

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

We continue to meet for 20 minutes of collective silent prayer in the Mitchel Chapel every Friday at 12 noon. In these times of conflict and anxiety across the world, we are reminded peace lives within us and is for sharing with all.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

All are invited to join in the services of Wednesday Worship at 5.15 pm each week in term time in the University Chapel.
Do come along and enjoy this time of spiritual nourishment, which is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits - sustenance for the body as well as the soul!

(Services will resume after the Easter break on Wed 15th April.)

ST STEPHENS PARISH CHURCH HALL Powis Place, Aberdeen AB25 3TS

Mondays - new dance class for 55+, 10.30-11.30 - £20.00 per month
Tuesdays – Chair Pilates (with props) - 11.00-12.00 - £6.00/class payable monthly
Wednesdays- Chatterbox - drop in cafe 10am-12noon

Contact & Join
Minister: Rev Maggie Whyte, 01224 635694
Email: Maggie.Whyte@churchofscotland.org.uk

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Fridays - Community Cafe 10am-12noon. Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 which includes unlimited tea, coffee and snacks.

1st Saturday of every month - Ladies breakfast 9-10.30am - a relaxed friendly breakfast with a guest speaker chatting for a short while.

St Machar's Cathedral

Sunday 5th April 2026

SERVICES

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| Sunday 12th April 2026 | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Michael Mair 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Michael Mair |
| Sunday 19th April 2026 | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |
| Sunday 26th April 2026 | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

Office (Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri am): 01224 485988 – office@stmachar.com
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Session Clerk: Alan Grant – a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com

*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS ***

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The next meeting of the Woman's Book Group will be on **Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm** in the Snug at Ma Cameron's and new members are very welcome. This month's book is "**Raising Hare**" by **Chloe Dalton**.

For further information, please contact the Cathedral office.

BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study classes have started again and take place on the second Sunday of each month. Please note a change in date - the next class will be on **Sunday 19th April at 12.30pm**.

CHRISTIAN AID PRAYERS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Every 24th day of the month Christian Aid meet online at 7-8pm to pray for peace in the Middle East. Supported by partners and friends of Christian Aid, this hour once a month pledges solidarity towards peace in this territory marred by conflict. If you would like to join the monthly prayer meeting, please sign up on the Christian Aid Scotland website.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/prayers-for-peace>

ASYLUM SEEKERS COFFEE AFTERNOONS

As you will be aware, the former student accommodation at Don Street has been repurposed to accommodate over 100 Asylum seekers who moved in before Christmas. In partnership with other churches, we have been looking at ways to welcome these strangers in our midst and to help them feel part of our community for as long as they are with us.

As part of that effort we will be holding tea and coffee sessions in the Dunbar Street Hall on alternate Tuesday afternoons, beginning **Tuesday 14th April** from **2pm**. We are looking for volunteers to help with this. If this interests you and you are able to offer a couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon, say once a month or thereby, please speak to the Session Clerk, Alan Grant, for more details.

LENT FOODBANK APPEAL

This year the Kirk Session decided that the Lent Appeal should be in support of the Foodbanks operated by the Tilly Flat, and the STAR Flat, the two Community Flats operating in our parish, and of course who are our Nominated Charities for 2026/2027.

The usual Trugs are at the West End for the collection of foodstuffs, particularly tinned or dry food with a long sell by date, and for toiletries. And if you want to contribute, but find it difficult to bring parcels of food, money is always useful and you will be able to make a payment in cash or by using the card machine

WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome Rev Michael Mair to our team as associate minister. Michael brings a wealth of experience from his time as a parish minister in Broomhouse in Edinburgh and his continuing role as army chaplain. Michael also currently serves as convenor to the Business Committee of the General Assembly. The Presbytery of the North East and Northern Isles will be hosting a service of introduction on **Sunday 19th April 2026** at our usual morning service. The preacher will be the Presbytery Clerk – Reverend Stella McBurnie.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH?

If you have been a member of the Church of Scotland or another denomination, you can become a member by submitting your name to the Kirk Session and the process is one of administration, adding your name to our roll.

If you have never been baptised or made a public profession of faith, we offer an opportunity to spend some time reflecting on your faith journey. During this time, we share learning about our worship, governance and practices, as well as your own experience of God and what it means to follow Jesus. The time is very much shaped by your conversation and questions.

We will run another series of new members classes in the near future. This is also a lovely way to get to know others in the congregation if you don't know many people and would like to become more involved in our community. There are no expectations of outcome, if you are simply exploring what this might mean for you right now. Please contact Carol in the office if you are interested in coming along.



Discover together
St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen

Easter Family Fun

FREE

Sat 4 April 1.30-3.30
Mon 6 and Tues 7 April 10.30-12.30

dressing up box | easter hunt | spring crafts | tree trail |
interactive puzzles | drinks and biscuits

No booking required

Easter Hunt and interactive puzzles available everyday Monday-Saturday 09.30-16.30
Sunday 14.00-17.00. Children must be accompanied by an adult

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Wedding Fair

St Machar's Cathedral
Saturday 18th April
12 - 2pm

Plan your dream ceremony in this historic building

- meet the minister
- discuss music choices
- sustainable flowers
- bellringing
- designing and printing orders of service
- photography
- drinks by The Horses's Tipple

Free to attend. Enquiries Cathedral
Office 01224 485988
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Spring Ramble: Friday 10 April

The Fountainhall Church Eco Team invite you to join them for their next Spring ramble to follow the Red Squirrel Trail (also known as the Ley Way) on the National Trust for Scotland's Crathes Castle estate. The walk will be a joint event with the Cults O50s led by Lindsay Kilvington.

Meet in the carpark at Milton of Crathes, Banchory, AB31 5QH, at 10.00am for 10.15am departure on Friday 10 April.

Note: The Stagecoach 201 service departs from Aberdeen Music Hall at 9.20am arriving at Crathes at 10.00am. There is parking at Milton of Crathes.

We shall follow a waymarked path through a wide range of habitats – including woodland, marsh, ponds and streams – with the chance to spot a rich variety of wildlife. Please note the walk is not suitable for mobility scooters because of the terrain.

We shall pause for refreshments part way through the walk at Café 1702 on the Crathes Castle estate. The walk is approximately 4.0 miles.

NB Warm clothing and stout walking shoes are recommended as sections of the walk can be muddy after rain.

This is a free event. All are very welcome. Please contact Sheila via email eco@fountainhallchurch.org.uk if you would like to join us.

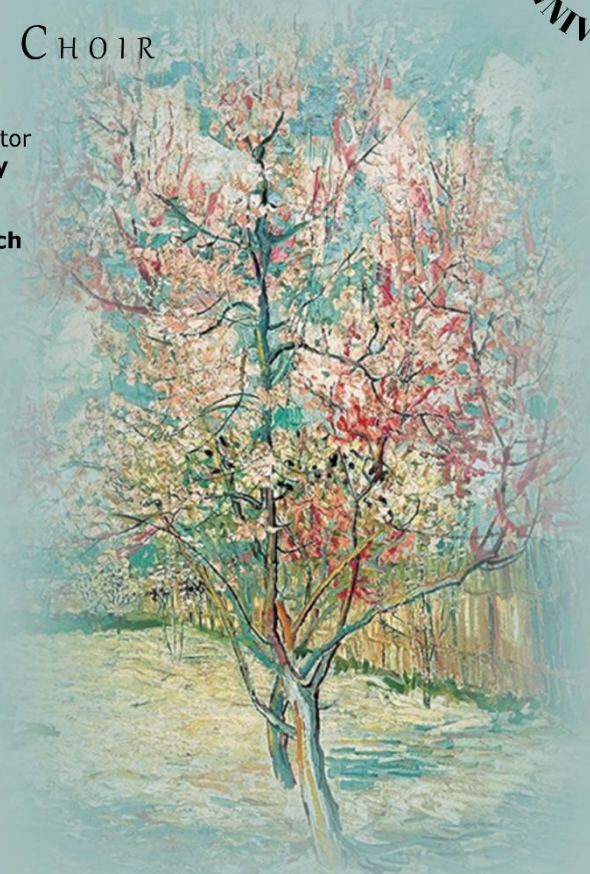


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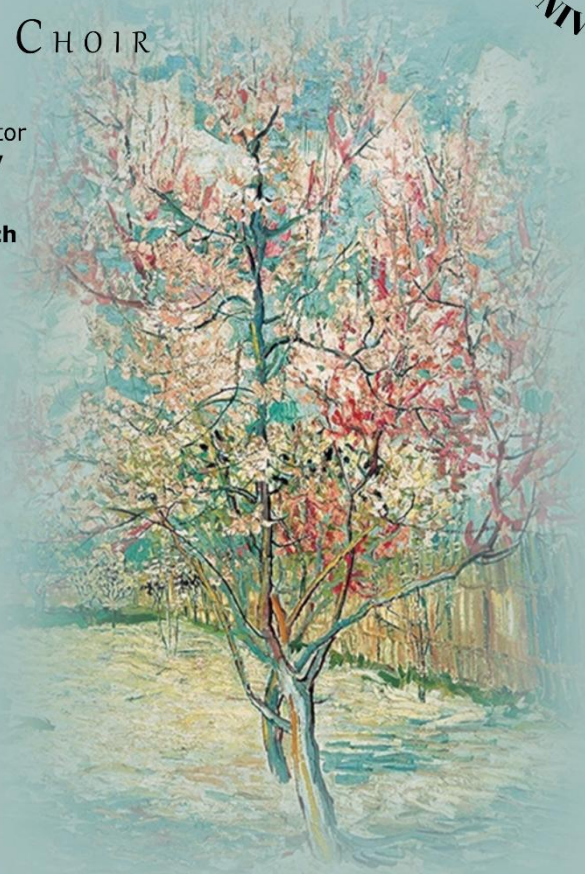


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