

## 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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## **St Devenick's Church**

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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.



## **4th December 2016**

## **ADVENT 2**



**Leading: Donna Kriel**  
**Speaking: Paul Watson**

### ***Thought of the Week:***

In waiting for things we can miss something 'in-waited' for by being too sure of what we are expecting. Jesus was not who people were expecting in their messiah and God may come to us too in unexpected ways .

## Prayer of the Week

*Holy God, we look for you, we long for you. Let us see that you come among us; make us aware of your presence and grant us a glimpse of glory; 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

Our AGM will take place today immediately after coffee in the church at the end of the service.

**MBC CAROLS** are at 6.30 on Monday 5th December outside the Cults Hotel.

### RECTORY HOUSEGROUP

December 8th at 7.30pm.

### DR JULIA HOUSE

Is leaving on the 10th December for a week to volunteer with John and Paulina at the Refugee Centre they help run in Greece which is mainly for Afghans.

Do keep her in your prayers.

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Is on Wednesday December 14th at 7pm at the Rectory.

## THE NORTHERN LIGHT

The Issue for Advent is now available at the back of the church.

## WOMEN TOGETHER

The next sessions are to be held at the Rectory and are on:

### Friday 9th December

10.30-12.00 morning study.

### Friday 23rd December

To be confirmed.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To our recently retired:  
John Tickell in October,  
Chris Rigden last Wednesday and  
Paul Dumont next Wednesday.



## MATTHEW 3: 1-12

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea

<sup>2</sup>and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

<sup>3</sup>This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

<sup>4</sup>John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt round his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

<sup>5</sup>People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

<sup>6</sup>Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptising, he said to them: 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

<sup>8</sup>Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

<sup>9</sup>And do not think you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father." I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

<sup>10</sup>The axe has been laid to the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>'I baptise you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

<sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'



# Notes



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## Prayer points:

Please pray for:

1. George and Sharon Smith; Elizabeth Stephenson; Alan Stokes.
2. Julia House working at the camp in Greece.
3. Those looking for work in Aberdeen and are short of money this Christmas.
4. Thanks for the safe arrival of a new granddaughter for Ian and Ruth.

## Next Sunday - 11th December

Leading: June MacCormack  
Speaking: Stephen Goodyear  
Reader: Mildred Hoskins  
Intercessions: Ian Arthur  
Welcome: Kathleen Simpson  
Offering: Robert Mayberry  
Simon Barnett  
Prayer min: Cissy Dir  
TBA  
Sound: Martin Kirkham  
Coffee: Pat James  
Ruth Arthur  
Creche: Anne Cooper  
Liz Barnett  
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 us. Everyone is welcome.