
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.



17th April 2016

Morning Worship

The Holy Spirit reveals God to us

Leading: Rob Cooper

Speaking: John Lonsdale

Reading: Simon Barnett

Intercessions: Jill Kirkham

Thought for the week:

The new life the Spirit gives us is a life of warmth, for it his own life of delighting in the Father and the Son, and he rears us up precisely by warming our hearts to them.

Michael Reeves

Prayer of the Week

*Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . **Amen.***

News

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 this **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 have a new little baby boy, Oliver, a brother for Oscar. Congratulations!



PAUL is preaching at Hillview Church this morning.

CARE ABERDEEN evening reception, Wednesday April 20th, 7.00-9.00pm at Pitfodels Suite, Norwood Hall Hotel. Anyone is welcome to go along. Find out more about CARE at www.care.org.uk/scotland

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.

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. This afternoon from **3.30—5.00pm.**



1 Corinthians 2: 10-16

¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. ¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. ¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for,

'Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?'

But we have the mind of Christ.

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

John 14: 23-27

²³ Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

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

Acts 8: 26-40

Philip and the Ethiopian

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Go south to the road – the desert road – that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means 'queen of the Ethiopians'). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked.

³¹ 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?' So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

'He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.'

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶ As they travelled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptised?' ³⁸ And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptised him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and travelled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

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Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Derek and Patricia Winstanley; Harry and Suzanne Adams; Duke and Shirley Anezu, Trish and Tayla.
 2. Charlie, Angus and Sarah in the loss of Alison Anderson.
 3. The Vestry meeting on Thursday.
 4. Paul, as he leads the Mothers Union Scotland retreat from Tuesday to Thursday.
 5. Syrian refugees in Aberdeen.
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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 - 24th April

Leading: TBA
Speaking: TBA
Reader: Heulwen Beecroft
Intercessions: Janet Maybank
Welcome: John MacCormack
Offering: Jannie Kriel
Chris Rigden
Prayer min: Kathleen Simpson
Ruth Arthur
Sound: Bex Collins
Coffee: Elisabeth Lonsdale
John Lonsdale
Creche: Elizabeth Phull
Anne Cooper
Flowers: Ruth Arthur

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**
