

## 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.

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### Parish Grouping – What's On:

#### ST MARY'S

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

**Concert – Northern Lights Singers – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

**Fridays** - Community Cafe 10am-12noon. Adults £4.00 Children £2.00 which includes unlimited tea, coffee and snacks.

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

**9<sup>th</sup> November** – Craft Fayre and Coffee Morning – stalls available for £15.00, please contact [secretary@oldmacharchurch.org](mailto:secretary@oldmacharchurch.org)

# St Machar's Cathedral

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### SERVICES

<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024</b>	11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm All Souls Service with Rev Sarah Brown
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	10.45am Remembrance Sunday Service with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown and guest Preacher Rev David Todd 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

### OUR CONTACT DETAILS

**Office (Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri am): 01224 485988 – [office@stmachar.com](mailto:office@stmachar.com)**

**Minister: Rev Sarah Brown – [sarah.brown@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:sarah.brown@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

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## \*\*\* 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 30<sup>th</sup> October** in the West Gatehouse of the Cathedral between **10.30am and 12 noon**. Looking forward to seeing you then.

### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The next meeting of the book group will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** (2nd Wednesday in the month) in the Snug at Ma Camerons at **6.30pm** and all are welcome. The book for this month is *The Wrong Sister* by Claire Douglas. For further information please contact the Church Office

## **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!

## **CONCERT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!**



We have some extra Candlelight concerts arranged and would therefore appreciate some more volunteers to help on the following dates:

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

Please contact the office if you can help or for more information.

Remember – you also get to enjoy the concerts!!

## **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:

Today 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

## **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.*

## **BIG NOISE MORNING, Saturday 23 November, 11am-1pm**

Join us for a morning of cakes, bakes, fellowship and music in support of the Cathedral's nominated charities **Big Noise Torry** and **Médecins sans Frontières**. We are delighted that some musical entertainment will be provided by young musicians from Big Noise Torry under the direction of Andrew Birse.

Entry free but donations will be very welcome for these great causes. Open to all. Please spread the word!

(If you are available and willing to help with setting up or serving refreshments on the day, please contact Shona Buxton, Convener of the Outreach Committee: Email: [shonabuxton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:shonabuxton@hotmail.co.uk) ; Mob: 07795 006626)


## **WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL**

All are invited to join in the services of Wednesday Worship at 5.15 pm each week in term time in the University Chapel.

Do come along and enjoy this time of spiritual nourishment, which is followed by tea/coffee and biscuits - sustenance for the body as well as the soul!

**Book Launch**


**St Machar's Cathedral**  
**A Living History**




Edited by Clare Gimmingham

**5pm on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> November**

**At the Cathedral**



**All welcome**



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**Coffee Morning**  
in aid of The Leprosy Mission

10am - 12pm on Saturday 2 November 2024

St Mary's Parish Church, King Street,  
Aberdeen, AB24 3DE

Entry by donation

Come and enjoy a morning of refreshments with various stalls available

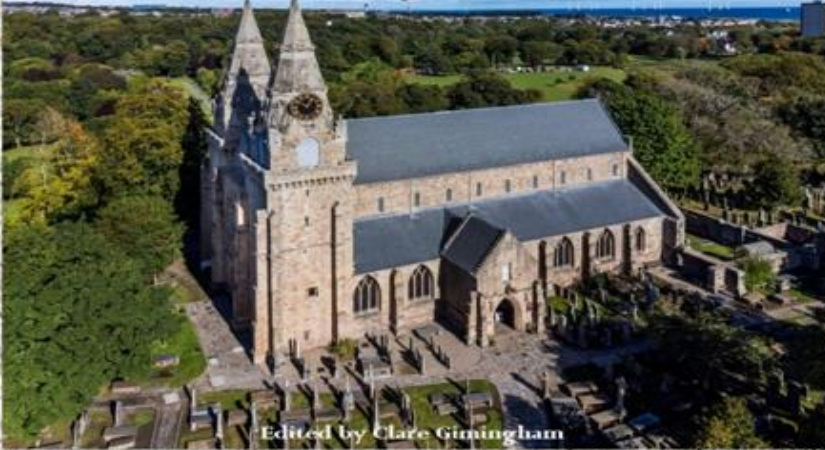


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