

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.

6th December 2015

Family service

John the Baptist



Leading: June MacCormack

Preaching: Donna Kriel

Reading

Matthew 3: 1-12

(*Jenny House*)

Thought for the week:

¹⁰This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4: 10-12

Prayer of the Week

Lord, grant us a glimpse of your glory: open our eyes to your coming to us, that we may know you are with us always, and that you are a very present help in trouble. Lord, as you abide in us, and we abide in you, may we show traces of your glory in our lives, and so glorify you, Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held

TODAY at 11.45am,

immediately after the 10.30 service.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Coffee and cake will be provided.

Candidates:

For two Vestry posts: Ruth Arthur
Jannie Kriel

For lay representative: Meyrick Hadfield
Julia House

For People's Warden: Helen Goodyear

JESSICA GORDON The funeral of Jessica Gordon will take place here in St Devenick's Church tomorrow, Monday 7th December at 12.30pm.

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



MESSY CHRISTMAS is next Sunday, December 13th, 3.30—5.00pm.

OASIS This evening from 7-8pm. The theme is 'Waiting with Hope' and it will include Communion.



 **WOMEN TOGETHER'** meets next Saturday 12th December at 6.30pm in the rectory for a Christmas Nibbles and Movie evening. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina for more details: inaawatson@gmail.com

POP-UP CHRISTMAS CHOIR We will have one rehearsal, on Tuesday, December 15th at 7.30pm in church, and we will also meet at 9.45 on the morning of the Carol Service. There is still time to join!



MAINTENANCE GROUP The Maintenance Group will meet this coming Friday, December 11th at 1.30pm. Please speak to Jim Middleton or Meyrick Hadfield if you are interested in coming along to help.

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

NEW CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR We are delighted to announce that Jennifer Walsh has been appointed as our new church administrator. She will start in January.

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.

Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist prepares the way

3 In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea² and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'³ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."'

⁴ John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.⁵ People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.⁶ Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

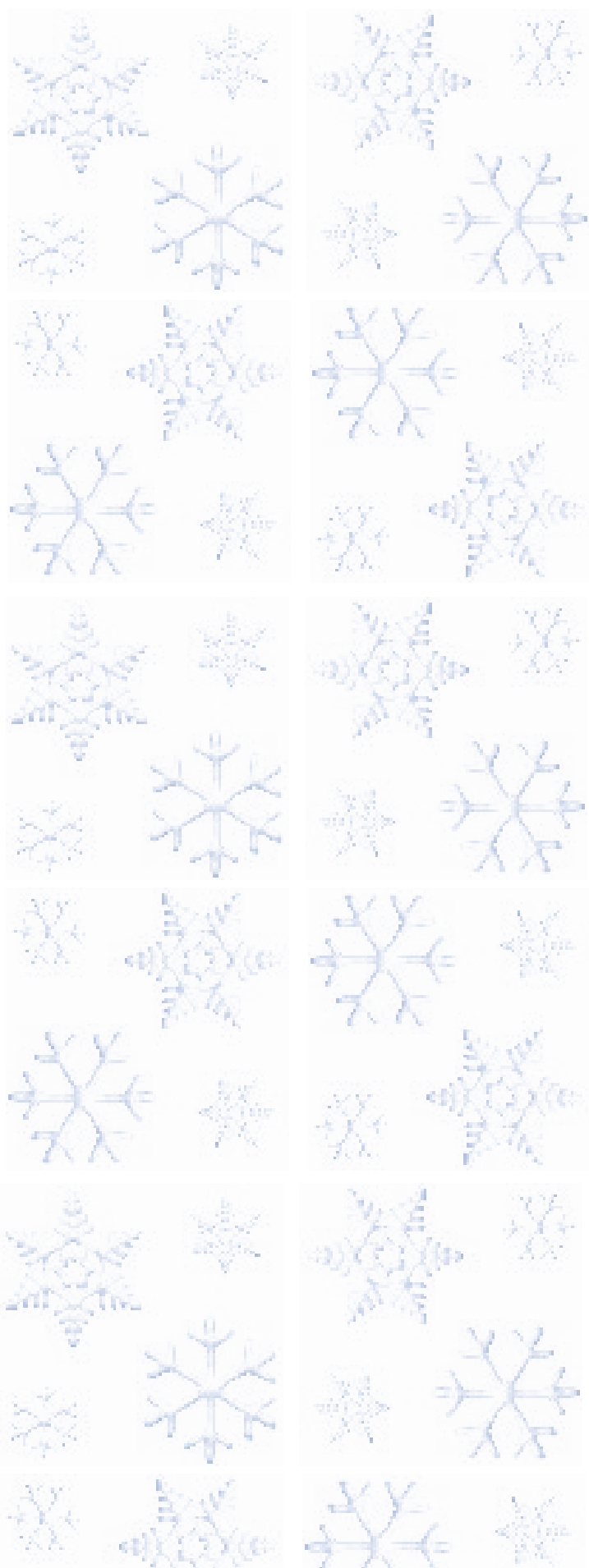
⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?'⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.⁹ And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God

can raise up children for Abraham.¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ 'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

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

Notes



Large print hymn books and service sheets are available

Prayer points:

Please pray for:-

1. Steve and Valerie Holehouse; Kathryn Hobson; Iain, Julia, Jenny and Eleanor House.
 2. the Gordon family at this sad time, and for Jessica's funeral tomorrow.
 3. the decisions from our AGM
 4. the Messy Church Christmas next Sunday.
 5. the situation in Syria, that it will not worsen.
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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.

Next Sunday - 13th December

Advent 3

Leading: Stephen Goodyear
Preaching: Paul Watson
Reader: Jim Middleton
Intercessions: Ruth Arthur
Welcome: Anne Cooper
Offering: Simon Barnett
Steve Holehouse
Prayer min: Rob Cooper
Ruth Arthur
Sound: Martin Kirkham
Coffee: Ina Watson
Elizabeth McAlpine
Creche: Meyrick Hadfield
Pat Skidmore

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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