
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.



14th February 2016

Holy Communion

***'Your kingdom come,
your will be done'***

Leading: Stephen Goodyear

Preaching: Paul Watson

Thought for the week:

The kingdom of God is not a place but a way of living that is surrendered to God's will. The actions that follow from this can make all the difference.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty God, give us strength to stand against all that is evil: keep us firm in the times of trial and temptation; make us resolute in obeying your will and in seeking your kingdom; give us the power to stay true to you and proclaim your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

News

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS:

OLD TESTAMENT SOURCES. This coming 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.

MESSY CHURCH is on next Sunday, February 21st, 3.30—5.00pm



LENT LUNCH Our Lent Lunch this year will be on Sunday, February 28th following the 10.30 service. Everyone is welcome to come, and there is no charge, but donations are welcome to the Bishop's Lent Appeal, 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. Leaflets are available at the back of church.

IONA TRIP St Mary's Inverurie have been fortunate to secure a 4 night booking at the Bishop's House, **arriving 23 May and departing 27 May 2017.** The cost is £80 per night. For further information, please contact Mary-Clare Watkins at St Mary's

Inverurie on 01467 670701 or smcinverurie@btinternet.com

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 this coming Friday, Feb 19th). Anybody is welcome to come along and help. Please see Jim Middleton or Meyrick Hadfield for more information.

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.

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

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.

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.

1 John 3: 16-24

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in

that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

¹⁹ This is how we know that we belong to the truth and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰ if our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: we know it by the Spirit he gave us.

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

John 14: 8-14

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

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask

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in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Andrew Potter; Wendy Ratcliffe; Chris and Mary Rigden.
2. Our church meeting this coming Wednesday, on the topic of same-sex relationships.
3. Messy Church next Sunday.
4. Our local councillors.

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 - 21st February

Leading: Julia House
Preaching: Sharon Smith
Reader: Pat James
Intercessions: Ian Arthur
Welcome: John MacCormack
Offering: Simon Barnett
John Tan
Prayer min: Julia House
TBA
Sound: Martin Kirkham
Coffee: Ruth Arthur
Margaret Hadley
Creche: Pat Skidmore
Liz Barnett
Flowers: No flowers

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
