

# St Machar's Cathedral

Sunday 3rd May 2026

## 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 each week in term time in the University Chapel.

**29 April - 8.00 pm:** Compline by candlelight

**6 May - 8.00 pm:** Compline by candlelight

**13 May - 5.30 pm:** Festival Choral Evensong

## 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.

## SERVICES

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026** 11am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown  
6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026** 11am - Morning Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers  
6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026** 11am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown  
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 17<sup>th</sup> May** (led by Rev Dr Hedy Hung) – note date change

### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The next meeting of the Woman's Book Group will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm** in the Snug at Ma Cameron's and new members are very welcome. This month's book is "**Caledonian Road** by Andrew O'Hagan.

For further information, please contact the Cathedral office.

### SCOTTISH PROSTATE CANCER INITIATIVE

The Scottish Prostate Cancer Initiative was devised following discussions between Sir Chris Hoy, Sir Tom Hunter, Professor Sir Chris Evans and Kenny Logan. Their shared vision aims to help more men overcome their reluctance to be tested while exploring new ways to detect prostate cancer earlier and gather important data to help guide future screening and treatment protocols.

Testing is now being conducted in locations across Scotland and the team will be in Aberdeen on the 8th, 9th and 10th of May. Please see link below to book a test:

[PSA Testing Events @ SPCI - SCOTTISH PROSTATE CANCER INITIATIVE](#)

## **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. Our next session will be on **Tuesday 12th May 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**

Those of you who have volunteered to deliver envelopes can find them on the table in the West End. Please choose the street you wish to do and sign your name on the clipboard attached.

But we still need two or three more. So, if you have an hour or so to spare, and would like to help, please speak to 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.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/parishwalk>

### **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.

## UNIVERSITY OPERA SOCIETY


Some of our choral scholars will be performing in this year's production of *Dido and Aeneas* by the University Opera Society on 8th and 9th May in St Andrew's Cathedral. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details. Tickets can be booked using the QR code.

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# DIDO & AENEAS



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8<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 7PM      ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL      9<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 2.30PM

## ST MACHAR COMMUNITY BIODIVERSITY PROJECT

# GARDENING SESSION

## SATURDAY MAY 16TH

### 2.00-3.30

JOIN US



**This session we will be weeding lairs and planting up with perennials and herbs. This will provide nectar and shelter for wildlife.**

No experience necessary All ages welcome Teas/coffees/juice provided  
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## Creations

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



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ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. NO AGE LIMITS.  
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EMAIL [EDUCATION@STMACHAR.COM](mailto:EDUCATION@STMACHAR.COM) FOR FURTHER QUERIES

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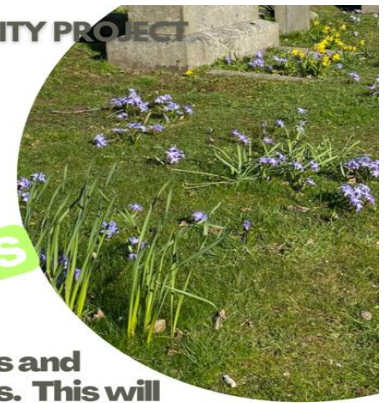


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