

## FRIENDS OF ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL: "ST MACHAR'S – A LIVING HISTORY"

Copies of the Friends' recently published book "St Machar's Cathedral – A Living History" are available in the shop at the cost of £17.99, with a discounted price of £15.99 for members of the Friends of St Machar's Cathedral. A must read for all those who, for whatever reason, hold this special place in their hearts.

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### 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 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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### SERVICES

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

11 am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown  
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025**

11 am Morning Worship with Rev Bill Smith  
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Michael Mair

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

11 am Morning Worship with Rev Sarah Brown  
6pm Evening Worship with Rev Sarah Brown

#### OUR CONTACT DETAILS

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

#### CROSSREACH EVENT

The Women's Group at St Machar's Cathedral invite you to join them for coffee on **Wednesday 26th March from 10.30am – 12pm** to learn more about the work of Crossreach, which is Scotland's largest voluntary social care charity and is part of the Church of Scotland.

A representative will give a short presentation and everyone is very welcome.

For further information please contact the church office.

#### WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP



The next meeting of the Woman's Book Group will be on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm** in the Snug at Ma Cameron's and new members are very welcome. This month's book is The Seventh Son by Sebastian Faulks. For further information, please contact the Cathedral office.

## **CONCERT**

"Please join The Aberdeen University Concert Band for our last concert of the 24/25 academic year. Our band have been working hard to perfect a selection of Latin style and Cuban music for you to dance and have fun to, including selections from Samba Magic (ft. Matthew Kilner and Neil Birse), Danzón no. 2 and Pirates of The Caribbean.

Our concert is on **Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm**, tickets are available through our AUSA event page and on our AUSA societies page.

Tickets available- <https://www.ausa.org.uk/events/6708/5580/>

£10 General admission

£5 concession

## **BIBLE STUDY 2025**

We have started new bible study on the 2nd Sunday of the month in 2025, the first one was held 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:

Today 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

## **CROSS REACH INITIATIVE**

The woman's group are appealing for donations of any unwanted wool and buttons to enable us to knit Twiddle Muffs. These are for use with some patients in local care homes. Wool can be left at the shop The knitting pattern is available in the cathedral if any knitters would like to help.

## **LENT FOODBANK APPEAL – INSTANT NEIGHBOUR**

As the season of Lent has now begun, we are once again collecting food items and toiletries for Instant Neighbour, who will distribute them to families and individuals in need in the area. There are the usual trugs at the West End of the church, and tinned or dried food and drink are particularly welcome. If you find bringing food to the Cathedral too difficult, cash donations are always welcome, and a box to collect donations is on the table. You can also use the Card machine. The appeal will run from today until Easter Sunday.

## **THE ABERDEEN ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY**

The next series of Aberdeen Academy of Theology workshops will be led by Dr Sara Mannen, the McDonald-Agape Research Fellow in Systematic Theology at the University of Aberdeen and will be on the theme of God's power.

The sessions will be held on 18 January, 15 February, and 15 March from 9:30am-12:30pm at the Fountainhall Church Centre in Aberdeen. It would be great to see many of you there! If you know in advance that you're coming it would be great to have an RSVP so I can arrange catering accordingly. There's a charge of £10 (conc) / £15 for each workshop to cover hall rental and food.

Here's a brief summary of the themes that will be addressed:

*We live in a world plagued with questions of power and its abuses. As we read the news and reckon with our reality, we often ask: Who has power? Who doesn't have power? How do we properly address and prevent the misuse of power? However, the most basic question is rarely addressed and answered: What is power? This series seeks to answer this question by theologically reflecting on and exploring the biblical text and the Christian tradition's understanding of God as the All-Powerful or Omnipotent One so that we can better engage the issue of power in the church and world.*

## **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!



## **BULBS 'IN THE GREEN' WANTED**

**Do you have any spare snowdrops or winter aconites in your garden that you could share with us?**

We are planting for wildlife in the kirkyard and now is a great time to spread bulbs - divided 'in the green' they are more likely to thrive than grown from seed.

**To share bulbs this March and get involved with us contact Katherine at [education@stmachar.com](mailto:education@stmachar.com)**

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