

#### Carol Service

Leading:	Mark Beecroft
Preaching:	Sharon Smith
Reader:	
Intercessions:	Cissy
Welcome:	Pat James
Offering:	Jim Middleton Jannie Kriel
Prayer min:	John Lonsdale TBA
Sound:	Iain House
Coffee:	Cynthia Middleton Anne Scragg
Creche:	Valerie Holehouse Liz Barnett

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### **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).

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**Large print hymn books and service sheets are available**

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