

## 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](mailto:Maggie.Whyte@churchofscotland.org.uk)

## OLDMACHAR

**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 26th April 2026

### SERVICES

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| <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026</b>  | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown<br>6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |
| <b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown<br>6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |
| <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b> | 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown<br>6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |

### OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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Session Clerk: Alan Grant – [a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com](mailto:a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com)

\*\*\* *CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS* \*\*\*

### BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study classes have started again and take place on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**.

### WOMEN'S GROUP COFFEE MORNING



The daffodils are flowering beautifully and the bright Spring sunshine promises warm days ahead.

The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 29th April** in the West Gatehouse between **10.30am and 12 noon**.  
See you then.

## **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 28th 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.

## **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.



This year's Christian Aid Week runs from 10th to 17th May. As always, there will be a few opportunities for you to make a contribution.

### **Envelope Distribution**

Before the week starts, we will be distributing envelopes around the parish, inviting residents to put their contribution in the envelope and return it to the Cathedral. So, if you have an hour or so to spare, and would like to help, please speak to the our Outreach Convener, Shona Buxton, or the Session Clerk, Alan Grant.

### **Bread and Cheese Lunch**

On Sunday 10th May, we will be holding our usual Bread and Cheese Lunch. This description does not do justice to the quality of the food on offer. The event is being masterminded by Alexis Darg, and she will be able to give more details if you are interested. In any event, remember to come along and enjoy the fare on offer.

### **Walk the Parish**

This year there will be something different on offer. In recognition of the growth of the united parish over the last few years, our Outreach Convener, Shona Buxton, has committed to walking every street in the parish during Christian Aid Week. Details will follow, so look out for opportunities to join her for at least part of her walks and of course for details of the Just Giving page by which you can support her initiative.

### **Plant Exchange and Sale**

A long-standing St Machar's tradition, we will be holding our annual Plant Sale after the other events, probably on a Sunday in June. Peter and Helen Stephen will as usual be organising this always popular event, so keep an eye out for the date.

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# Poetry Competition Creations

**Celebrate our Earth**

**Create a poem or illustration that encourages us to  
Preserve our Planet**



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REVERSE OF ENTRY**

**ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. NO AGE LIMITS.**

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**EMAIL EDUCATION@STMACHAR.COM FOR FURTHER QUERIES**

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THE CHANONRY  
OLD ABERDEEN  
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**FREE**

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