

St Machar's Cathedral

Sunday 22nd January 2023

PASTORAL VISITING

Rev Sarah Brown is available for pastoral visits and can be reached on the manse telephone on 01224 539630 or leave a note at the cathedral office with your name and telephone number. If you have any concerns regarding covid, Sarah is happy to wear a mask, or test before visiting, please just let her know. Please note Monday is usually Sarah's day off.

Sarah is happy to visit members who cannot come to church for Home Communion. Elders should arrange a time with the minister to make these visits together. A member can make a request either directly with the cathedral office or their elder.

PASTORAL CARE GROUP

We are developing a pastoral care group who will undertake visiting those of our membership who might not be able to come to church any longer, along with others who might enjoy more regular visits throughout the year. If you are interested in joining the visiting team, please talk to Sarah or send her an email.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School has now resumed and is "in-person". If you have children of school age who might be interested in joining the Sunday School please contact the office on office@stmachar.com for details of how and when to join, or just turn up on a Sunday morning.

UKRAINE

We are continuing to collect for the Disasters Emergency Committee to relieve immediate suffering in Ukraine itself and among refugees fleeing the warzone. The collecting box is on the desk beneath the Archive Room on the South Aisle. Since we started collecting, this congregation has raised over £1000 by this means alone.

And of course, the city and the shire, like the rest of the country, continues to welcome refugees. There is no longer a need for domestic goods to assist their arrival, but the Presbytery are collecting names of volunteers who are prepared to help prepare flats for new arrivals. And of course, money is always needed. The Lord Provost's Charitable Fund is accepting donations. If you wish to know more of how to help in either of these ways, please speak to Alan Grant, Session Clerk or any elder.

SERVICES

Sunday 29th January 2023

11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

Sunday 5^h February 2023

11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

Sunday 12th February 2023

11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS ***

SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY WITH THE THREE CATHEDRALS

A special service for Christian Unity with the Three Cathedrals will be held tonight at St Machar's Cathedral at 6pm. Reverend Sarah Brown will be conducting the service, with Bishop Hugh Gilbert, Diocese of Aberdeen, Roman Catholic Church preaching and Canon Terry Taggart, St Mary's Cathedral Pro-Tem Scottish Episcopal Church leading prayers.

SPRING CONCERT

The first of our Spring Concerts will be held in the Cathedral on **Sunday 29th January 2023, at 4.15pm**, and will be a Flute and Organ duo played by Frauke Jurgensen and Karin Friedrich

Admission will be free, but a retiring collection will go to the two Nominated Charities.

There will be other concerts at the end of February and March, details will follow nearer the time.

KIRK SESSION

A meeting of the Kirk Session will be held by Zoom on Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm

AN EVENING OF SCOTS MUSIC AND VERSE



On **Saturday 18th February**, we are holding a function to raise money for our two Nominated Charities, Water Aid and Cultivate Aberdeen. The venue will be the Dunbar Street Hall and the event will begin at 7pm.

There will be songs performed by some of the choir members, with poetry and prose spoken by a distinguished line up of speakers. A meal will be served and there will be ample time for socialising

The purpose is of course to raise money for the charities, but it is also a great chance to catch up with friends.

There will be no ticket price, but donations will be collected on the night. Although we are not selling tickets, it will still be necessary to have an idea of numbers, so if you are coming, please either sign the clipboard sheet on the table at the West End or email the office with name and numbers. More details will follow.

POLLINATOR FRIENDLY AWARD

On Friday 13th January Steven Shaw, Environmental Manager at the City Council, on behalf of Keep Scotland Beautiful, presented the St Machar Community Biodiversity Project with their 2nd place Pollinator Friendly Award from Naturescot. He said it was wonderful that the group's work has been recognised and hoped that it would inspire other kirkyards to consider making room for nature. It was good to see many from the community and cathedral gather to help celebrate this achievement.



WINTER APPEAL

Today is the last day of our Winter Appeal on behalf of the Salvation Army. Throughout the period from the beginning of Advent until today, the congregation has generously supplied food toiletries and clothing to be used to sustain people in need throughout this period of cold. The trugs of food etc in the West End and those stored in the Gatehouse will be delivered to the Salvation Army this week. If you have been unable to bring food, then money is always welcome. There is a collecting box on the table at the West End.

STUDY GROUP

In January we will be beginning a study group together looking at the book Being Interrupted by Al Barrett and Ruth Harley. If you'd like to purchase the book in advance for a discounted rate, please speak to the minister, who can make a group purchase.

WANTED

Clean cellophane and foil sweetie wrappers needed for craft work please. If you have any to donate, please leave in the Education and Outreach Officer's box under the gallery. Thanks very much!

STRESS FREE NEW YEAR SHOPPING



The Cathedral Stall has new stock that would make ideal First Footing Gifts, please have a look after the service today.

Our bone china mugs and tote bags have a new image of the Cathedral drawn by Marra Evans. Marra, who is a medical illustrator, worshipped with us and her partner Henry sang in the choir.

Our new note books and children's colouring pencils have the iconic twin spires logo. We have fused glass Christmas decorations, birds, dishes, and ornaments made by Helen Stephen.

Jewellery, hand painted silk scarves, wooden holding crosses, Aberdeen calendars, chocolate and more, all can be wrapped in our Fairtrade paper.

FLOWER LIST

The flower list is now available for 2023 at the West End table. If you would like to remember or celebrate a particular event by donating flowers to the church, please write your name against the chosen date together with your telephone number so that the duty flower person can contact you. If you do not wish your telephone number to be displayed here, then please leave your details with the Cathedral Secretary. This is a lovely way to mark an event and to add to the beauty of the Cathedral.