

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is ongoing and all children from school age up to about 12 are very welcome. The Sunday School meets in the old session room behind the organ, 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. Parents are welcome to bring creche age children too.

CATHEDRAL SHOP



St Peter's new Doric book – Unicorn's Guide tae Aul Aiberdeen– is available for £10.00.

Please do come and see what else we have after the service!

Parish Grouping – What's On:

ST STEPHENS

Mondays - new dance class for 55+, 10.30-11.30 - £20.00 per month

Wednesdays- Chatterbox - drop in cafe 10am-12noon

OLDMACHAR

Fridays - Community Cafe 10am-12noon

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 9th June 2024

SERVICES

Sunday 16th June 2024

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

Sunday 23rd June 2024

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

Sunday 30th June 2024

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

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*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS ***

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The next meeting of the Woman's Book Group will be on **Thursday 13th June at 6.30pm** in the Snug at Ma Cameron's and new members are very welcome.

Choice of titles by William Boyd. Either Restless, The Romantic or A Good Man in Africa.

For further information, please contact the Cathedral office.

LEARIG

Charity Concert on ***Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm***. A unique occasion with the joining of the Inverurie and Learig orchestras and supporting Scottish Action for Mental Health [SAMH]. The programme includes the Swan Lake Suite, Tchaikovsky; Hungarian Dances, Brahms and the World Premiere of a new composition by Professor Pete Stollery. It is entitled "Un Pensamiento Triste que se Balla" and will be the climax of a wonderful evening. This concert of "Summer Dances" will also be played at the Inverurie Town Hall the following evening. Tickets at the door -£10 and under 16s free. Please come and tell your friends!

CATHEDRAL MANAGER WANTED

We need a new Cathedral Manager. The responsibilities are being rethought and restructured so that it becomes more of a managerial responsibility. No one will be expected to be another Judith! It is currently a voluntary role. If you are in any way interested, please tell Alan Grant, or Shona Mutch, or David Hewitt, or even the Minister as you leave the Cathedral at the end of a service.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

7 Steps or 700k

Thanks to all who took part in walking, running, cycling or knitting. We have well exceeded our target of 700 steps. The final figures will be available today. And there is still time for you to express your support by donating to Christian Aid, to add to the funds already raised through the Bread and Cheese Lunch and the distribution of envelopes in the Parish.

Plant Exchange and Sale

And there is still the Plant Exchange and Sale. This will take place next ***Sunday, 16th June***. This is a little earlier than originally planned. So, if you have plants to donate or exchange, please bring them before the 11am service, when Peter Stephen will be pleased to help you. If you just want to buy a plant or two, take time to browse before and after the service, when the plants will be displayed outside

NOMINATED CHARITIES

As we indicated last week, this month we are arranging for short presentations to be made on behalf of our Nominated Charities. These will be very informal affairs, delivered as we enjoy our coffee. Next week, ***16th June*** we will hear from a spokesperson of our local Charity, Big Noise Torry, while the following week, ***23rd June*** will see a presentation on behalf of Médecins Sans Frontières. The purpose of these events is not to raise funds as such, but to spread more understanding of the work of both organisations.

STAMP APPEAL



The Stamp Appeal for 2024-2025 will be in aid of "Firmly Planted" project, supported by the local churches in Malawi. The poster in the west end has further details.

Thank you to everyone who collects the stamps. Last year St Machar's collected a bumper crop!!

ST COLUMBA'S DAY

To mark St Columba's Day (***9th June***) we are hosting a small exhibition of Elizabeth Lorimar Hunter's work. She was fascinated by Saint Columba who she believed had come up Loch Sween where she lived. She imagined that he carried his coracle up past her cottage over the hill to an island where the Scottish kings were crowned. One of the paintings shows St Columba in his coracle. St Machar was said to be one of Columba's companions and their story is reflected in one of our own stained-glass windows. The other paintings reflect Hunter's stain glass influence from her training at Edinburgh College of Art in the 1930s, her interest in history and nature and the romantic style that she was settled in the tradition of. These paintings are kindly on loan from her son Andrew Hunter.

ECO-CONGREGATION

Are you passionate about fairtrade, recycling, climate justice and environmental concerns? We are looking for someone to keep our focus on the work of being an Eco-congregation. As a member of Eco-congregation Scotland, we have committed to this as a congregation, with the expectation of our church and homes and live speaking of this commitment. It does require a prompting person (a prophet?), someone who can remind us from time to time that we can improve our witness in this area. Some tasks come more naturally to some than others and so having opportunity to share this passion in regular weekly news items, a feature in St Machar's News, reminding our minister to make it visible in worship, and our members in their choices at home and at work is vital. If you think this might be you, or you could be part of a group that takes on this voice please send an email to Carol in the office on office@stmachars.com