
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.



17th January 2016

Morning Worship

Leading: Stephen Goodyear

Preaching: Paul Watson

Readings: Heulwen Beecroft

Intercessions: Julia House

Thought for the week:

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: Grant that your church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world may believe in him whom you have sent, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Lord, you have called us. Make us worthy of our calling, that, in the mighty name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we may rejoice in your love and saving power, and proclaim your presence and glory in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, Almighty Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

News

ALPHA COURSE This starts tomorrow evening, January 18th, with an open meal at The Palm Court Hotel, and then on subsequent Monday evenings. Please speak to Rob Cooper or Frank Dirr if you would like to take part. It's not too late to sign up! 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. Tea and coffee are provided and soup will be given for lunch but bring your own sandwiches. Arrive from 9.30am as the first session starts at 10. More information on the flyer at the back of church.

BAKE SALE! Today after the 10.30 service in the church hall our own Middle Church young people are holding a sale to raise funds for flood relief. Your support is greatly appreciated!



THE NATURE OF MARRIAGE Paul is speaking on this topic this morning. This sermon will not be put on the website but a recording will be available for those who have been unable to come today.



MESSY CHURCH is on this afternoon, 3.30—5.00pm

WOMEN TOGETHER We meet next on Friday 29th January at 10.30am in the Rectory. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina for more details.

MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY on the first Friday of each month at 1.30pm. Anybody is welcome to come along and help. Please see Jim Middleton or Meyrick Hadfield for more information.

TERM CARDS giving details of dates and events for this coming term are available at the back of church.

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.

FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING First Friday of each month. 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.

Please take this notice sheet home as a reminder and for prayer.

Genesis 1: 26-28 & 2: 18-25

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

²¹⁸ The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found.²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'

²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

²⁵ Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Ephesians 5: 25-33

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church –³⁰ for we are members of his body.³¹ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'³² This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Mark 10: 1-9

10 Jesus then left that place and went into the region of Judea and across the Jordan. Again crowds of people came to him, and as was his custom, he taught them.

² Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?'

³ 'What did Moses command you?' he replied.

⁴ They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.'

⁵ 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied.⁶ 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female".⁷ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,⁸ and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Theresa, Peter, Robert and James Marwick; Elizabeth McAlpine; Adrian, Jennifer, Abigail and Daniel McBurnie.
 2. Alex Symon, now at home.
 3. The Alpha Course, starting tomorrow night.
 4. The results of the Anglican Primates meeting this last week.
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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 - 24th January

Leading: June MacCormack
Preaching: Paul Watson
Reader: Mark Beecroft
Intercessions: John MacCormack
Welcome: Mary Hadfield
Offering: Chris Rigden
Jannie Kriel
Prayer min: Cissy Dirr
Meyrick Hadfield
Sound: Iain House
Coffee: Liz Barnett
Elizabeth McAlpine
Creche: Pat Skidmore
Liz Barnett
Flowers: Maureen Dallard

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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Large print hymn books and service sheets are available
