

## 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.

**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**

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## 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 10th May 2026

### SERVICES

<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026</b>	11 am - 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.

### WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome Matthew McVey back to St Machar's this morning. Matthew worked a fair bit with the choir while he was a music student here at the University of Aberdeen and has been back this week to play continuo for the university opera society's production of *Dido and Aeneas* this past weekend. He is now Assistant Director of Music at Brecon Cathedral in Wales - although he has a Sunday off from his duties there, we are grateful he'll be accompanying this morning's anthem, then playing for the final hymn and concluding voluntary here!

## **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**

Many thanks to the volunteers who have picked up their bundles and will by now have pushed them through the appropriate letter boxes. These envelopes give at least some parts of the parish the chance to contribute to our campaign and we look forward to seeing the results in the next week or so.

### **Bread and Cheese Lunch**

Today is the day! Be sure not to leave until you have tasted the food on offer, enjoyed the company and contributed to Christian Aid Week. Once again, our thanks to Alexis Darg and her team for all their work.

### **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**

This always popular part of Christian Aid Week (plus a week or two) will take place this year on Sunday 31st May. Peter and Helen Stephen will once again bring lots of plants and invite us all to bring ours to exchange or to buy the plants on offer. Watch for more information on this in the forthcoming weeks.

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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## Poetry Competition

### Creations

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



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8:00 pm @ St. Machar's Cathedral

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