



**Abbey Church
and**

Dirleton Kirk News

October/November 2018

**Minister: Rev. Dr David J Graham,
BSc, BD**

**Sunday Morning Worship
at**

9.30 am (until 10.20) Dirleton Kirk

**10.30am (Until 11.30) Abbey
Church**

Come along. All welcome.

Wednesdays 10am

**Half Hour Prayer Service
Dirleton**

Dear Abbey & Dirleton Friends,

I recently got a copy of a new booklet called 'Student Church Guide'. Its purpose is to help people find a church when they have moved away from home to study. It covers the main cities in Scotland.

For a small booklet, it's a mine of information, and makes interesting reading for anyone. It could also come in useful if you're just visiting another city some Sunday!

I don't know how they selected the churches which are listed. But one striking thing is how dramatically the church scene has changed recently. Half or more of the churches listed could broadly be called 'new', not just because they weren't there a few years ago, but also because they are not part of the traditional denominations. Their style of worship and 'doing church' is contemporary. They often attract large congregations, many of them young, and are very active in outreach and church-planting. Very few of them describe their worship style as 'traditional', nearly all are 'contemporary' or 'blended'.

I wonder if we have something to learn here? It's always interesting to visit a different church service (something parish ministers don't often get the chance to do!). I have some copies of the booklet if you'd like one. And if you get the chance to visit one of them, please let me know what you thought of it.

Your Minister,

David

Jacqueline Waugh

On Sunday 16th September, Jacqueline was set apart by Presbytery as a Reader of the Church of Scotland. We wish her every blessing in her ministry of preaching and pastoral work.

Blythswood Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

A big thank you to all those who can contribute a filled shoe box for this appeal. Last year Abbey Church collected over 120 boxes and received over £100 in extra donations.

Blythswood delivered 115,932 boxes to adults and children in 8 countries in eastern Europe and in Pakistan as part of their "transforming lives through Christian care for body and soul".

Please take an empty box; the leaflet inside gives all the instructions necessary and a list of suggested items for inclusion. Please return the box to Abbey Church no later than

Sunday 28th October.

Thank you for helping to bring happiness and smiles to so many people in need.

Bel Hardie



Summer Afternoon Teas

This summer we were blessed with beautiful weather for our Afternoon Teas raising £1084 over 5 Sundays in July. It has been decided to divide the money between North Berwick Day Centre, 1st North Berwick Brownies who now use our hall for their meetings, Love Oliver Charity and Abbey Samaritan Fund. Love Oliver is a small Scottish based charity which helps fund research into childhood cancers and give support to their families.

Thank you everyone who helped with organising, baking, serving, washing up and tidying etc. Also those who came along to enjoy the delicious cakes and meet up with friends. Lots of regulars and visitors came along to support us and also St Baldred's Church who use Abbey Hall in August.

We hope to have a 'thank you' afternoon tea on Sunday 14th October for everyone who has helped in any way over the last few years. Details will be in the Intimations.

Dorothy Kirkpatrick





Abbey Guild OUTLOOK

On 5th October, 1943, Abbey became an affiliated Branch of the Church of Scotland's Woman's Guild. This year we celebrate our 75th anniversary, now as the Guild, and are delighted to welcome men to the membership.

To commemorate the occasion, on **Sunday, 7th October**, following the morning service at noon a Soup and Pudding Lunch will be served in the large church hall. All are welcome to join us in the celebration.

It has been an exciting time waiting for the launch of the new three year Strategy during which six projects have been elected to be supported by the National Guild's fundraising. This year, two projects chosen and shared with St Andrew Blackadder and Abbey Guilds will be Seema's Project partnered by Free to Live Trust and the Faith in Young People Project partnered by the Boys' Brigade. We look forward to our first meeting on **Tuesday, 9th October at 2pm** when Dr Graham will help us "Seeking the Way", the Theme for the first year. Feel free to join us in this or any one of our meetings.

We join St Andrew Blackadder on **November 6th at 2.30pm** to hear Dr Pam Cairns speak on Seema's Project in their hall. Again, all are welcome.

For the Coffee Morning on **17th November, 10am-12noon**, we shall be joined by the Super Sunday Group who will mastermind a "Bake Off" to raise funds for their charity. We look forward to this venture with the young people and hope you will support them too.

Year of Young People

October Theme - Harvest

Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you, by worrying, add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6:25-33

Action

How can young people contribute to plans for a harvest celebration at your church?

Use Weekly Worship ideas to develop an intergenerational service

Use Christian Aid or Tearfund ideas for services and plans of action

Project idea: Discover where food comes from and who produces it

Explore Fairtrade initiatives

Use a Place at the Table ideas from World Mission

Explore the Zero Hunger campaign resources from the United Nations

Use the World Mission Harvest Resource focussing on South Sudan

Project idea: Explore what we can do to combat climate change

Invite people to have a simple lunch and give money to a charity like Mary's Meals

Prayer

Creator God,

We thank You for the mystery of growth

seeds sprouting, trees budding, plants bearing all sorts of fruit, birds nesting, young hatching, taking to flight for the first time

children born, youngsters discovering, maturity honoured.

Living God, we thank You for the mystery of life
hope renewed, purpose realised, progress made.

Redeemer God, we thank You for the mystery of faith,
fear overcome, insight unearthed, trust rewarded
commitment expressed, belief put into practice.

God of growth, grace and grain, we gladly offer our
thanks in the name of Christ.

Amen



Year of Young People

November & December Theme - Celebration

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

Action

Year of Young People 2018 is an opportunity to celebrate the amazing young personalities, talents, and achievers that make up Scotland. It's all about inspiring our nation through its young people's ideas, attitudes and ambitions.

Share stories and celebrate the great gifts and contributions of your young people
yoyp@churchofscotland.org.uk

What can you celebrate you have done with children and young people during the Year of Young People?

What changes will last from the Year of Young People?

Create a celebration board. Encourage people of all ages to add things they are grateful for to the board

Prayer

I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. In Jesus' name,

Amen

Dirleton Kirk

You are warmly invited to Holy Communion
at 9.30 on 21st October



Our special Thanksgiving offering is for 'Just Trading
Scotland Plough Fund' the same as our harvest
Thanksgiving appeal.

Dynamic Kirk

At the moment preparations are underway for our first Dynamic Kirk on the 23rd September. Our first theme is Bible Sea-sides. The games are ready, the craft supplies have arrived, the food is being ordered, our helpers are all prepped and raring to go. Now all we need are the people to come and enjoy it!

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help and for everyone's support and prayers!

Our 2nd Dynamic Kirk will be on the 28th October 4 - 6pm. If you are able to help in any way then please let me know.

Julie Loporto

DYNAMIC KIRK



REGAL

We finished the 2017/18 season with an outstanding talk from Stan da Prato on the theme of pallet gardens. Consequently I thought it would appropriate to print the following picture of Stan and his wonderful team of gardeners outside Abbey Church.



Stan da Prato and his team of gardeners outside Abbey Church

As 2018 is the centenary of the RAF I felt it would be apt to make reference to the RAF and the impact of the Second World War on East Lothian. So on 11th October I am giving a talk on "The RAF Centenary and East Lothian at War"

In November David McAdam will remind us of past summers in North Berwick. David has a wonderful collection of Reginald Phillimore's postcards showing scenes of North Berwick, and the surrounding areas. Reginald was a teacher in Lancashire and was bequeathed the house at 7 Melbourne Place,

North Berwick. This house started his interest in postcards of North Berwick. David's talk is titled "Phillimore's legacy to North Berwick"

Christmas is a time of celebration and this year we are going to have a Ceilidh with authentic Gaelic singers, Alistair and Jane MacNeill. They will sing some wonderful Gaelic songs to us and be accompanied by Martin Wilson on the keyboard.

At the start of the New Year we all make New Year resolutions - to eat less cake, to be tidier around the house. Bob Kane makes and breaks his own resolutions and hence his talk is "New Year - Lost Resolutions". From past experience of listening to Bob I know that this will be a very memorable and hilarious talk.

Robert Burgon has completed his year as Master of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers. Previously, Robert has spoken to us about the Company of Plumbers. This time he is going to remit some of his incredible stories about life as the Master. He may also mention the number of official lunches and dinners that he has had to attend during the year - and which have not added any inches to his waist.

Our March meeting will give us an opportunity to think about summer holidays. In 2017 Ian Goodall and his wife had a memorable railway holiday in the Balkans. As you know Ian is a keen photographer and I am sure he took some superb photographs of that holiday. His talk "Our Balkan Rail Experiences" will give us some

thoughts and plans for our future holidays.

In June we will have our summer outing. At this point in time nothing has been arranged; however, if you have an idea for our outing please let me know.

After our winter meetings we sit down to a soup and sandwich lunch which has been kindly prepared by the ladies of the church. At the end of lunch a plate is passed round to enable people to make a contribution. During 2017 we collected over £600 and this was split between North Berwick Day Centre, Bethany and Combat Stress together with a donation to Abbey Church for the use of the hall and kitchen. The ladies who prepare lunch very generously donate both the food and their time.

The full syllabus for the forthcoming year is shown on the next page. I do hope you can come along to some of our meetings. They are open to all ladies and gentlemen of North Berwick and the surrounding villages.

Ian M Aitken

Regal 2018-2019 Syllabus

2018		
11 October	The RAF Centenary - East Lothian at War	Ian Aitken
8 November	Phillimore's Legacy to North Berwick	David McAdam
13 December	Christmas Ceilidh	The MacNeills & Martin Wilson
2019		
10 January	New Year - Lost Resolutions	Bob Kane
14 February	Being master of a Livery Company	Robert Burgon
14 March	Our Balkan Rail Experiences	Ian Goodall
13 June	Summer Outing	



Dirleton Kirk and Abbey Church Prayers

October/November 2018

Dear friends in Christ

It feels as though Autumn is really on it's way. Let's hope we still have some lovely sunny days to come.

Let's pray!

Heavenly Father

Thank you for the beauty all around us. Let us be grateful that we are living in an area of plenty food, fruit and fish. Forgive us when we moan when we get rain, we should be grateful. When we see the horrible sights on our tv sets and newspapers—droughts, wars, floodings, homes and businesses destroyed, people trying to save what little they can—trying to build shelters or homes. Lord, we are most grateful for all that we have. Help us to share whatever we can with those in need. Bless specially those whose countries are at war. We pray that Brexit will bring peace, worldwide. Thank you for our minister, Rev Dr Graham and our pastoral assistant, Mr Bob Kane and all their loved ones. Thank you for the fellowship in Abbey and Dirleton churches, the young ones and the young at heart. May we respect all the ages. We ask you to bless the frail/ill and unable to attend church. Bless those who care for them, at home or in hospitals. Lord please also bless those who are sad or lonely, may they be aware of your presence with them and bless also those who mourn, may they be comforted. Thank you.

We ask these things in Jesus's precious name, Amen.

Betty Hawthorn (Prayer Secretary)

I hope we can share happy days with many happy smiles throughout Autumn.

Little Nippers Baby and Toddler Group



Little Nippers is still proving to be a popular way for parents, grandparents and carers to spend a Thursday morning with their wee ones! We started back with a bang in August with our first morning having 23 adults and 24 children there! It was busy but everyone was warmly welcomed and managed to relax and have a tea/coffee and a biscuit while the little ones had a play. We are always looking for any willing volunteers who would be able to help out with the teas and coffees or our welcome on the door. Please let me know if you'd be interested. Little Nippers is on every Thursday 10-11.30am.

Julie Loporto

Rise

Our last meet up at the end of August was lively as always. We were pleased to have 4 new teens join us (including 3 new 1st year pupils) which took our number up to 15! They all enjoyed catching up over some Chinese food which was then immediately worked off with a full on game of volleyball! Rise is a fantastic chance for all our teens from Abbey and Dirleton to come together for some fun and fellowship. If you have any teens in your family who would like to join us please let me know. Our next meet up is September 29th 7 - 8.30pm.

Julie Loporto



ABBAY CHURCH—NORTH BERWICK

BUDGET V ACTUAL as at 30 June 2018

ALL FUNDS

Income (All Funds)	Annual Budget	Budget to 30 June	Actual to 30 June	Variance
Offerings	73,000	36,496	34,098	(2,398)
Tax reclaim	18,000	9,000	8,468	(532)
Miscellaneous	10,300	5,155	2,479	(2,676)
Premises income	16,000	7,999	6,921	(1,078)
Investment income	5,775	3,137	3,089	(48)
Legacies	10,000	10,000	11,000	1,000
Dirleton	6,000	3,000	3,000	-
Total Income	139,075	74,787	69,055	(5,732)
Expenditure (All Funds)				
Church of Scotland payments	55,216	27,946	27,946	-
Pastoral Expenses	9,000	4,499	4,931	(432)
Other Salaries	25,500	12,750	11,968	782
Premises costs	22,672	10,844	8,942	1,902
Church Office Expenses	2,800	1,400	1,996	(596)
Investments	-	-	-	-
New Building	18,822	18,822	86,006	(67,184)
Miscellaneous	5,065	1,028	239	789
Total Expenditure	139,075	77,289	142,028	(64,739)
Budget for year 2018	0			
Budget for six months		(2,502)		
Deficit for six months			(72,973)	
Negative variance				(70,471)

Comments - Abbey Church (All Funds) - Six months to 30 June 2018

General

The deficit for the half year was £72,933, this mainly relates to the further expenditure on the Old Hall of £86,006. This was financed by the drawing down of bank accounts deposited in past years.

Income

Offerings - These are less than budget but ahead of the amount received last year. The amount received in the bank by standing order continues to increase however the 'blue envelope' and the open plate giving continue to decline.

(Note - If you are tax payer and wish the Abbey to recover the tax paid by yourself please would you pick up a gift-aid form from the office or ask Phil for one.)

Expenditure

The new building project has been completed at a cost of £86,006 to date. This amount covers both the seminar room and the refit of the Old Hall. Further bills are still being received.

Premises costs are below budget, this includes the purchase and installation of the radiators in the New Hall. A planned maintenance programme should mean that premises costs will increase.

If you have any questions please ask.

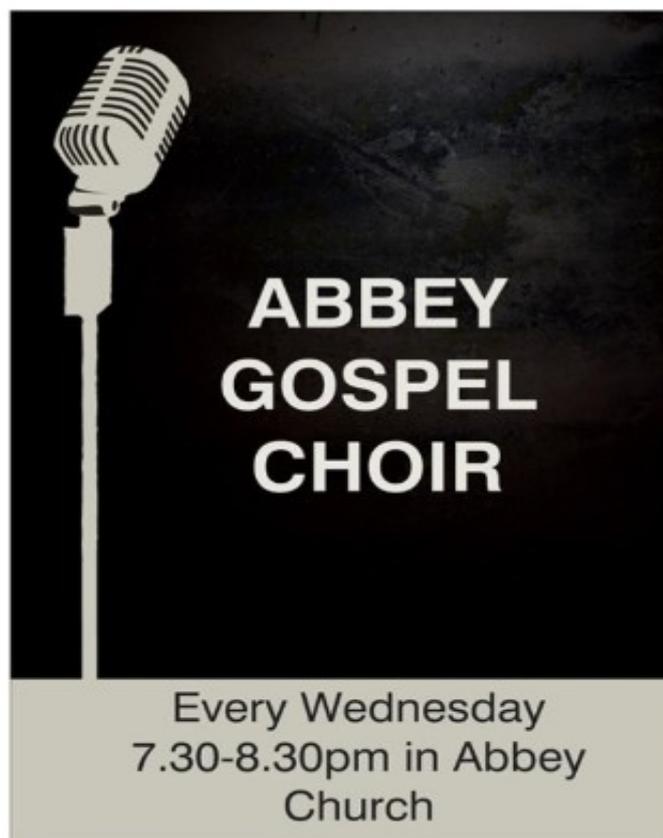
Stuart Ainslie 12 August 2018

Your Finance Team

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|---|---|----------------|
| 1 | Income - Gift-aid | Phil Spencer |
| | Income - Hall Rentals | Paola Burrows |
| 2 | Payment of bills | Janice Cobb |
| 3 | Accounting - OSCR, periodic accounts and Church of Scotland | Stuart Ainslie |

Abbey Gospel Choir

Abbey Gospel Choir has taken off in a way that no-one could have imagined! Our first week which started on the 22nd August had 86 come along! And the numbers have stayed high since. Our official number is now 125 plus a waiting list which really is astounding. Wednesday nights have turned into a eagerly awaited event as all our "choir members" are excited to come back and sing their newly learned songs and enthusiastically join in the ones they already know. There is just so much love and joy in the air it is hard not to enjoy yourself. The high energy and uplifted spirits are contagious and everyone leaves happy and buzzing! The choir has brought in people from all over the community and it's lovely to see so many church members there too. God's love is definitely felt!





Reach out to touch the World this Christmastime

No wrapping paper required, ribbon or tags, just knowing that by offering hospitality to a "*Stranger Soon to Become Friend*", the experience will stay with you and your guest long after recycling the wrapping paper, storing decorations and finishing off the cold turkey!

Here at HOST UK we offer you the opportunity to engage in an extra special Christmas-time by opening your home to an international student for whom the alternative would be, not only being far from home and loved ones but marking time in lonely halls of residence.

HOST UK arranges visits for International students all year round but as can well be imagined, festive season hospitality is greatly sought after and valued. Our "festive season" will include the period in the Christmas run up, as well as New Year. Your guest will be someone keen to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture...and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, invariably remembered and treasured. Your gift to each other and to the world will be that of growing friendship, peace and understanding.

Please consider this opportunity and remember that if the festive season is difficult for you, we do operate all year round and hosting can become one of your New Year Resolutions!

If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on

<http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>



Abbey Church Morning Tea Rota

7 October	Sarah Kerr	
14 October	Irene Nichol	Sheila McCubbing
21 October	Ann Bell	Richard Bell
28 October	Liz Harrison	Irene Brodie
4 November	Catherine Andrew	Isabel Smith
11 November	Sadie Young	Morna McClure
18 November	Fiona Gibson	Isobel Hardie
25 November	Dorothy Kirkpatrick	Mary Graham



Abbey Church Flower Rota

Date	Donor	Arranger
7 October	Mrs I McKay	Bel Hardie
14 October		Sheila McCubbing
21 October	Mrs L McLean	Irene Nichol
28 October	Mrs J Lunn	Kate Campbell
4 November	J Gilchrist	Kate Cambell
11 November	Mrs F Hutchison	Fiona Hutchison
18 November	Mrs L Ferry Mrs C Danks	Sheila McCubbing
25 November	Mrs I Hardie	Isobel Hardie



Church Register

Funerals

24.7.18 Margaret Douglas
31.7.18 Patricia Scott
31.7.18 Mary Letters
13.8.18 Sheila Lyall
30.8.18 Robert Lewis
30.8.18 George Henderson
13.9.18 Elizabeth (Betty) Wallace
14.9.18 Linda Collin

Weddings

1.9.18 Austen Burns and Trudy Burns

Baptisms

29.7.18 Lachlan Oliver Armour Scott
26.8.18 Alexander Munro Chalmers Whyte
26.8.18 Frederick John Chalmers Whyte
30.9.18 Archibald Hector Campbell Blair
30.9.18 Ben Rutherford Dougal

Pastoral Visits

The Minister and Pastoral Assistant are happy to visit church members who are ill, either at home or in hospital. If in hospital, please also pass on the ward number, as this is not available to Ministers. This information should be given to the Minister (890800) or via the Church Office (892800). Thank you.

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*Office open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
10am until 1pm*

Newsletters

The next newsletter will cover December 2018 and January 2019. The deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday 13th November 2018. Please send to Abbey Church Office.

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Abbey Church, North Berwick (Church of Scotland)

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