

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.

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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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 17th May 2026

SERVICES

Sunday 24th May 2026 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

Sunday 31st May 2026 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Michael Mair

Sunday 7th June 2026 11 am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS ***

BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study classes have started again and usually take place on the second Sunday of each month. The next one will be today **Sunday 17th May** (led by Rev Dr Hedy Hung) – note date change

WOMEN'S GROUP COFFEE MORNING



May is here again bringing the gardens back in bloom, the trees back in leaf and the day-light hours rapidly increasing. The next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 27th May** in the West Gatehouse between **10.30am and 12 noon**. Looking forward to seeing you.

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>

CHORAL SCHOLARS CONCERT

You are warmly invited to come along to our Choral Scholars' Concert this **Thursday evening** (21st May) at **8.00 pm**.

Come and enjoy an hour of beautiful music followed by refreshments - which will also give the chance to meet and chat with our choral scholars if you haven't managed to do that before.

Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the cathedral's nominated charities this year – the Tilly Flat and the STAR Flat at Seaton.

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 26th 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.

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. Shona has now completed her walk, but you can still donate using the link below:

<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.

A poster for a poetry competition at St Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen. The title is 'Poetry Competition Creations' in large blue and green letters. Below it, the theme is 'Celebrate our Earth' and 'Create a poem or illustration that encourages us to Preserve our Planet'. The central image is a globe of the Earth. At the bottom, it states 'ENTRIES DISPLAYED IN THE CATHEDRAL JULY TO SEPT 2026' and 'PRIZES AWARDED FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN'. It also includes details about the voting process and contact information: 'PUBLIC VOTE WILL DECIDE WINNING ENTRIES. NAME, AGE AND CONTACT EMAIL/NUMBER CLEARLY MARKED ON REVERSE OF ENTRY. ONE ENTRY PER PERSON. NO AGE LIMITS. *THE CATHEDRAL RETAINS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO DISPLAY INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES. EMAIL EDUCATION@STMACHAR.COM FOR FURTHER QUERIES'. The address is 'DELIVER TO: THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST MACHAR, THE CHANONRY, OLD ABERDEEN, AB24 1RQ'. A small logo for 'SCOTTISH REGISTERED CHARITY SC008157' is in the bottom right corner.

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