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## 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 term time.

**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.



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## 10th April 2016

Holy Communion

## *The person of the Holy Spirit*

**Leading and speaking:**

Paul Watson

**Reading:** John Tickell

**Intercessions:** Julia House

### **Thought for the week:**

*The Spirit is not like some divine milkman, leaving the gift of life on our doorstep only to move on. Having once given life, he stays to make that life blossom and grow. It is his own life he shares with us, the life of fellowship with the Father and the Son.*

*Michael Reeves*

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## Prayer of the Week

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*Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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## News

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### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON MAY 8TH**

There will be a Special General Meeting of the congregation immediately following the 10.30am service on May 8th to discuss the church finances and possible ways forward. Childcare will be provided during this meeting. If at all possible please attend this important event in our church life together.

**WOMEN TOGETHER** This is exactly what it sounds like—All women of any age are welcome to come, whether new to church or old hands. We meet next on **Friday 22nd April at 10.30am** in the rectory for a basic introduction to Spiritual Direction from Carol Phelan of the Epiphany Group—do come if you can. Speak to Ina for more details.



**SPRING CLEAN** Our annual spring clean will be on Saturday April 30th from 9.30am until 12 noon.

Please put the date in your diary and plan to come for all or just part of the time. This is always an enjoyable and friendly event and there is something for everyone to do, no matter what your age! We will have Elevenses together halfway through.

**NEW BABY NEWS** Kennedy and Danile Nwokonta welcomed a new little baby boy, Oliver, on Tuesday. A brother for Oscar. Congratulations!



**ALISON ANDERSON** The funeral of Alison Anderson will be here in St Devenick's, this coming Thursday at 2.00pm.

**FRIDAY FRIENDS COFFEE MORNING** First Friday of each month. Drop into church from 9.30-12 noon for a cup of coffee and some home baking, and the chance to relax and chat. Toys are available for young children and everybody is welcome.

**MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY** on the **third 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.

**MEN OF ALL AGES PRAYER BREAKFAST** on Saturday 16th April at the Axis Centre, Newmachar. 8.15 for breakfast at 8.30. The speaker is Kenny Brandie from Destiny Church. Tickets £5. For more details please speak to Frank.

**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 Jennifer.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** There is a new term card available at the back of the church.

**ELECTIONS** There will be a hustings gathering at the Cults Kirk Centre on the 26th April at 7.30pm.

**NOTICE SHEET** The notice sheet is now being edited by Jennifer Walsh. All notices need to be in to the church office by 9am on Thursday.

**MESSY CHURCH** A way of being church for families, involving fun, creativity, celebration and hospitality. Next Sunday, April 17th from **3.30—5.00pm.**



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## Ezekiel 37: 1-15

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign LORD, you alone know.'

<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! <sup>5</sup> This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.

<sup>6</sup> I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup> So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me: 'Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off."<sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup> I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD."

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

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## Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him <sup>3</sup> and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

<sup>4</sup> Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: <sup>5</sup> 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. <sup>6</sup> I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. <sup>7</sup> Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

<sup>8</sup> 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

<sup>9</sup> 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

<sup>11</sup> 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

<sup>15</sup> 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

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

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## Matthew 3: 13-17

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

*Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.*

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

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Notes

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

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**Large print hymn books and  
service sheets are available**

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## Prayer points:

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Please pray for:

1. Paul, Ina, Abi and Hannah Watson; Jerry Williams; Angela Willox.
  2. Charlie, Angus and Sarah in the loss of Alison Anderson.
  3. John Stripe after his operation.
  4. The Holy Spirit to work in our diocese.
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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.

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### Next Sunday - 17th April

Leading: Rob Cooper  
Speaking: John Lonsdale  
Reader: Simon Barnett  
Intercessions: Jill Kirkham  
Welcome: Lorna Sim  
Offering: John Tan  
John Tickell  
Prayer min: Cissy Dirr  
TBA  
Sound: Iain House  
Coffee: Liz Barnett  
Pat James  
Creche: Liz Barnett  
Pat Skidmore  
Flowers: Lorna Sim

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**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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