

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School resumed recently after the summer break. All children from school age up to about 12 are very welcome. The Sunday School meets in the Gatehouse, and the children, accompanied by two adults, leave the service just after the All-Ages Talk. If you have children with you who would like to spend some time with other children, please speak to a Duty Elder, who will be pleased to help.

ST STEPHENS – CHATTERBOX

St Stephen's Church, one of our partner churches in the Old Aberdeen Grouping, are inviting all who are interested to drop in for a cuppa and a conversation every Wednesday morning, between 10am and 12.30pm, in the St Stephen's Church Hall on Powis Place. All are welcome. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. So, if you are passing and feel like a cuppa in friendly company, why not drop in?



St Machar's Cathedral

Sunday 17th September 2023

SERVICES

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| Sunday 24th September 2023 | 11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |
| Sunday 1st October 2023 | 11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |
| Sunday 8th October 2023 | 11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown |

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS ***

CONCERT

Grampian Concert Orchestra – **Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 7.30pm**

Tickets £10.00 / £7.00 (accompanied children free) on the door, includes refreshments, or via link below

<https://www.wegottickets.com/event/591101>



CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

Thursday 28th September: 7.00pm – The Best of Hans Zimmer
9.00pm – A Tribute to Queen

Saturday 30th September: 7.00pm – A Tribute to Taylor Swift
9.00pm – A Tribute to Coldplay

Tickets can be purchased via link - <https://feverup.com/en/aberdeen/candlelight>

HARVEST FOODBANK COLLECTION

Once again, we are collecting food and toiletries for those in our community who rely on the support of Foodbanks. For the period leading to Harvest Sunday 8th October, there will be trugs under the table at the West End and all are warmly invited to contribute food, preferably non-perishable, and other items. If you find food difficult to bring, money is always welcome and there will be a box, suitably marked, on the table above the trugs, where donations may be left. It is our custom to spread our collections among various partner organisations in the city and the Harvest Collection will be for the Society of St Vincent de Paul.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

But this year, as before Covid, we will think also of those in the congregation and parish who have been housebound or bereaved and as many as possible of us will deliver flowers or a house plant. Many of you will remember the custom.

But our usual sources are no longer available so we are hoping to 'do it ourselves' and ask that as many of us who can will deliver a house plant or flowers to the cathedral on the day before, Saturday 7th.

And on the day itself most of us will be able to deliver one or two of the gifts on our way home from church.

Meanwhile we are asking elders to let us know of members who should receive these gifts.

FRIENDS OF ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Outing

This year's Outing, jointly organised by the Old Aberdeen Heritage Society and the friends, will take place on **Saturday 30th September**. A bus will leave the Cathedral at 1.30pm and will head for Tarland, where we will visit the Migvie Auld Kirk and then Tomnaverie Stone Circle, before heading for a Cream Tea in Dounside House at about 4pm. The bus will return to the Cathedral by around 5.30pm. There are still seats available, at a cost of £25 per head. If you would like to come, please speak to the Friends' Treasurer, Kate Mason, or the Secretary, Alan Grant

Annual General Meeting, Service and Talk

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Cathedral at **5pm on Sunday 22nd October**. The Business AGM will form the first part of the evening. Then, after a break for refreshments, the annual Friends Service will take place at 6pm. Then after the service, Ruth Lough, in conversation with Cameron Campbell, will share her experience and her views on the place of Art in church, under the title "Art, for God's sake" All are warmly invited.

CATHEDRAL SHOP

The stock in the cathedral shop is constantly changing, have a look after today's service. 2024 Aberdeen Calendars arrived a few weeks ago.

St Machar's Cathedral Choir CD arrived last week and costs £10.99 We have new items of jewellery including rings, and our popular wooden holding crosses and prayer cubes are back in stock.

We are waiting for a delivery of St Machar porcelain hangings and other new items.

CD PLAYER AND DISCS AVAILABLE

We have in our possession two CD Players and a collection of CD s which are either selections of hymns sung by various choirs or some popular light classics and other easy listening music. They are intended to be for the benefit of someone in care or unable to get out or access other forms of music.

The CDs and player are labelled as belonging to St Machar's and are battery operated. They can be available on short or longer term loan. So if you know of anyone who might benefit from listening to these discs, please speak to the Minister or Session Clerk.

Remembrance Display

We are making a poppy display for Remembrance Day this year out of recycled materials and are hoping that everyone coming into the cathedral will contribute. This will include visitors, church-goers and school children.



Materials wanted

We hope to reuse items for our display so please don't buy new but look into your cupboards and drawers for unwanted items.

If you already have poppies that you have knitted or made we are happy to include them in the display.

We need:

sweetie wrappers, tissue paper, cellophane, crepe paper, coloured paper, thin card or

plastic: orange, red or green only

garden netting : black or green

black buttons

Please leave donated items in box behind the gallery marked Poppy Display materials.

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