
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.



24th January 2016

Holy Communion

'Father in heaven'

Leading: June MacCormack

Preaching: Paul Watson

Readings: Mark Beecroft

Intercessions: John MacCormack

Thought for the week:

One of our persistent difficulties is that while we want help, we do not want change. We are quite willing to go to God to ask for strength but not so willing to ask for redirection. We are happy to be encouraged, but not to be converted.

Charles Ringma

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and everlasting God, you give gifts to all your people: you give us the power and ability to do what you would have us do. Help us to use the gifts you have given us for the benefit of others and for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

News

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.

THE GOD PARTICLE A play in one act at St Ternan's, Banchory on Sunday 21st February at 5pm, with a light supper to follow. Fresh from the Edinburgh Fringe and on tour around the UK this spring, this is a light-hearted but serious-minded play about faith, evidence, science and the importance of keeping an open mind. No charge but reservations suggested and donations accepted. For information or to reserve a seat, contact Lisa Eunson on 01330 822783 or lisa.eunson@gmail.com.

MESSY CHURCH is on the third Sunday of the month, 3.30—5.00pm



BISHOP'S LENT APPEAL Leaflets are available at the back of church about the Langham Partnership, which equips and resources church leaders in the 'two thirds' world. It provides a very strategic and influential support to the world church in places where books and training for pastors are very scarce.

DEBBIE NEILL There are still some books of Debbie's paintings available. Please speak to Paul if you would like one.

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.

OASIS There will be no Oasis on February 7th because of the Retreat Day the previous day.

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.

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

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

Isaiah 55: 8-13

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,'
declares the LORD.

⁹ 'As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and
bread for the eater,

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

¹² You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the
juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
for an everlasting sign,
that will endure for ever.'

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

Acts 17: 22-29

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the
Areopagus and said: 'People of Athens! I see
that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For
as I walked around and looked carefully at
your objects of worship, I even found an altar
with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So
you are ignorant of the very thing you
worship – and this is what I am going to
proclaim to you.

²⁴ 'The God who made the world and
everything in it is the Lord of heaven and
earth and does not live in temples built by

human hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by
human hands, as if he needed anything.
Rather, he himself gives everyone life and
breath and everything else. ²⁶ From one man
he made all the nations, that they should
inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out
their appointed times in history and the
boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so
that they would seek him and perhaps reach
out for him and find him, though he is not far
from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live and
move and have our being." As some of your
own poets have said, "We are his offspring."
²⁹ 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we
should not think that the divine being is like
gold or silver or stone – an image made by
human design and skill.

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

John 14: 1-7

*When the Gospel is announced:
Glory to Christ our Saviour.*

14 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You
believe in God; believe also in me. ² My
Father's house has many rooms; if that were
not so, would I have told you that I am going
there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go
and prepare a place for you, I will come back
and take you to be with me that you also may
be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the
place where I am going.'

Jesus the way to the Father

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know
where you are going, so how can we know the
way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth
and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me. ⁷ If you really know me,
you will know my Father as well. From now
on, you do know him and have seen him.'

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

Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Jim and Mary McLauchlan; Anne McQuillan; Jim and Cynthia Middleton.
2. Maureen Dallard, recovering from an operation.
3. The Alpha Course tomorrow night.
4. Those losing their jobs due to cutbacks in the steel industry.
5. Give thanks for Valerie Holehouse in her role as church administrator.

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 - 31st January

Leading: Mark Beecroft
Preaching: John Lonsdale
Reader: Helen Goodyear
Intercessions: Janet Maybank
Welcome: Midge Harbottle
Offering: John Tan
Jim Middleton
Prayer min: Kathleen Simpson
Ruth Arthur
Sound: Bex Collins
Coffee: Cynthia Middleton
Ann Scragg
Creche: Anne Cooper
Valerie Holehouse
Flowers: Helen Goodyear

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
