

SUNDAY 18th CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

9.30am All-age Nativity Service at Dirleton

10.30am All-age Nativity Service at Abbey



SATURDAY 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm Family Christmas Eve Service at Abbey

11.30pm Watchnight Candlelit Service in Dirleton

(Coffee in Church Hall from 11pm)



SUNDAY 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30am Joint All-age Christmas Day Service at Abbey (45 minutes)

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY

10.00am Joint Morning Service at Dirleton



*The Minister, Kirk Sessions and Congregations will be
pleased to welcome you to these services and events*

Peace on Earth

Abbey Church, North Berwick

and Dirleton Kirk

*Warmly
invite you
to join us
this*

CHRISTMAS

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Dear Friends,

This year, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. It's five years since this happened, it will be another six before it happens again, and not for a further eleven years after that because of leap years.

The pattern of our services will be as normal this year, with Dirleton congregation joining the folk at Abbey (at 10.30am) on Christmas Day. The following Sunday (which of course will be New Year's Day), the Abbey congregation is invited to church in Dirleton at 10am to welcome the new year with a simple communion service.

A few weeks ago, we were reminded that every Sunday is a 'remembrance' Sunday for Christians, because on the Lord's day we recall his resurrection. It's also appropriate that Sunday December 25th will be a 'birth day' for Jesus, and Sunday 1st January the birth of a new year.

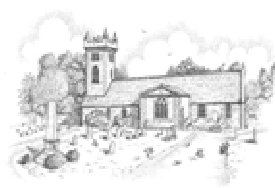
Every Sunday we celebrate the coming of Christ.

The birth of Jesus brought hope and promise to the world. Hope of salvation, and promise of a new world. The past year has seen many examples of division and conflict in our world. Some of these have been resolved, but many more still continue. Yet no matter how great is the darkness in the world, the light of Jesus shines on. In the words of John's gospel, 'the light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not extinguished it'

I hope you have a peaceful and light-filled Christmas.

Your minister

David



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON AT ABBEY CHURCH AND DIRLETON KIRK

DECEMBER 2016

SATURDAY 3rd

12noon—4pm *Abbey Guild Christmas Fair*



SUNDAY 4th

9.30am *Morning Service at Dirleton*

10.30am *Morning Service at Abbey*

6.00pm *Service for bereaved people—remembering loved ones*



SUNDAY 11th

9.30am *Morning Service at Dirleton*

10.30am *Morning Service at Abbey*

Celebration of Holy Communion at Abbey Morning Service



TUESDAY 13th

2.30pm *Guild Christmas Songs of Praise in Abbey*

THURSDAY 15th

6.00pm *Meet at Church for Carol Singing at Nursing Homes*

and Tigh Mhor

