

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 a newcomer!
Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10.30am service and we look forward to meeting you then.



11th December 2016

ADVENT 3



Leading: June MacCormack
Speaking: Stephen Goodyear

Reader: Mildred Hoskins

Intercessions: Ian Arthur

Thought of the Week:

"The Church is commissioned to be a body of people sent on a mission. We therefore need to be a missional people who are in it together for the long haul and won't leave when the going gets tough. When conflicts or tensions, messes or problems erupt, those create a good time to learn what it really means to be community – provided we expend the energy required to process the situation thoroughly and biblically"

Prayer of the Week

Good and gracious God, grant us a glimpse of your glory, that we may rejoice in your presence and abide in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

News

AGM RESULTS

Vestry members: Elisabeth Lonsdale and George Smith
Lay Rep: Julia House
Alt. Lay Rep: Ruth Arthur
People's Warden: Helen Goodyear
Rector's Warden: Frank Dirr
Treasurer: Simon Barnett
Secretary: Nancy Manning

POP-UP CHOIR

Our carol service is next Sunday, 18th December at 10.30am. If you would like to be part of this year's pop-up choir and help lead the carol singing, please come at 9.30am on the day, wearing any combination of red, black and white, and we will run through the carols before the service begins. No experience necessary! Just an enjoyment of singing.



MESSY CHURCH is next on 18 December and will be in church. 3.30 to 5.00pm



CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Is on Wednesday December 14th at 7pm at the Rectory. Please bring finger food or a drink.

CAROL SERVICE

St Andrews Cathedral
18th December 6.30pm.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

St Clements 18th December 6.30pm
Rev Nick Bowry is offering this for those who find Christmas tinged with sadness.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENTS



Carol Service 18th Dec 10.30am

Christmas Messy Church 18th Dec 3.30-5.00pm

Christingle Service 20th Dec 4.30-5.15pm

Christmas Eve Service 24th Dec 11.15pm

Family Service 25th Dec 10.30am

Holy Communion Service 25th Dec 11.15am

Invitations: This Christmas please make a concerted effort to invite friends and neighbours to our Christmas events.

Please take 10 cards from the back of the church are you leaving and pass them on.

ISAIAH 35: 1-10

¹The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus,

² it will burst into bloom;

it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,

'Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,

he will come with vengeance;

with divine retribution

he will come to save you.'

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;

it will be called the Way of Holiness;

it will be for those who walk on that Way.

The unclean will not journey on it;

wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,

nor any ravenous beast;

they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,

¹⁰ and those the Lord has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;

everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,

and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

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

JAMES 5: 7-10

⁷ Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains.

⁸ You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

¹⁰ Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

MATTHEW 11: 2-11

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

² When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples

³ to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

⁴ Jesus replied, 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

⁵ the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.'

⁷ As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces.

⁹ Then what did you go out to see?

A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written:

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“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of
women there has not risen anyone
greater than John the Baptist; yet
whoever is least in the kingdom of
heaven is greater than he.

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

Notes



Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. Christel Stripe; Gaye Svensen; Alexander Symon.
2. Introductory Electoral Synod for a new bishop on December 17th. (The first of three such gatherings). A timetable will be agreed here for the electoral process.
3. Julia House at the Camp in Greece .
4. Elderly people and others who find winter fuel costs prohibitive.

Next Sunday - 18th December

Leading: Stephen Goodyear

Speaking: Paul Watson

Reader: Various

Intercessions: Janet Maybank

Welcome: Sharon Smith

Offering: John Tan

John Tickell

Prayer min: John Lonsdale

Kathleen Simpson

Sound: Alan Stokes

Coffee: Elizabeth McAlpine

Liz Barnett

Creche: Nancy Manning

Elizabeth Phull

Flowers: N/A

**The Church Office is staffed on Mondays
and Wednesdays from 8.30am—2.30pm.**

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 Wednesday.

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

PRAYERS IN THE RECTORY

We meet together at 8.45am every Friday
(in term time) for 30 minutes to pray for our
church and for the needs of those around