

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 23rd June 2024

SERVICES

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

Sunday 14th July 2024

11am Morning Worship with Rev Professor Philip G. Ziegler
6pm Evening Worship with Rev TBA

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

CHURCH PICNIC

To mark the end of the Sunday School term, we are having a picnic! On ***Sunday 30th June*** after the service, we shall meet in Seaton Park near the playground area for a church picnic. Please bring something to eat and something to sit on and be ready to join in the games or to cheer others on. All are welcome, of all ages and abilities. Pray for the weather!



HELP NEEDED

Because of the increasing number of visitors, and because the Kirk Session takes the view that, if possible, no one should be on duty alone in the Cathedral, St Machar's needs more volunteers. We have gaps on Monday morning, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday morning, Thursday afternoon, Friday afternoon, and Saturday afternoon.

Anyone can volunteer: members, elders, friends, spouses, the elderly, teenagers, and everyone in between. There's no discount for bringing along a neighbour but bringing someone along is an obvious way of recruiting. Training will be given, so 'not knowing enough' is irrelevant. A weekly commitment would be great, but offering to help is the first priority.

Please email office@stmachar.com, or talk to Shona Mutch or David Hewitt.

St Machar's is highly praised for its welcoming attitude to visitors: we want that to continue. And we want it to be a safe place. Please help.

NOMINATED CHARITIES

Last week, at coffee time, we had an interesting presentation from Leo Mackenzie from Big Noise Torry, our local charity. I think those who heard Leo would have been fascinated to hear the impact of the work of Big Noise Torry and its impact on the community.

This week it is the turn of our international partner, Médecins Sans Frontières. Shona Buxton, our Outreach Convener, will give an introduction, over coffee, to the work of MSF and highlighting why we chose it for this year's overseas partner.

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