

## AGM

At Church Hall on **Sunday, 13 December 2009** at 12.15pm  
Church members will be sent the AGM papers either via email or in paper form as they received them last year.

There are three vacancies: People's Warden, Lay Rep and a one year Vestry member post. Nominations forms must be received by the Rector before the AGM and are available at the back of the church. Any items for discussion must be raised with the Vestry Secretary Alan Cundill by the 29th November. Alan can be contacted at 01224 780 527, 07899 006020 and [geopac@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:geopac@yahoo.co.uk)

### Give a Gift to a Homeless Person this Christmas

Please give a gift to a homeless person this Christmas and donate an unwrapped shoe box containing useful items to The Cyrenians.

Ideas for gifts: Hat, scarf, gloves, books, toiletries, chocolate treats, etc, suitable for men and women aged 16-70+

Boxes can be delivered to the church by Sun 13th December 2009

Another options would be to bring a contribution of food or in kind to church and deposit it in the box in the foyer by Sun, 13th December. If each of us were to bring one item each week we would be able to make a real difference in the services offered to the homeless in our city.

### Bethany Trust Winter Shelter

We have offered to provide dinner and breakfast for 25 homeless people on the overnight of the 1st and 2nd of January 2010. They will be hosted at a church hall in the city centre.

We will need volunteers to prepare food and 7 people to spend the evening at the shelter to serve food and talk to those who are there.

Please contact Claudia if you are able to help.

### Caring Christmas Trees 2009

Freshly cut Scottish Fraser firs of a high quality and at competitive price are available from the web site:

[www.caringchristmastrees.com](http://www.caringchristmastrees.com)

All proceeds go to the work of the Winter shelters of the Bethany Trust. Please make your purchase before Dec. 7th. Leaflets available at the back of the church.

**The Church Office** will now be staffed Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-noon.  
Messages left on the answer machine will be responded to as soon as possible.

*Please take this leaflet home for information and prayer*

More information can be found on our Church website at [www.stdevenicks.org.uk](http://www.stdevenicks.org.uk)

#### NOTICE SHEET RECEIPTS DEADLINE: 9.00 AM THURSDAY

Any items for the notice sheet should be phoned or emailed to the office tel: 01224 863574  
email: [office@stdevenicks.org.uk](mailto:office@stdevenicks.org.uk)



St Devenick's Church  
Baillieswells Road  
Bieldside, Aberdeen  
AB15 9AP  
01224 863574  
[office@stdevenicks.org.uk](mailto:office@stdevenicks.org.uk)  
[www.stdevenicks.org.uk](http://www.stdevenicks.org.uk)  
Scottish Charity number SC 000386



# Welcome to church today!

## 22nd November 2009

## Sunday before Advent

This morning's service is  
**Holy Communion**

Visitors and newcomers are most welcome at  
**St Devenick's**

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served in the hall after the 10.30am service.

*We look forward to meeting you then!*

### Prayer of the week

You are the King of Glory, O Christ,  
you are the everlasting Son of the Father.  
We give you our love and offer you our lives.

Come, Lord, and rule in our hearts,  
until your kingdom comes on earth  
as it is in heaven.

Come, Christ our King, and reign over us,  
as you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit  
one God for ever. Amen

Rector: Rev Paul R Watson

St Devenick's  
A Scottish Episcopal Church and a member of the Evangelical Alliance

Our aim: to know God and to make him known

## Bearing Fruit

### Team for today:

Paul Watson is leading

Stephen Goodyear is preaching

John Tickell is reading

Readings: Galatians 5: 16-26,  
pg 1172  
Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23,  
pg 979

Ann Bale is leading the prayers

**Kathleen Simpson, Julia House:**  
Prayer Ministry

Anyone desiring personal prayer is asked to wait in the pew following the service. A member of the prayer team will come and pray with you.

### Next week's team:

**Leading:** Cissy Dirr

**Preaching:** Paul Watson

**Reading:** Simon Barnett, Helen Goodyear

Readings: Jeremiah 33: 14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13  
Luke 21: 25-36

**Prayers:** Rob Cooper

**Books:** Helen Goodyear, Mary Rigden

**Offering:** Stephen Goodyear, Chris Rigden

**Coffee:** Sue Harker, Stuart Harker

**Prayer Ministry:** Ian Arthur, Helen Goodyear

**Flowers:** -

### THIS WEEK

#### This Sunday

2.30pm Rowan Court

#### Tuesday

7.30 Growing Leaders Course

#### Thursday

10.30am Holy Communion

#### Saturday

9.00am Men's Breakfast

**Thank you!**  
You'll be extremely pleased to hear that the lunch on Sunday raised a fantastic total of £1,366.50! This will be boosted by Gift Aid tax reclaim of £340.72, giving a grand total of **£1,707.22.**

**Crèche** runs in the church hall

during the 10.30 service. Your children will be most welcome if you wish to make use of this facility.

**Junior Church** takes place in the church hall from 10.20am, and all children aged 3 years and over are very welcome to join in.

**Youth Church** (11+) is meeting in the Upper Room in the Hall during the 10.30 service.

**On the first Sunday of each month, all our young people's and children's groups worship together**

There is a hearing loop system in the church and  
**large-print service and hymn books are available**

### Discipleship

Nov 22nd (HC)	Bearing Fruit	Matthew 13: 3-9, 18-23
---------------	---------------	---------------------------

### Advent

Nov 29th (HC)	The Return of Christ	Luke 2: 25-36
Dec 6th (AAW)	Prepare the Way for the Lord	Luke 3: 1-6
Dec 13th (HC)	The Call to Change	Luke 3: 7-18
Dec 20th (MW)	Carol Service	Luke 1: 39-45

### Prayer Points

Please pray for

1. our church members: Chris and Viv Kennils, Jean Liddiard, John and June MacCormack
2. the family of Chris Pilbeam who has died of cancer -Jane, Laura and David
3. homeless people in Aberdeen as the winter draws in
4. for Udo and Kathleen and their work in Namibia
5. For Westhill Trinity Church as they launch their building project to the congregation this Sunday

### Men's Breakfast

Sat., 28th Nov, 8:45 for 9am  
The Water-Wheel Inn, £6

RSVP Frank or Rob  
Everybody welcome!

### Liturgy Feedback:

There is a short questionnaire on the new liturgy available at the back of the church if there is any feedback you would like to give.

### Wesley Owen Bookshop

Open evening on 26 Nov, 5.30-7.30  
10% discount with invitation from the back of the church  
205 George Street, Aberdeen

### Weekly prayer meetings

A few of us meet to pray for St Devenick's and its mission on Wednesdays, 7.15am and Fridays, 9.15am. It is a great way to start the day and is a vital part of the church's life. Please come and join us when you are able and experience God's blessing.

### Grounds Working Party

Sat, December 5th, 10.00am-1.00pm  
Everybody welcome for as little or as long as you can.  
Please bring any useful tools, especially leave rakes!