
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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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.

CHRISTMAS

2015

Carol Service

(20th December, 10.30am)

Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion

(24th December, 11.15pm)

Christmas Day

(25th December, 10.30am)

Holy Communion

(Sunday 27th December, 10.30am)

Thought for the week:

'Jesus was clear that rejoicing in the future required a grieving about the present. There is grief work to be done in the present that the future may come. Those who have not cared enough to grieve will not know joy.' (Walter Bruegemann). May you be good stewards of the joy of Christmas in this year of sadness for the lives of many.

Prayer of the Week Dec 20th

Lord our Saviour, our hope is in you: no one is beyond your love, no one is beyond your saving power. Give us grace to recognize you and welcome you as you come to us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Week Dec 25th

Almighty Father, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord. We pray that, as he has taken on our humanity, through your grace and goodness we may share in your divinity, and so partake in the radiance of your glory; through him who came down for us and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week Dec 27th

Lord of all power and might, let us not just suppose you to be in our company, but seek you out until we find you and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of the Week Jan 3rd

Eternal light, scatter the darkness from our hearts and minds; enlighten our lives with your glory, and give us the power and wisdom to live as sons and daughters of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News

CARD FOR ALEX SYMON Please sign the card in the foyer for Alex Symon, one of our senior members who is currently in hospital. Please sign even if you don't know him well as it will be such an encouragement to him.

CHRISTMAS CARDS can be given and received using the pigeonholes in the foyer of the church hall. Do check yours!

ALPHA COURSE This will start on January 18th with an open meal at The Bielside Inn, and then on subsequent Monday evenings. Contact Rob Cooper on 01224 868074 or robert.cooper0@talk21.com. Invitations are available at the back of church to invite a friend to come along.



MEETING GOD IN THE EVERY DAY

A pre-Lent retreat day here at St Devenick's on Saturday, 6th February from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

- **How God speaks.**
- **What stops us hearing him?**
- **How to read the Bible.**
- **How to pray.**

It will be led by Paul Watson and John Walker (St Mary's Inverurie). It is principally for St Devenick's but will be open to anyone in the diocese.

NOTICE SHEET This is the last notice sheet until Sunday 10th January.



Christmas Eve

Isaiah 52: 7-10

⁷ How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1: 1-4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets at many times and in
various ways, ² but in these last days he has
spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed
heir of all things, and through whom also he
made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance
of God's glory and the exact representation of
his being, sustaining all things by his powerful
word. After he had provided purification for
sins, he sat down at the right hand of the
Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much
superior to the angels as the name he has
inherited is superior to theirs.

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the Word was God. ² He
was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him
all things were made; without him nothing
was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was
life, and that life was the light of all man-
kind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose
name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to
testify concerning that light, so that through

him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the
light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone
was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the
world, and though the world was made
through him, the world did not recognise
him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own,
but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all
who did receive him, to those who believed in
his name, he gave the right to become
children of God – ¹³ children born not of
natural descent, nor of human decision or a
husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his
dwelling among us. We have seen his glory,
the glory of the one and only Son, who came
from the Father, full of grace and truth.

December 27th

1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26

¹⁸ But Samuel was ministering before
the LORD – a boy wearing a linen
ephod. ¹⁹ Each year his mother made him a
little robe and took it to him when she went
up with her husband to offer the annual
sacrifice. ²⁰ Eli would bless Elkanah and his
wife, saying, 'May the LORD give you children
by this woman to take the place of the one
she prayed for and gave to ^[c] the LORD.' Then
they would go home.

²⁶ And the boy Samuel continued to grow in
stature and in favour with the Lord and with
people.

Colossians 3: 12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and
dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compas-
sion, kindness, humility, gentleness and pa-
tience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one
another if any of you has a grievance against
someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave
you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were
called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the
message of Christ dwell among you richly as

you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2: 41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover.⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom.⁴³ After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it.⁴⁴ Thinking he was in their company, they travelled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends.⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him.⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.'

⁴⁹ 'Why were you searching for me?' he asked. 'Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?'⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.⁵² And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Large print hymn books and service sheets are available

Prayer points:

Please pray for:-

1. Martin and Jill Kirkham; Donna, Jannie and Arran Kriel; John and June MacCormack.
2. Jack Miller of Hawkhill House, whose wife Edith's funeral is on Christmas Eve.
3. Evelyn and Eric Birse, who have had to leave their home of over 50 years.
4. those for whom this Christmas is difficult.
5. The peace of Jerusalem.

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.

The Church Office will not be regularly staffed on the usual weekday mornings over the Christmas fortnight, but emails and phone messages will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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