

## 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.



1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017

## NEW BEGINNINGS



**Leading: Paul Watson**

**Speaking: Paul Watson**  
(8th Jan Leading: Julia House)

*Reader: Jill Kirkham*

*Intercessions: Ruth Arthur*

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

Every human act, every Christian act, is an act of hope. But that means you must be men and women of the present, you must live this moment – really live it, not just endure it – because this very moment, for all its imperfection and frustration, *because* of its imperfection and frustration, is pregnant with all sorts of possibilities, is pregnant with the future, is pregnant with love, is pregnant with Christ.

- Walter J. Burghardt

## Prayer of the Week

*Lord of all power and might, let us not just suppose you to be in our company, but to seek you out until we find you and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.*

## News

### TERM CARD

The term card can be collected today as you are leaving church.

### RECTORY HOUSEGROUP

Is next on Thursday 5th at 7.30pm.

### FRIDAY FRIENDS

Is next on the 6th January.

### 15TH JANUARY SERVICE

Rev Ewen Gilchrist, from Cults Kirk will be preaching at this service and the worship band playing. Paul will be at Peterculter Parish that morning.

### NEW BISHOP

The Short list for the Bishop Elections will be made public on March 20th, presentations to the Electoral Synod on 22nd April and the Election on 28th April.

**TRANSPORT TO CHURCH** There are several members of our congregation who rely on lifts to get to and from church. If you would be willing to help out with this, either regularly or more occasionally, please speak to Helen Goodyear.

## PRAYER AND FASTING

6pm Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - 6pm Sat 21<sup>st</sup> January

This is a chance for us each to choose to fast in some way and for some period of time in this 24 hour period. For some it may mean not using the mobile phones, for others not watching TV, for others not eating, or missing a meal etc. The idea is to set aside this time to pray for St Devenicks and for the community which we are called to serve and reach out to. There is a long biblical and church tradition of this which acknowledges our need of God and serves to remind us that without him we can do nothing. More details about what to pray for and how to pray as well as fasting suggestions will be given and we will end with a meal and prayer time together.

## ABERDEEN CHURCHES TOGETHER BOOTH AT WEDDING EXHIBITION

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January

This is a good opportunity to meet people and to assist by providing information about requirements for church weddings in Aberdeen. (You also get a free day at the Exhibition!) Please consider helping out. If you can fill any slot....not necessarily the ones marked Scottish Episcopal, please call Joyce – see below - or get in touch with Chioma at the Cathedral [ojayci@yahoo.com](mailto:ojayci@yahoo.com)

Joyce can be contacted on 01224 319154 or [joyce@rcd-abdn.org](mailto:joyce@rcd-abdn.org)



## **JAN 1<sup>st</sup> READING: MATTHEW 2: 13-23**

<sup>13</sup> When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.'

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'

<sup>16</sup> When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

<sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> 'A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.'

The return to Nazareth

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt <sup>20</sup> and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead.'

<sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

<sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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

## **JAN 8<sup>th</sup> READINGS: ACTS 10: 34-43**

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

## **JAN 8<sup>th</sup> READINGS: MATTHEW 3: 13-17**

*When the Gospel is announced:*

**Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, 'I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?'

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, 'Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.' Then John consented.

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<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

<sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'

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

## *Notes*



## **Prayer points:**

Please pray for:

1. Jennifer, John, Coryn and Holly Walsh; Paul, Ina, Abi and Hannah Watson; Jerry Williams.
2. Jenny House as she leaves for East Timor on the 6th January.
3. 2017 to be a year of new beginnings for St Devenicks.
4. Discernment for worlds leaders in 2017.

## **Next Sunday - 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

Leading: Stephen Goodyear

Speaking: Ewan Gilchrist

Reader: Martin Kirkham

Intercessions: Ann Bale

Welcome: Midge Harbottle

Offering: John Tickell

John Tan

Prayer min: TBA

Sound: TBA

Coffee: Pat James

Liz Barnett

Creche: Nancy Manning

Elisabeth Lonsdale

Flowers: Ann Bale

**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