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

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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.

Scan here to give:

St Machar's Cathedral
Sunday 18th October 2026

SERVICES

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
Sunday 8th November 2026	11am - Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown and Rev Michael Mair 6pm - Evening Worship with Rev Michael Mair

OUR CONTACT DETAILS
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Session Clerk: sessionclerk@stmachar.com

BIBLE STUDY

Our bible study classes are held on the first and third Sundays of each month. The upcoming one will be **today 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!

GIFT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Gift Sunday. Once a year we ask you to consider if you can make an additional donation towards the work of the church. If you are a member of the church, you will receive a letter this week giving you more details. As always, we ask only you give what you can afford.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who made the Potluck Lunch and decorated the church for Harvest last week. It was wonderful to see the church looking so well with you all contributing to that in helping out or joining in the fellowship. If you would like to be involved in these kinds of events in the future, please let us know. Calling or emailing the office is always a good place to start.

LEAVE

Michael is on army leave this weekend and on annual leave this week.

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.

FRIENDS OF ST MACHAR

The AGM of the Friends of St Machar takes place on Friday 30th October at 7pm. The Friends were set up to encourage those beyond our church congregation who support the life and work of St Machar to be able to be kept in touch of the news of this place and contribute in a meaningful way. Many of our members live around the world, and a good many live within reach too. As a Friend, for an annual or life subscription, you receive copies of the occasional papers, are invited to events including an annual outing, and can attend the AGM to participate in the governance of the group. All are welcome to attend the AGM and learn more about their work. This year, our archivist, Sandy Riddell will be giving a talk on the Walter Duncan Charter Room, sharing about some of our on-site archives. There will also be a musical contribution from our Director of Music and members of the choir.

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!

CHRISTIAN AID EVENT

Christian Aid are hosting their annual gathering here in St Machar on Friday 6th November at 7pm-9pm. We will be treated to the music of Sisken Green and will hear all the news from Christian Aid Scotland's continuing work and have a special guest the Very Rev Sally Foster-Fulton. There will be sample food to taste from Hadeel too! This event is especially meant as a thank you to the people of the North East, for their dedication to raising funds and awareness towards the work of Christian Aid. Consider yourself invited!

WOMEN'S COFFEE MORNING

As the October days are getting shorter, it is time for our next Women's Group meeting. We will be in the West Gatehouse as usual on Wednesday 28th October, meeting between 10.30am and 12 noon.
Hope we will see you then.

ALL SOULS SERVICE

On the first Sunday of November each year, we share together in an evening service to remember those who have died in the past year. You are invited to send in a name of a person you would like remembered to Katelyn in the office and their name will be read out and a candle lit for them during the service. Losing someone is a tough experience and our community is one to belong to, to know you are seen and held in your grief. 1st November 6pm.

PRAYER SPACE

We have an idea to create a new look prayer space in the Mitchell Chapel. We want something that invites people into prayer whether they come to St Machar often or only pass through for a few moments. If you have an eye for design and/or a heart for prayer, please come along on Friday 13th November at 7pm and see what we can create together.

PRIORITY AREA CONFERENCE 12-13TH NOVEMBER, STIRLING COURT HOTEL

Two days to meet with other congregations who serve communities with some of the greatest challenges and greatest abilities to overcome adversity. Come and be inspired by meeting with members and teams from churches around Scotland, who together will look at:
Our Stories — the people and experiences that have shaped us
Our Ministry — what God is doing in us and our communities
Our Communities — the people we are called to serve and walk alongside
Our Hope — what keeps us going and where we see God at work
Our Future — what we might become
Let us know if you are interested in knowing more.

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

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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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 19th October: Engaging
Tuesday 20th October: Representing
Thursday 22nd October: Rhythm at Large

All lectures begin at 6pm in Elphinstone Hall, University of Aberdeen.
To register, please scan or visit our website: https://abdn.site/begbie

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.**