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.



1st May 2016

Family Worship

The Holy Spirit gives us gifts

Leading: Ruth Arthur **Speaking:** Bex Collins

Reading: Kathleen Simpson

Thought for the week:

We are given gifts by the Holy Spirit so that each person has something to contribute to God's mission to the world, like an instrument in an orchestra. These are more than natural abilities and can sadly often lie undiscovered. Trying something new can sometimes be the first step towards discovering your gifts.

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus Christ, who promised that in you we would find peace, give us that peace which the world cannot give, the deep peace of God which passes all understanding. In all our troubles and anxieties, keep us calm and hopeful; grant that we may know we abide in you and in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

News

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON MAY 8TH

There will be a Congregational Meeting 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.

SOCIAL BADMINTON CLUB We are thinking of starting a regular badminton evening one night each week in the hall. Please contact Jennifer Walsh if interested.

FRIDAY FRIENDS Coffee Morning 6th MAY

The next Friday friends meets on May 6th. 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.

OASIS this Sunday 7-8pm as usual. After an introduction we will be talking in groups about the Holy Spirit. This will include personal stories, what we have observed or read about the Holy Spirit and will also be a chance to ask questions. It is a slightly different Oasis format but I hope will be a good opportunity for us to explore further as a congregation what the Holy Spirit could mean for us. Remember that the Holy Spirit is a person and through these evenings my deepest hope and prayer is that we can get to know him more.

THE QUEEN'S 90 BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE

This year, the Country and Commonwealth are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. As a tribute, the Bible Society, Hope and The London Institute for Contemporary Christianity have produced the book "The Servant Queen and the King she serves". The Queen has written the foreword where she states how grateful she is to the nation's prayers during her 64 years on the throne. The book uses the Queen's own words to talk about Jesus and how inspirational he has been to her personally and those who follow him. For those who would like to purchase a copy, see Jennifer Walsh. The cost is £2.00.

CHURCH PICNIC 5th JUNE Our church picnic will be held at Drum Castle on June 5th after the family service.

WOMEN TOGETHER FRIDAY 6th MAY

We are meeting for a walk and fellowship over a cuppa at Riverside Drive on Friday 6th May at 6.30pm. All women welcome. Contact Janet Maybank for more Information on: 07900 594994 janet.maybank@gmail.com.

PILGRIM WALK SUNDAY 15th MAY

Another Pilgrim Walk with Ranger Aileen Salway. Sunday 15th May 2pm + Little Ord Walk. 1.8 miles on paths without any significant climb. The walk will take in a Pictish cross slab from around 800AD, a crannog and the remains of an Iron Age settlement as well as fantastic wildlife and views. We can head back for tea and scones at the Loch Kinord Hotel in Dinnet about 4pm. Contact Maddie Thurlow if you'd like to go: madie.corrichie1@twang.co.uk 01330 822942.

THANKS to all those who helped out with the spring clean yesterday.

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.

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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

Matthew 7: 7-21

⁷ 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! ¹² So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. 13 'Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. 15 'Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognise them. 21 'Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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

Notes

Prayer points:

Please pray for:

- Mark and Heulwen Beecroft, David and Peter. Peter and Leeanne Bodkin, Jessica and Lewis. Sandy and Hazel Bowie.
- 2. Young people starting exams, especially Jasmine Phull and Paul Hadfield.
- 3. Those who have finished the Alpha course this week, that is will have been of benefit to them.
- 4. The relatives of the victims of the Hillsborough Disaster.
- 5. The Holyrood elections.

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 - 8th May

Leading: June MacCormack

Speaking: Paul Watson
Reader: Mark Beecroft
Intercessions: John MacCormack

Welcome: Mary Rigden
Offering: Simon Barnett

TBA

Prayer min: TBA

Sound: Alan Stokes Coffee: Ann Scragg

Cynthia Middleton

Creche: Pat Skidmore

Meyrick Hadfield

Flowers: Margaret Mc.

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).

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

Large print hymn books and service sheets are available