
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.



7th February 2016

Family service

Fear or faith?

Leading: Bex Collins

Speaking: Rob Cooper

Thought for the week:

We are called to serve the world in which we live. This is a matter of personal encounter, of drawing close, of care. Care means to be present to the other person and care without care makes us preoccupied with quick changes, impatient and unwilling to share each other's burdens.

Charles Ringma

Prayer of the Week

Lord, as you have called us to share in your outreach of love to the world, fill us with the power of your Spirit, that, in your strength and by your guidance, we may lead others to be aware of you, and live to your praise and 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

7 YEARS! Thursday 4th February was the seventh anniversary of Paul's induction as our rector here at St Devenick's. We are thankful to God for bringing the Watsons to us, and we celebrate after the service today with coffee and cake!

ASH WEDNESDAY There will be Holy Communion services at 10.30am and 7.30pm on Ash Wednesday, February 10th. There will be no 10.30am service on Thursday 11th February.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS:

OLD TESTAMENT SOURCES. Wednesday, 17th February at 7.30pm. Paul presents the view from both sides of this topical issue. This is the first in a two-part series—an evening on New Testament sources follows on Wednesday 2nd March.

WOMEN TOGETHER We meet next on Friday 12th February evening in the Rectory. Chinese takeaway (£5 contribution please) and watching the story of Gladys Aylwood. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina by 9th February if you would like to come:
inaawatson@gmail.com or 0785462210.

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



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.

MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY on the third Friday of each month at 1.30pm (next one on Feb 19th). Anybody is welcome to come along and help. Please see Jim Middleton or Meyrick Hadfield for more information.

OASIS There will be no Oasis this evening as we had the Retreat Day yesterday.

DEBBIE NEILL EXHIBITION There will be an exhibition of Debbie's work and some of close artist friends at Milton Gallery, Milton of Crathes. 23rd January to 28th February. Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 5.00pm, Sundays 11.00am to 5.00pm.

FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING First Friday of the 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.

Numbers 13 and 14 (extracts)

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²‘Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.’

¹⁷When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, ‘Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. ¹⁸See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. ¹⁹What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? ²⁰How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land.’ (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

²¹So they went up and explored the land.

²³When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. ²⁴That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there.

²⁵At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

²⁶They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷They gave Moses this account: ‘We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. ²⁹The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.’

³⁰Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, ‘We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do

it.’

³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, ‘We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.’ ³²And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, ‘The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.’

14 ⁶Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes ⁷and said to the entire Israelite assembly, ‘The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸If the **LORD** is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹Only do not rebel against the **LORD**. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the **LORD** is with us. Do not be afraid of them.’

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

Hebrews 3: 1-14

3 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ²He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God’s house. ³Jesus has been found worthy of greater honour than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honour than the house itself. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵‘Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house,’ bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

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Warning against unbelief

⁷ So, as the Holy Spirit says:

⁸ 'Today, if you hear his voice,
⁹ do not harden your hearts
as you did in the rebellion,
during the time of testing in the wilderness,
¹⁰ where your ancestors tested and tried me,
though for forty years they saw what I did.
¹¹ That is why I was angry with that generation;
I said, "Their hearts are always going astray,
and they have not known my ways."
¹² So I declared on oath in my anger,
"They shall never enter my rest."

¹³ See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹⁴ But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today', so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. ¹⁵ We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end.

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Notes

Large print hymn books and service sheets are available

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Helen and Saji Pazhookalayil, Jasmine and Andrew; David Penman; Elizabeth, Nina, Jasmine and Kieran Phull.
 2. Lesley Swan, Playgroup leader, starting a course of chemotherapy in the coming weeks.
 3. Jennifer Walsh as she settles into her role as administrator.
 4. All of us, to make the most of this Lenten season.
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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 - 14th February

Leading: Julia House
Preaching: Paul Watson
Reader: Mildred Hoskins
Intercessions: Jill Kirkham
Welcome: John MacCormack
Offering: John Tickell
Frank Dirr
Prayer min: Anne Tree
Elisabeth Lonsdale
Sound: Alan Stokes
Coffee: Elisabeth Lonsdale
John Lonsdale
Creche: Meyrick Hadfield
Elisabeth Lonsdale
Flowers: Wendy Ratcliffe

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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