

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

### **SERVICES**

**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

**Sunday 6<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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CONCERTS

University Symphony Orchestra – **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – 7.30pm**

With Conductor Chris Collins, playing music from MacCunn, Beethoven and a Concerto by the winner of the Concerto competition.

**Admission: £17 (general admission), £5 (students/under 26), £9.50 (Over 60s).** Tickets can be purchased online ([Events | University of Aberdeen](#)) or at the door by CASH ONLY! Please note, if purchasing online, you will not receive a ticket, please show your confirmation email at the door!

**Candlelight – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025** – 6.15pm – A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac  
8.30pm – Rings and Dragons

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025** – 6.15pm – The Best of Hans Zimmer  
8.30pm – Coldplay vs Ed Sheeran

For tickets see: [!\[\]\(3dfb8d66e81160ad61421a3452093d1b\_img.jpg\) Candlelight Concerts in Aberdeen Tickets 2025 | Fever](#)

### **ABERDEEN CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**

Fountainhall at the Cross Church

**Te Deum in Bb major - Charles V Stanford**

**Five Mystical Songs - R Vaughan Williams**

**Requiem - John Rutter**

Moirá Docherty - soprano, Andrew McTaggart - baritone, Stuart Muir - conductor

*Tickets available from Aberdeen Box Office (01224 641 122) or at the door.*

### **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:

No April meeting; 11<sup>th</sup> May; 8<sup>th</sup> June; (no meetings in July and August); 14<sup>th</sup> September; 12<sup>th</sup> October; 9<sup>th</sup> November and 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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.

### **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.



### **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.

### **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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## **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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