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## 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.

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## 22nd November 2015

### Morning Worship

(Sunday before Advent)

## 'Christ the King'

### Leading and preaching

Gerry Bowyer

### Readings

Joshua 1: 1, 2, 6-9

James 2: 14-24

Matthew 7: 21-29

*Reading:* Lorna Sim

*Intercessions:* Steve Holehouse

### *Thought for the week:*

The command is not just to be empathetic towards strangers, which is fragile. The command is to pursue sanctification, which involves struggle and sometimes conquering your selfish instincts. Moreover, God frequently appears where he is least expected—in the voice of the stranger.

*(In the aftermath of the Paris bombing:  
David Brooks, NY Times)*

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## Prayer of the Week

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*You are the King of Glory, O Christ, you are the everlasting Son of the Father.*

*We give you our love and offer you our lives.*

*Come, Lord, and rule in our hearts, until your kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Come, Christ our King, and reign over us, as you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever. Amen.*

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## News

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Our AGM will be held on SUNDAY, 6TH DECEMBER AT 11.45am.**

**Everyone is encouraged to attend.**

**Coffee and cake will be provided.**


The communicants roll is available to look at at the back of church.

Nomination forms for two Vestry members, Lay Rep and People's Warden are available in the foyer. Please hand nominations to Paul or Helen by Friday of this week so that names can be included in the church notices next week. However, nominations can still be received right up to the Sunday of the AGM.


Relevant papers will be emailed or posted to you during the first part of this week. In addition to our usual papers and reports there is a statement by our current Lay Rep to clarify the basis on which he is standing for re-election. There is also a paper outlining the process and possible timescale for proposed changes to the canon on Marriage by the Scottish Episcopal Church.


**THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH** Paul will speak on this topic next Sunday as we prepare for our AGM.

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 **SHOEBOXES—THANK YOU!** Donna delivered a total of 42 filled shoeboxes to the Samaritan's Purse collection point this week. Thank you for your generosity.

**WOMEN TOGETHER'** meets next on  Friday 27th November at 10.30, and on Thursday 10th December at 6.30pm for a Christmas Nibbles and Movie evening. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina for more details: [inaawatson@gmail.com](mailto: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!

 **OASIS** Our next Oasis evening is on Sunday, 6th December from 7-8pm. The theme is 'Waiting with Hope' and it will include Communion.

**BEACH CLEAN** Beach clean and survey on Saturday, November 28th from 10.00am for a couple of hours. Meet at the public car park north of the mouth of the River Don.

**GENDER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS** At St James' Episcopal Church, Holburn Junction on Wed 25th November. Lunch at 12.30, followed by a talk from a representative of Grampian Women's Aid. Followed by Bible study, prayer and worship with Revd Richard Hines.

**UDO AND KATHLEEN WAHL'S** newsletter is available as you are leaving church today.

**THE TEA STATION** is in use and almost completed. Having this facility means that we can serve tea, coffee, etc. easily and conveniently at coffee mornings, Toddler group and other events too. At present we will continue to have coffee in church on the first Sunday of the month, but on all other Sundays we will be up in the hall as usual.

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## FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING

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. 1st Friday of the month.

**MESSY CHURCH** meets on the third Sunday of the month, 3.30 to 5.00pm.

**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.

**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)

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## Notes

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

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## Prayer points:

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Please pray for:-

1. Kath Fenwick; Susan Furth; Dorothy Geering.
  2. Alex Symon, to recover the power of speech after a stroke this week.
  3. candidates to stand for posts at our AGM.
  4. the aftermath of the bombings in Paris and Beirut.
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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 - 29th November Advent Sunday (The nature of the church)

Leading:

Preaching: Paul Watson  
Reader: Martin Kirkham  
Intercessions: Julia House  
Welcome: Mary Hadfield  
Offering: Jannie Kriel  
Chris Rigden  
Prayer min: Anne Tree  
Sheila Kelly  
Sound: Bex Collins  
Coffee: Elizabeth Phull  
Lorna Sim  
Flowers:  
Creche: Liz Barnett  
Anne Cooper

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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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## Joshua 1: 1-2, 6-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant: <sup>2</sup> 'Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the River Jordan into the land I am about to give to them – to the Israelites.

<sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

<sup>7</sup> 'Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.'

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

## James 2: 14-24

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

<sup>18</sup> But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.'

Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds. <sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder.

<sup>20</sup> You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? <sup>21</sup> Was not our father Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on

the altar? <sup>22</sup> You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. <sup>23</sup> And the scripture was fulfilled that says, 'Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,' and he was called God's friend. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone.

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## Matthew 7: 21-29

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>21</sup> 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!"

*The wise and foolish builders*

<sup>24</sup> 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.'

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel. Praise to Christ our Lord.*

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