
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.



28th February 2016

Holy Communion

***'Forgive us
as we forgive others'***

Leading: Ian Arthur

Preaching: Paul Watson

Readings: Jill Kirkham

Intercessions: Ruth Arthur

Thought for the week:

It is a sobering fact that most of the people we have to forgive do not even think they have done anything wrong. If we wait till they are sorry we will grow in bitterness and be prevented from becoming like Jesus.

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and ever-loving God, you are more ready to hear us and forgive us than we are to come to you. Forgive us for the times we have sinned and failed you; strengthen us as we seek to serve you, that we may follow you in the ways of peace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

News

LENT LUNCH Our Lent Lunch this year follows the 10.30 service today. Everyone is welcome to stay, 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 and Gift Aid forms are available .

BEETLE DRIVE! This will be a relaxed and fun event for us all to enjoy on **Friday 11th March**, whatever our age and stage! Come along for a 7.00pm start in the hall. A simple sausage supper will be served. Please let Helen Goodyear know by Monday 7th March if you will be coming.



CITY CHURCHES PRAYER MEETING held here at St Devenicks on Friday **18th March at 7.30pm**. Christians from across Aberdeen will join together to prayer for our city and our world. Everyone is welcome to come and join in.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Our local ecumenical Holy Week services will be held here at St Devenick's this year. Each evening in Holy Week, **21st-25th March at 7.00pm** in church.

WOMEN TOGETHER meets next on Friday **11th March from 10.30am-12 noon** in the rectory . We will have a guest speaker who will explain, and help us to make, Soul Collages. All women of any age are welcome. Contact Ina for more details.

SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS: NEW TESTAMENT SOURCES

This Wednesday, **2nd March at 7.30pm** (not 7.00pm as stated in the term card). Paul presents the view from both sides of this topical issue. His talk will be followed by a Q&A session and an opportunity for comments. This is the second in a two-part series—copies of Paul's talk on Old Testament sources from Wednesday 17th February are available as you leave this morning.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Our local service is at Blairs Chapel on the South Deeside Road on **Friday, 4th March at 2.00pm**. Do please come along and support Lorna and June who will be taking part. We have been advised to wrap up warmly as the chapel is huge. There will be a welcome cup of tea after the service, which lasts about an hour.

OASIS Next Sunday, 6th March, 7-8pm.

EVELYN BIRSE Evelyn and Eric Birse have now moved to a care home in Glasgow to be nearer family. If you would like their address, please contact June: june@maccormack.co.uk

TEABAG ANGEL All Saints Whiterashes are creating an angel figure made entirely from used teabags and they would like yours! To find out why, and how to donate, please see the flyer at the back.

Psalm 32

¹ Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
² Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does
not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.
³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, 'I will confess
my transgressions to the LORD.'
And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.
⁶ Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.
⁷ You are my hiding-place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.
⁸ I will instruct you and teach you in the way
you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
⁹ Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
¹⁰ Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.
¹¹ Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you
righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

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

Colossians 3: 12-15

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and
dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compas-
sion, kindness, humility, gentleness and
patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive
one another if any of you has a grievance
against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave
you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.
¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were
called to peace. And be thankful.

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

Mark 2: 1-12

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

2 A few days later, when Jesus again entered
Capernaum, the people heard that he had
come home. ² They gathered in such large
numbers that there was no room left, not
even outside the door, and he preached the
word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to
him a paralysed man, carried by four of
them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus
because of the crowd, they made an opening
in the roof above Jesus by digging through it
and then lowered the mat the man was lying
on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to
the paralysed man, 'Son, your sins are
forgiven.'

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting
there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ 'Why does this
fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who
can forgive sins but God alone?'

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this
was what they were thinking in their hearts,
and he said to them, 'Why are you thinking
these things?' ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this
paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven," or to
say, "Get up, take your mat and walk"? ¹⁰ But I
want you to know that the Son of Man has
authority on earth to forgive sins.' So he said

to the man, ¹¹ 'I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.' ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, 'We have never seen anything like this!'

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

Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Alison van de Scheur; Jenny & Andrew Sekulin, Megan & Chloe; Lorna Sim.
 2. Anne Tree.
 3. The Diocesan Synod next weekend.
 4. Our church evening on same sex relationships this coming Wednesday.
 5. For the ceasefire in Syria to hold.
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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 - 6th March

Leading: Leeanne Bodkin
Preaching: Donna Kriel
Reader: TBA
Intercessions: TBA
Welcome: Kathleen Simpson
Offering: Jannie Kriel
Jim Middleton
Prayer min: Rob Cooper
TBA
Sound: Iain House
Coffee: Liz Barnett
Elizabeth McAlpine
Creche: Elizabeth Phull
Nancy Manning
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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Please take this notice sheet home as a reminder and for prayer.

Large print hymn books and service sheets are available
