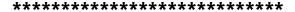
PRAYERS FOR PEACE

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.



Parish Grouping - What's On:

ST MARY'S

Concert – AOC Productions - <u>Almost Anything Goes – Friday 15th November at 7.30pm</u>

Concert - Northern Lights Singers - Sunday 8th December at 2.30pm

ST STEPHENS

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

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

OLDMACHAR

 $\underline{\textbf{Fridays}}$ - Community Cafe 10am-12noon. Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 which includes unlimited tea, coffee and snacks.

<u>1st Saturday of every month</u> - Ladies breakfast 9-10.30am - a relaxed friendly breakfast with a guest speaker chatting for a short while.

<u>9th November</u> – Craft Fayre and Coffee Morning – stalls available for £15.00, please contact secretary@oldmacharchurch.org

St Machar's Cathedral

Sunday 20th October 2024

SERVICES

Sunday 27th October 2024 11am Morning Worship and Gift Sunday with Rev

Sarah Brown

6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

Sunday 3rd November 2024 11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

6pm All Souls Service with Rev Sarah Brown

Sunday 10th November 2024 10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service with Rev

Sarah Brown

6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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Session Clerk: Alan Grant – a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com

*** CATHEDRAL EVENTS and CONCERTS***

WOMEN'S GROUP COFFEE MORNING



The October days are getting shorter, and winter is on its way. A warm welcome is guaranteed at the Women's Group coffee morning.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 30th October in the West Gatehouse of the Cathedral between 10.30am and 12 noon. Looking forward to seeing you then.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Due to the Sundays when we sometimes have only one child for Sunday School we are entering a time of discernment about our children's provision on Sunday mornings. We have three faithful and diligent Sunday School leaders who take it in turns to lead the classes alongside a PVG checked elder. We recognise if there is only one child, this can be a bit intimidating, and a bit disheartening for leaders to prepare a lesson and have no children appear.

For now, in consultation with parents, we are planning one lesson per month and a seasonal craft activity that will be started on a fixed date and can be continued if children arrive on the other Sundays.

We would love it if there are any willing volunteers to join the Sunday School team. Please pray for our Sunday School to flourish with more children regularly coming to church and that we find the right ways to encourage our children in their faith journeys.

Planned lesson days are: 27th October

Other Sundays there will be craft activities available for the duty teachers and elders to use if children are present in church and wish to attend Sunday School. At the end of October, we will review if the new pattern is working for children, parents and teachers.

Rev Sarah Brown

CHORAL SCHOLARS

We are delighted to announce we have been able to award seven choral scholarships for this academic year (2024/25).

We have two continuing scholars - Molly Brown (soprano) and Michael Muoneke (tenor), and we are delighted to welcome Sage Smith and Susannah Thomasson to the soprano section, Connie McLean to the alto section, and Richard Mason-Smith and Zak McCullough to the bass section. Do say hello to our new scholars at coffee time after the service.

WANTED!!

Clean purple, white, clear, sparkly and red sweetie wrappers for the poppy crafts please. If you have any to donate, please leave in the Education and Outreach Officer's box under the gallery. Thanks very much!

COMMUNION LINEN

One task for which we need more volunteers is to join the team who take on the responsibility for washing and ironing the Communion linen. St Machar's has been fortunate to have had this task carried out unobtrusively and efficiently by teams of people over the years, but time passing has meant that we have lost some and need to recruit new volunteers. So, if you are interested in this small but important task, please speak to the Minister or the Session Clerk

BENEDICT NWOKEDI

Benedict Nwokedi is a new Candidate for Full Time Word and Sacrament at the Church of Scotland and joins St. Machar Cathedral for his first vocations placement.

Originally from Nigeria, Benedict's journey to the Church of Scotland has been marked by a profound commitment to serving in his local church and teaching the Gospel.

As a member of the Woodside Parish Church and now Hillside Parish Church, he and his wife have been involved in various church activities.

Beyond his congregational involvement, Benedict is also a self-published author under the alias Dikachi Mann, and in his professional life worked in various sectors, from finance, entrepreneurship, hospitality, energy, and higher education. His openness to interfaith dialogue has also seen him fostering positive relationships with members of other faith communities, promoting understanding and respect.

Benedict's unwavering faith and compassionate spirit continues to inspire and uplift those around him. He enjoys writing, watching science fiction, and reading.

It is his hope and prayer that his time at St Machar Cathedral would bring much clarity on his ministry as well as much Christian service to the parish.

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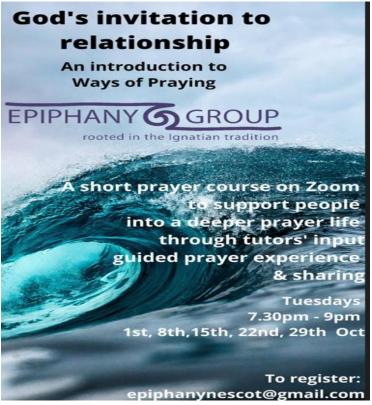


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