

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 24th May 2026

SERVICES

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

Sunday 14th June 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* ***

KIRK SESSION NEWS

There will be a meeting of the Kirk Session in the Leslie Room, Dunbar Street Hall, on **Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm.**

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

A short meeting will be held after the morning service on **Sunday 7nd June 2026.** The meeting will be in order to present to the congregation the financial outturn for the year ending 31st December 2025, and to present the budget which will be for the current year.

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.

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 14th June**



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.

After the activities of Christian Aid Week, we were very keen to be able to tell you how much we raised. But unfortunately, we have not yet been able to count it all. But all the activities, the Envelope Distribution, the Bread and Cheese Lunch and, of course Walking the Parish, have all been very successful and we will publish the total raised in the next couple of weeks. It is certain to be impressive, significantly more than the last couple of years.

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

PLANT EXCHANGE AND SALE

And we are not finished yet. Next Sunday, we have our ever popular Plant Exchange and Sale. Peter and Helen Stephen have been busy planning the event and growing plants for sale. If you want to contribute plants, just come early before Church next Sunday and Peter and Helen will be very pleased to see you. And if you just want to look and buy some plants, then again that will be great. All proceeds will be part of our Christian Aid Week total and will bring this year's campaign to a memorable conclusion

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>



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HELP NATURE THRIVE**



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