

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.

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 30th June 2024

SERVICES

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 TBC

Sunday 21st July 2024

11am Morning Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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

CHURCH PICNIC – TODAY!!

To mark the end of the Sunday School term, we are having a picnic! *This afternoon*, 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.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

As promised, we have now had the chance to count the contributions received for the various activities held in, or in support of, Christian Aid Week.

We had a number of activities, from House-to-House envelope distribution in the parish, the Bread and Cheese Lunch held in the North Aisle after worship at the end of Christian Aid Week, to the Plant Exchange and Sale held on 16th June. In addition, many of us rose to the challenge of walking, running or other activities in support of the "7 Steps or 700k" initiative.

The whole exercise worked very well. We smashed our target of 700k by walking running etc over 1000k during May. And the various fund-raising ventures combined to raise a hugely impressive total of £1496.20. Given that most donors took the trouble to complete Gift Aid Declarations, that total will be increased by at least £200.

A great success and it is thanks as always to the generosity and commitment of this congregation.

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!!

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.

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