

## 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 – 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.

# St Machar's Cathedral

## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### SERVICES

<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>	11am Morning Worship with Rev Bill Smith 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Mark Rodgers
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>	11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>	11am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown 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)**

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**Session Clerk: Alan Grant – [a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com](mailto:a.bryce.grant47@gmail.com)**

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

### WOMAN'S GROUP COFFEE MORNING



With November coming to an end, winter is creeping closer.

Our next coffee morning will be on **Wednesday 27th November** - this will be our last coffee morning till March.

We will be in the West Gatehouse between **10.30am and 12 noon** as usual. Looking forward to seeing you all again.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Alex Loyo, one of our beadles, on receiving the Joe Swierzbinski Prize for Best Postgraduate Dissertation in Economics for his Masters at the University of Aberdeen. Well done, Alex!

**Saturday 30 November 2024**

**7:30 p.m. St Machar's Cathedral**

**Music from Eastern Europe**

**Aberdeen Bach Choir - Musical Director Paul Tierney**

**Kamil Mika - organ**

**Catriona Hewitson (Soprano)**

**Lea Katherine Shaw (Mezzo-Soprano)**

**Sam Marston (Tenor)**

**Ross Cumming (Baritone)**

Tickets are now on sale from [Ticketsource](#), priced at £16, with concessions at £5 for under 26 years old (booking fee applies) and free for under 16 years old accompanied by an adult.

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**SCOTTISH ENSEMBLE**

**Concerts by Candlelight – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm** – in the depths of winter, warm your soul and explore a rich selection of music in some of Scotland's most atmospheric settings. Enjoy melodies that weave between past and present, combining seamlessly to create a beautiful sonic tapestry.

Scottish Ensemble are a pioneering collective of musicians who champion music for strings. Their annual Concerts by Candlelight tour offers moments of stillness, contemplation and a captivating musical adventure.

A 75 minute performance including...

Pëteris Vasks – *Musica Adventus*, Movements 1 & 4

Caroline Shaw – *Stem* from *The Evergreen*

Kaija Saariaho – *Sept Papillons*, Movement 4

Arvo Pärt – *O Weisheit* from *Seven Magnificat-Antiphons*

Johann Sebastian Bach – *Gott, durch deine Güte* and Movement 1 from Violin concerto in E major

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart – *Adagio* from *Gran Partita*

Hannah Kendall – *And at pains to temper the light* (World Premiere)

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

Join us in the Cathedral for a morning of cakes, bakes, fellowship and music in support of our 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)

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**ORGAN RECITAL**

***St Machar's Cathedral***

*Old Aberdeen, AB24 1RQ*

***Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - 4pm***

*Presented By:*

***Angus & Finlay Donohoe***

*Introduced By:*

***Dr Roger Williams MBE***

*Featuring the works of Léon Boëllmann, Girolamo Frescobaldi,  
Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Ludwig Krebs, Hendrik Andriessen,  
Flór Peeters and more...*

*Free admission - Retiring collection in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support  
Dedicated to the memory of Jane Leatherbarrow*

### **BIBLE STUDY 2025**

We are beginning a new bible study on the 2nd Sunday of the month in 2025, beginning in January. This will hopefully be an opportunity to deepen your faith by exploring scripture together. It will be chance to stretch our imaginations and build friendships.

Dates for your diary will be:

12th January; 9th February; 9th March; (no April meeting); 11th May; 8th June; (no meetings in July and August); 14th September; 12th October; 9th November and 14th December.

The group will meet in the Mitchel Chapel at 12.30pm for an hour. All are welcome to attend.

If you have suggestions of topics/texts you would like to explore or would like to assist in leading one of the weeks please let me know.

Rev Sarah Brown

### **IONA TRIP 2025**

We are hoping to take a church group to Iona 23rd-29th August. The cost of the trip is £792 (bed and full board) and transport is additional, with the possibility of using public transport for those who are eligible for free transport.

The Iona Community provide "community" accommodation, with shared bedrooms and communal bathroom facilities. The rhythm of the day includes shared meals, worship at 9am and 9pm in the Abbey Church, a morning of programmed activities and some free time in the afternoons. As part of community life, we take a share in household chores, of light cleaning or meal preparation.

A week on Iona provides opportunity to energise your own faith, to meet new people and to experience a different way of life and worship. Please speak to Sarah or Stuart, if you would like to know more or would like to sign up to come. If finances are a restriction, there are options to support paying in instalments or a bursary.

If you want to confirm a place, please contact Carol in the office before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.



### **CONCERT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!!**

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

**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!!

### **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!

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