

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 16th June 2024

SERVICES

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

Sunday 7th July 2024

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

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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***** CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS *****

WOMEN'S GROUP COFFEE MORNING



Our next get together will be in the West Gatehouse on Wednesday 26th June from 10.30am till 12 noon. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.
Elspeth and Anne

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, Tschaikovsky; 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

After the activity of the last few weeks, with envelope distribution, Bread and Cheese Lunch, and our 7 Steps or 700k challenge, (where we exceeded 1000k as a congregation) we now have the final event in the programme, the **Annual Plant Exchange and Sale**, which is taking place today. If you have not brought plants to exchange, do go and buy a few from the displays outside, and help boost our overall total for Christian Aid. It has been a Christian Aid Month rather than a week this year, and we shall announce the totals raised altogether by the end of this month.

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. Today, ***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