NEW MEMBERS

All are welcome at our services every week, but if you are feeling a nudge from God about having a more committed relationship with God and becoming more connected to the church community, you might wish to discern this call more deeply. We invite anyone who wants to think more about joining the church in response to a call from God to come along to our new members classes on **Thursday 1st, 8th, and 15th October**. We will explore your sense of faith and how that fits in your life; the pattern of our worship and what the apostles' creed means as an understanding of our Christian faith; and the presbyterian governance of the Church of Scotland. Together Sarah and Michael will journey with you in your discernment. There is no fixed end outcome. You may wish to be baptised or make an adult profession of faith and join the church as a member, or you may decide that now is not the right time for further commitment. Anyone who is already a full communicant member of the church can also come for a refreshed commitment. Please email Katelyn at office@stmachar.com to let us know of your interest. Location of classes will be confirmed nearer the time.

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

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
Minister: Rev Maggie Whyte, 01224 635694
Email: 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 11th October 2026

SERVICES

Sunday 18th October 2026	11am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
Sunday 25th October 2026	11am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown and Rev Michael Mair 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
Sunday 1st November 2026	11am - Morning Worship with Rev Michael Mair and Rev Sarah Brown 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown and Rev Michael Mair

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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Associate Minister: Rev Michael Mair – mmair@churchofscotland.org.uk
Session Clerk: sessionclerk@stmachar.com

POTLUCK LUNCH

Join us for fellowship and soup after the morning service **today!** All welcome. Cold finger food contributions to lunch on the day will be gratefully shared.

CATHEDRAL ECO GROUP POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry for the Creations: Caring for our Earth Poetry Contest! We received a total of 74 entries from both children and adults! The votes are in, and the winning entries are:
Adult's: 1st "Bees" by Kathleen Haw
2nd "Spiders Dance" by David Fisher
Children's: 1st "Beastie" by Addie Murray
2nd "The Sun is Like a Golden Lamp" by Igor Filipiuk Hatton Cruden Primary
Please see the winning poems in the weekly news insert. Other highly commended entries are "Mother, Tell Me" by Katelyn Michelle and "Undoing Eden" by Joanna for the adults, and "Ocean Haiku" by Cohen Kittybrewster Primary and "The Storm was like a Firework" Angus Simpson Hatton Cruden Primary for the children.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Woman's Book Group will be on ***Wednesday 14th October at 6.30pm*** in the Snug at Ma Cameron's and new members are very welcome. This month's book is **"A Life of My Own"** by **Claire Tomalin**. For further information, please contact the cathedral office. Everyone welcome.

BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study classes are held on the first and third Sundays of each month. The upcoming one will be **18th October** and **1st November** — 10:00-10:45 am in West Gatehouse; 12:30-1:30 pm in Mitchell Chapel. Teacher: Rev Dr Hedy Hung. Come as you are and enjoy a time of learning and fellowship!

CONCERT HELP NEEDED

Our concert season is restarting, and we are looking for a few more people to help. As a volunteer you will help the beadle with opening toilets in the gatehouse, staffing the shop, and tidying up. You'll get to enjoy the concert as well!
If you're interested, contact Shona Mutch stewardship@stmachar.com or the office office@stmachar.com 01224 485988 or speak to one of the elders and they can introduce you to someone who has helped before. Concert dates:

Saturday 31 Oct - Candlelight
Saturday 7 Nov - Candlelight
Saturday 21 Nov - Candlelight

Plus Scottish ensemble, Aberdeen University, Rock Choir, and more in December.

GIFFORD LECTURE SERIES 2026

Professor Jeremy Begbie will be presenting his series: "Rhythms of Life in God and Music" in October. Jeremy Begbie is the Thomas A. Langford Distinguished Research Professor of Theology at Duke Divinity School. He teaches systematic theology and specializes in the interface between theology and the arts. This unique series will feature musicians throughout - Professor Begbie on the piano with solo musicians, and later in the series, a string quartet, choir, and orchestra. All events are free to attend and include a complementary wine reception afterwards for those who would like to stay for conversation afterwards. We encourage registration in advance to help us plan our catering. Event dates:
Monday 12th October: Sensing the Pressures
Tuesday 13th October: Fascinating Rhythm
Thursday 15th October: Making
Monday 19th October: Engaging
Tuesday 20th October: Representing
Thursday 22nd October: Rhythm at Large

ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY GROUP

We have been working in partnership with the St George's Community Group to ensure a community led future for the former church building. During 2026 we have been working together towards the community group purchasing the building. The group is ably led by Lynn Cunningham as project co-ordinator and Neil Cooney as Chairperson of their Board. We are delighted that we have been able to begin midweek worship services in St George's, as well as be involved in community connections. Together we have been using our best resources to continue supporting those in need. If you are able to contribute to their fundraising efforts, please offer what you can.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

All are invited to join in the services of Wednesday Worship at 5.15 pm each week during term time in the University Chapel. Choral Evensong is sung on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month; Communion is celebrated on the 2nd Wednesday; and there is a visiting preacher on the 4th Wednesday.
Do come along and enjoy this time of spiritual nourishment, which is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the antechapel, or a bowl of soup in the Chaplaincy Centre on 28 Oct & 25 Nov - sustenance for the body as well as the soul!

ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH PARTICIPANT CALL

Scottish Brain Sciences is a brain health research organisation based in Scotland. We're now actively looking for people across Scotland to get involved in research on memory and brain health. We're particularly keen to hear from people who have mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, as well as anyone worried about their memory or have a family history of dementia. Family members, friends, and carers are very welcome to reach out on behalf of someone else to find out more.
There are two main ways to get involved: IONA, a long-term observational study or our clinical trials programme. Whether you're interested in the IONA Study, clinical trials, or simply want to understand what research might be available to you, we'd be very happy to hear from you.
Register interest or ask questions at **brainsciences.scot/register-interest-form/** or email **participation@brainsciences.scot** or call **01224 036204.**

SAVE ENERGY WITH HOME ENERGY SCOTLAND

Home Energy Scotland are working in partnership with Eco-Congregation Scotland to help households throughout Scotland save energy. Note the nationwide online workshop below from 7:30-9:00pm. Register online to attend.
October 28th Home Energy Scotland: Supporting Householders

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

The whole of October is dedicated to National Pregnancy and Infant Loss. The objective is to raise awareness, improve bereavement care, and unite families. 'Baby Loss Awareness' week is Oct 9th-15th. The 15th is Remembrance Day, when a global Wave of Light will take place at 7pm local time. Candles will be lit across the world and will remain lit for an hour, creating a wave of light to remember the children lost and the families affected.
If you have been affected by baby loss in any way you can light a candle in St. Machar's any time during opening hours; you can join the Wave of Light at the Forget Me Not Memorial Garden at Hazlehead at 6.30 pm on the 15th; or you can light a candle at home. If you need to speak to someone, there is always someone in the cathedral who will listen. It often helps to share.

SAVE
ST GEORGE'S TILLYDRONE
COMMUNITY CENTRE

St.G's

Help Us Save St George's Community Centre.

We're fundraising to secure the future of this much-loved community hub. If you can donate, please know that every contribution - big or small - helps us move closer to our £50,000 target.
St George's plays a vital role in Tillydrone, offering support, connection, activities and a welcoming space for everyone.
Your kindness keeps our doors open.
Thank you.

You can donate by scanning the QR code or by visiting our Crowdfunder page:
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stgeorgestillydrone/donate/20

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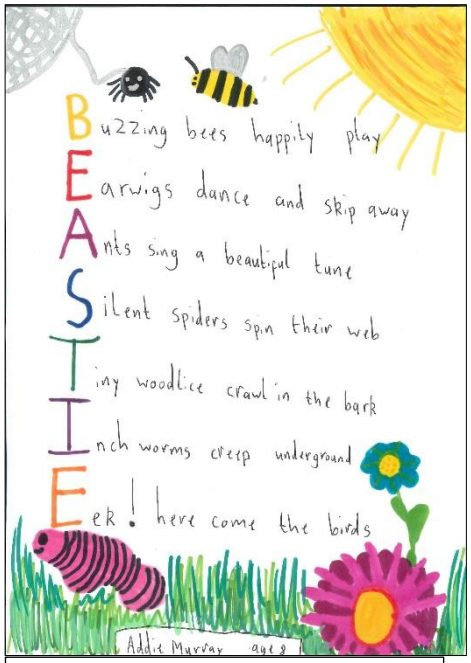
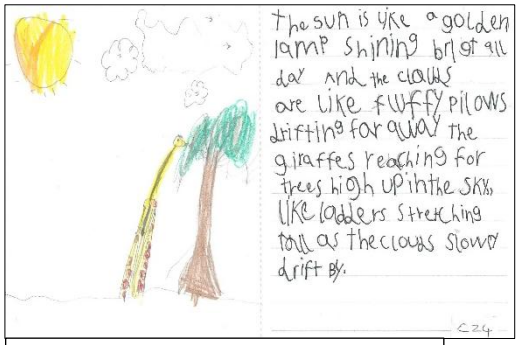
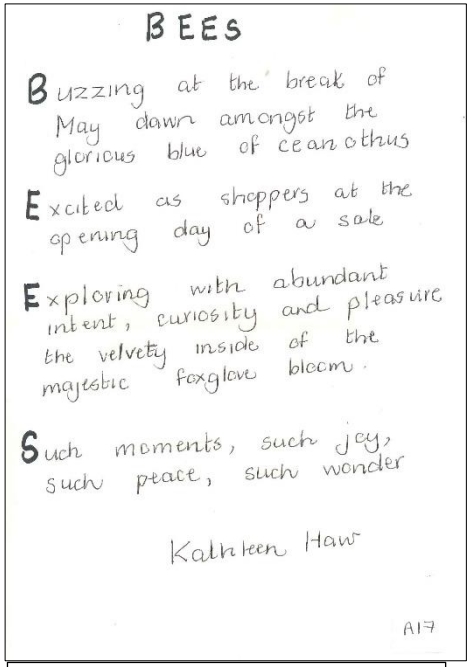


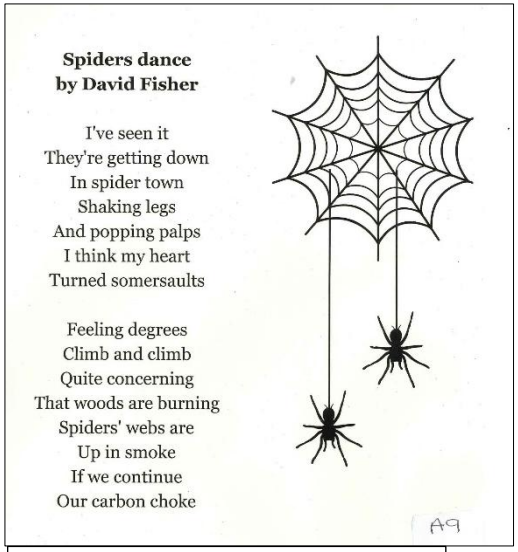
Children's 1st place: Addie Murray



Children's 2nd place: Igor Filipiuk



Adult's 1st place: Kathleen Haw



Adult's 2nd place: David Fisher