
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.

'WOMEN TOGETHER' meets on alternate Fridays. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina for more details: inaawatson@gmail.com

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

Notes

Large print hymn books and service sheets are available

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.



15th November 2015

Morning Worship

(Second Sunday before Advent)

'Choosing well'

Leading

Mark Beecroft

Preaching

Sharon Smith

Readings

Deuteronomy 30: 11-20

Galatians 5: 16-26

Matthew 7: 13-20

Thought for the week:

Metropolitan Jean-Clément Jeanbart, of the Melkite Archdiocese of Aleppo, Syria, has warned that the ongoing exodus of Christians from the Middle East — fleeing war and persecution — is an "apocalyptic and fatal" development. Jeanbart said that the "exodus of Christians" is as "a form of deportation, condemning our faithful to a humiliating exile and our 2,000-year-old Church to a deadly drying up."

Prayer of the Week

*God of all power and might,
give us grace to trust you in the darkness
as well as in the light.*

*In the face of danger and adversity
be our strength and hope,
that we may live and work to your praise
and glory;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever. Amen.*

News

SAD NEWS Lindy Loader, who worshipped with us here for many years, passed away last Sunday afternoon.

Her funeral will be in the East Chapel at Aberdeen Crematorium this Tuesday, November 17th at 1.20pm, and afterwards at the Park Café in Hazlehead Park.

CONVERSATIONS in ‘*Listening together about same sex relationships: Exploring living with difference.*’ On Wednesday, November 25th 7pm-9pm at St Ternan’s, Banchory. The Deeside Episcopal churches from Bielside to Ballater are offering a chance for our congregations to listen and discuss these important issues. A briefing letter is available at the back of church with more information.

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.

MESSY CHURCH is this afternoon, 3.30—5.00pm



CHRISTMAS CHOIR If you are interested in taking part in a ‘pop-up’ Christmas choir for our carol service on December 20th, please speak to Helen Goodyear.



VESTRY MEMBERS Nomination forms are for Vestry members and Lay Rep are available in the foyer.

BAKED ALASKA Riding Lights Christian Theatre Company are bringing this production on the theme of climate change to Cults Kirk Sanctuary on Saturday, 21st November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 (£9 conc) and are available at the door.

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.

VESTRY MEETS NEXT ON NOVEMBER 19TH Church members should inform the People’s Warden (Helen Goodyear) of any item they wish to be raised at Vestry.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR POST This is an expanded role which includes running the church office but also managing the property of the church and being involved in strategic planning and publicity. 12 hours per week. Please contact Valerie for more details.

COFFEE ROTA We are getting short of volunteers to be on the coffee rota. Please speak to Cynthia Middleton if you can help.

GENDER VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS At St James’ Episcopal Church, Holburn Junction. 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.

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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Prayer points:

Please pray for:-

1. Helen and Elliot Davidson; Frank and Cissy Dirr; Paul Dumont.
2. the relatives, friends and carers of Marilyn (Lindy) Loader, and give God thanks for her life.
3. those attending the parenting course.
4. the Church in Syria and Iraq.
5. the Vestry meeting on Thursday.

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 - 22nd November Holy Communion (Building Well)

Leading: Stephen Goodyear

Preaching: Gerry Bowyer

Reader: Lorna Sim

Intercessions: Ann Bale

Welcome: Mary Rigden

Offering: Jim Middleton

Robert Maybank

Prayer min: Kathleen Simpson

Elisabeth Lonsdale

Sound: Iain House

Coffee: Ruth Arthur

Mary Rigden

Flowers:

Creche: Valerie Holehouse & 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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Deuteronomy 30: 11-20

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

¹⁵ See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. ¹⁶ For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸ I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live ²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Galatians 5: 16-26

¹⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh.

They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery,

²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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Matthew 7: 13-20

¹³ 'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

True and false prophets

¹⁵ 'Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them.

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