
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.

29th November 2015

Morning Worship

Advent Sunday



Leading: Rob Cooper

Preaching: Paul Watson

Readings

Psalm 25: 1-10

1 John 4: 7-21

John 17: 13-25

Reading: Pat James

Intercessions: Julia House

Thought for the week:

Advent is a time of waiting and sometimes this is waiting for things to become clear, the path to be shown. So to wait can also mean to be still until the way ahead is revealed. What are you waiting for this Advent?

Prayer of the Week

Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us. Enter into our darkness with your light. Come, fill our emptiness with your presence. Dispel the clouds and reveal your glory. Come refresh, renew, restore us. Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us. Amen.

News

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held next 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.

Candidates:

For two Vestry posts: Ruth Arthur
Jannie Kriel

For lay representative: Meyrick Hadfield
Julia House

For People's Warden: Helen Goodyear

Nominations can still be received right up to the Sunday of the AGM.

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

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

FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING

Drop into church this coming Friday (December 4th) from 9.30-12 noon 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.

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



 **WOMEN TOGETHER'** meets next on 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!



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

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.

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.



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.

message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one – ²³ I in them and you in me – so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

²⁴ 'Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

²⁵ 'Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.

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. Stephen, Helen, Jonathan & Anna Goodyear; Meyrick, Mary, Andrew & Paul Hadfield; Midge & Ashley Harbottle.
 2. Ken Gordon, Philip and Andrew at this sad time.
 3. Alex Symon, in hospital.
 4. the AGM next Sunday.
 5. tensions between Turkey and Russia to ease.
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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 - 6th December

Advent 2

Leading:	June MacCormack
Preaching:	Donna Kriel
Reader:	
Intercessions:	
Welcome:	Midge Harbottle
Offering:	John Tickell John Tan
Prayer min:	Julia House Meyrick Hadfield
Sound:	Bex Collins
Coffee:	Pat James Liz Barnett
Creche:	Kalpa Tan TBA

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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Psalm 25: 1-10

¹In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

²I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

³No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

⁴Show me your ways, LORD,
teach me your paths.

⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Saviour,
and my hope is in you all day long.

⁶Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.

⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, LORD, are good.

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

⁹He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

¹⁰All the ways of the LORD are loving and
faithful toward those who keep the demands
of his covenant.

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

1 John 4: 7-21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 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.

¹³This is how we know that we live in him and

he in us: he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: in this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

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

John 17: 13-25

¹³'I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by [d] the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Jesus prays for all believers

²⁰'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their

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