



Abbey Church

and

Dirleton Kirk News

June/July 19

**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 Dirleton & Abbey Friends,

This weekend, the General Assembly opens in the Assembly Hall, Edinburgh, and when you get your newsletter, it will be over. I'm not a Commissioner this year, and I confess I haven't read all the reports yet. To be more eco-friendly, printed copies of the reports are no longer sent to every Minister, and many of those attending use electronic media to access them, thus saving on paper.

That's just one example of the ways the church is keeping up with the times. It has a sophisticated IT system, and the Assembly, like the Guild Conference, is live-streamed so that anyone can 'be there'.

These innovations are not just gimmicks. If the gospel is to be shared (and what is the point of church if not its mission?), it must be done in ways which will reach the widest audience, and speak to them in ways they will understand.

The early Christians did the same. Paul's letters were a new form of writing, and what we know as a 'book' (codex) replaced the old scrolls because they were easier to read and transport. Innovations. And for one reason: to take the good news to the ends of the earth. In Paul's day that also involved a lot of travelling; now we can do it by the click of a button.

Let's do it!

Your Minister,
David

Future Church Services

In May and June, we look at different aspects of prayer in our morning services. On Sunday 30th June we have a joint service in Abbey for **Sea Sunday**, when we'll be joined by members of local maritime organisations.

Looking ahead, on Sunday 11th August we'll have our (now annual) evening **Gospel Choir Service** for Fringe by the Sea.

Keep in touch!

Most of the information I receive and send to people is by **email**. It's an easy way to keep in touch, and let people know about what's happening locally and in the wider church. If you use email and would like to be contacted in that way, please send your address to the Church Office.



Walking Together - Reflective Walks for All Ages

Walking Together was the theme of the 2018-19 Moderator, the Very Rev Susan Brown, and General Assembly has been encouraging churches to get involved in different types of pilgrimage.

What opportunities might there be to walk with a group from your church? Can you create a time to walk, talk and pray? Reflective walks can be a meaningful way for people to connect with God, creation and each other. They can be done alone or in a group, with church regulars or those with no church connection, in a rural or urban setting.

Walking Together cards have been produced to encourage conversation and reflection with people of different generations. These have

proved very popular and have already been used by Boys and Girls Brigade groups, Guild groups and

church groups of different ages. The cards focus on a theme such as a view, a stone, food or water, and provide walkers with prompts for something to think about, something to do and something to talk about.

Free sets of cards and a Leaders' Guide can be downloaded or ordered from the Resourcing Mission shop: <https://www.resourcingmission.org.uk/shop>

In Your paths, Lord Jesus,
We walk, our hands in Yours
As You lead us forward

In step
Together
Open to You
And Your world
For Your sake

Very Rev Susan Brown

 The Church of Scotland**WALKING TOGETHER**

Reflection cards for all ages

Appreciation

A word of appreciation to Peter Kimber as he retires from Dirleton Kirk Session. Since they moved here after a spell as head of Scripture Union in England & Wales, he has been a faithful elder, and Locum in several vacancies in our Presbytery. His gifts were also recognised when he was invited to be Moderator of Presbytery. And not least, he's been a support to Hilda as husband of the Session Clerk, and a friend and valued support to the Minister and his family.

We know you'll still be well used in God's work, but enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



REGAL - Sumer Outing

Our summer outing will take place on Thursday, 13th of June and will be a visit to the Royal yacht Britannia which is based in Leith docks. The yacht is moored alongside the Ocean shopping terminal where there is free car parking.

The yacht is full of history and, during her 43 years service, she has sailed the equivalent distance to going round the world each year. In this time she has visited over 135 countries and berthed at 600 different ports.

Our tour of Britannia will allow us to see all the rooms - both public rooms and private bedrooms. It is bound to be a very interesting trip for us.



Our tour of Britannia will start at 11 am and will last between 1½ and 2 hours. There are no guides and each person is given a handheld audio receiver; consequently, we can move around the yacht at our own pace. The senior citizen discount rate is £14.50. After the trip we will adjourn to a local hostelry for lunch (this has still to be arranged).

The plan is that we should meet outside Abbey church (entrance in Church Road) at 9:45 am and proceed to Edinburgh by car. There may be a few people who do not wish to drive and, in circumstances, seats will be available with people who are taking their own car.

If you wish to join this trip please speak to me or by phone let me know on (01620) 890070 or by email at im.aitken@btinternet.com

Ian M Aitken

Summer Holiday Club

The churches of North Berwick and Dirleton, in partnership with SU Scotland, are running a summer holiday club during the week of 22nd July. We will run from 2-4pm Monday to Friday for children who have completed P1-P6. We're also planning to run evening events for those who have completed P7-S3.

For the children's club, we've chosen Scripture Union material called 'Going Bananas'. It looks at five different Bible characters who went 'bananas!' for God - Noah, Elijah, Peter, Zacchaeus, and the woman who poured perfume on Jesus' feet. Each day will be a mix of crafts, games, exploring the Bible, challenges, and fun.



Before we can put out registration forms for children, we really need to know how big a team we will have. Can you please let me know if you would be happy to be involved and in what way. I know 5 afternoons may be too much, so feel free to come some of the days if that works better for you, just let me know which afternoons would suit. There will be lots of things to do alongside the children and in supporting roles too, whatever you would prefer.

We have a team meeting on Tuesday 28th May at 7pm in Abbey Church Hall for anyone interested in being involved.

This is a really exciting opportunity for us to reach out as the churches of North Berwick and Dirleton to our children and young people with the good news of Jesus. Please pray for our team and for the children, that they will come and engage with God as we have fun 'Going Bananas' for God together!

Blessings,
Hazel

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CHRISTIANITY & CLIMATE CHAOS



EXPLORING THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSES

ST ANNE'S CHURCH DUNBAR

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

2.00 – 5.00PM

SPEAKERS

* MARK HUXHAM PROFESSOR OF
ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY NAPIER
UNIVERSITY

* THE REVEREND DAVID MUMFORD

* DISCUSSION * QUIET REFLECTION *

* TEA, COFFEE & CAKE *

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

ecogroup@stannedunbar.org.uk

Summer Afternoon Teas

We plan to do Afternoon Teas again this summer. Fortunately there are only 4 Sundays in July this year and we hope to try a slightly different format for serving which should make less work for the helpers.

If you can help bake, serve or tidy up, please contact Dorothy Kirkpatrick by phone or e-mail dorothyk-43@me.com

The money raised goes to local charities and St. Baldred's Church will be serving teas in Abbey in August.



Abbey Gospel Choir at Heart & Soul,
Princes Street Gardens, 19th May.



Our very own Abbey Gospel Choir were delighted to be asked to take part on the main stage this year at Heart and Soul in Princes St Gardens. 50 of our choir members got the bus through to Edinburgh and performed and what an amazing performance they gave!!! They had the audience singing and clapping along and brightened everyone up with their contagious joy and enthusiasm. Heart and Soul is always a great day out but we have to say... this year was that bit more special with Abbey Gospel Choir. Thanks to everyone who came along and showed their support.

ABBAY CHURCH – NORTH BERWICK
BUDGET V ACTUAL AT 31ST DECEMBER 2018
ALL FUNDS

Income (All Funds)	Annual Actual to		Variance
	Budget	31 Dec	
Offerings	73,000	67,216	(5,784)
Tax reclaim	18,000	17,039	(961)
Miscellaneous	10,300	12,395	2,095
Premises income	16,000	15,048	(952)
Investment income	5,775	5,866	91
Legacies	10,000	11,000	1,000
Dirleton	6,000	6,000	-
Total Income	139,075	134,564	(4,511)

Expenditure (All Funds)

Church of Scotland payments	55,216	55,218	(2)
Pastoral Expenses	9,000	11,760	(2,760)
Other Salaries	25,500	31,172	(5,672)
Premises costs	22,672	18,182	4,490
Church Office Expenses	2,800	4,096	(1,296)
Investments	-	-	-
New Building	18,822	88,059	(69,237)
Miscellaneous	5,065	7,293	(2,228)
Total Expenditure	139,075	215,780	(76,705)

Budget for year 2018

Deficit for year

Negative variance

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(81,216)
(81,216)

Comments - Abbey Church (All Funds) Year to 31 December 2018

The Abbey's Annual Report, including the 2018 Accounts, was presented to the congregation at the Annual Stated Meeting on the 24th March. Shown below is a further analysis of the out-turn for the 2018 year.

General

The deficit for the year was £81,216, this mainly relates to the expenditure on the Large Hall/Seminar Room of £88,059. These costs were financed by the drawing down of funds 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. The budget assumed some income to Kalimpong, there was none in 2019.

(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.)

Miscellaneous income includes income from the Gospel Choir. The budget was set before the Gospel Choir was set up.

Expenditure

Pastoral costs include expenditure relating to youth work. This has increased with the recruitment of the new staff.

Other salaries are over budget due to the recruitment of the family and youth worker.

Premises costs are below budget. Even allowing for the purchase and installation of the radiators in the New Hall.

Church Office expenses are above budget due to the leasing of a new photocopier.

The new building project has been completed at a cost of £88,059. This amount covers both the seminar room and the refit of the Large Hall. Over the four years of this project has cost £108,820, this includes the installation of new boilers.

Miscellaneous expenses include the costs of the Gospel Choir.

If you have any questions please ask.

Stuart Ainslie

30 April 2019

Your Finance Team

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

Royal Maundy Service 2019



The Royal Maundy Service was held in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on 18 April. Men and women from all over the country received Maundy money in small leather purses handed to them by The Queen in recognition of their Christian work in the community. This year, the former General Assembly Officer, and Presbytery of Edinburgh Officer, our very own David McColl received the purses of Maundy coins from Her Majesty The Queen.



Nurture committee What, Who and Why?

Bob Kane Convener

First a definition of nurture ...Well there are lots but in a church sense let's go for "to grow, to enable, to help, to thrive ". Jesus encouraged his disciples to nurture the early church teaching, and living as I have shown you, and to love one another as I have loved you.

Right well that will be easy then!

It looks like just about everything comes under that command from pastoral care to outings. Fortunately the session has a number of other committees, Worship and Outreach among them and we work together. Phew!

What we do is not so much oversight but rather a watching brief over the nurturing elements of the churches life, often with other committees.

In Abbey we have plans this year to continue the House Group and from time to time other studies and meetings in the kirk or hall. *Incidentally* a good number of David's sermon series have books in support, so joiner of groups or nay (and not everyone is) you can still have a copy of the follow up reading at a subsidized rate. I am fascinated by the fact that sometimes we have a few left, sometimes not. The last one on Luke sold out across both Kirks *twice*.

We support our family's worker and it's a task just to keep up with all that Julie is up too.

This year we are planning activities for both interest and for folk to get to know one another better. This is not an exhaustive nor exclusive list so all and any ideas are welcome, just let me know (I am the rotund mustachioed chap who comes and sits late at the side of the Kirk, and yes there is a reason, I have already been to Dirleton).

Up Coming events

Trip by shared car or minibus to Lindisfarne lunch and a possible return stop at Coldingham Priory in late June or early July.

A BBQ at Dirleton .

A longer Trip of three days to Iona (EST cost all in would be in the region of £350 in September.

If you are interested please let me know.

As for the 'who we are', a Session Committee of elders and a few others who have knowledge, experience, or know how to help us in this.

As for the 'why' well that is the easy one to say, harder mind, when you think on to do.

Jesus said "In so much as you do this for one of my brothers or sisters, you do it for me "

He also said and I paraphrase "Ignore them and you ignore Me"

If you have any questions just stop me and ask .

God Bless

Bob

Super Sunday Club

We manage to pack a lot into our 40 minutes every Sunday morning! The children all enjoy their juice and biscuits and catch up about their week, followed by stories, crafts and games. But the favourite part of the morning is always our singing "Sweetie Prayer" where we all take it in turn to say thanks to Jesus for something when the sweetie tin stops at you. Our numbers have been up lately and it has been lovely to welcome a few new families over the last few months.



Rise

Our last couple of monthly meetings have been fun and lively as always. Last month we had a curry and karaoke night which proved very popular!! We started the evening off with a debate which was enjoyed by all. We now have around 16 teens coming along each month. If you have any teens in your family who would like to come along then please get in touch.





Dynamic Kirk is back on the 23rd June. We have been pleased to welcome many new families into the church in this relaxed, fun-filled afternoon spent playing games, doing crafts, enjoying a short worship service in church, finished off with a lovely meal. Thank you to everyone who has come along to help out. We could still do with a few more helpers so if you think you could help in any way then please let me know.

Julie Loporto

The Easter Code

Just before Easter, a team of ten ventured in to meet the primary 5 pupils at Law Primary. This was a follow up lesson to the Christmas "Bubblegum n' Fluff" lesson and our aim was to share the real message of Easter for Christians, getting beyond the chickens and bunnies!



Most of the hour and a half lesson was spent sharing the story of Jesus' life from Palm Sunday to his crucifixion. We started with a drama account of Palm Sunday before moving round story stations to hear about the last supper, Judas' betrayal of Jesus, Jesus' trial, then his crucifixion. We used props to tell the Bible accounts and they collected pictures in their workbooks to help them remember. We then came back together to consider the evidence for the resurrection, ably guided by The Nutty Professor.



Our final activity was to design some crosses with scratch art - as you scratch the design into the black cardboard cross, the bright colours below shine through. As Christians, the glory of Jesus' resurrection gives us joy and hope, despite the darkness of Good Friday.

The children engaged well with the activities and it was a fun, if tiring, day with a morning and an afternoon session. A huge thank you to the team who were brilliant with the children. If you're interested in being involved next year, just let me know.

The photos show some of the scratch art crosses and the story station all set up for the last supper.

Blessings,
Hazel



Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk Prayers

June and July 2019

Dear friends in Christ

I can hardly believe we are into the summer, June and July! Let us hope we have summer weather—lovely sunny days. Wouldn't that be great?

Let us pray

Father God, we look forward to sunny days, when people can enjoy getting out and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. Thank you Lord for sunny days, they lift our hearts and thank you too for rainy days, they help the gardens grow and the vegetables sprout up! We are grateful that you send both and let them thrive. We remember others in different countries who pray for rain and sun to enable their crops to flourish. Bless all farmers and gardeners who do their part in helping flowers and crops grow.

Bless our ministers and pastors who help our churches and Sunday schools to thrive, spreading your word. Bless their families and all their congregations and children. We pray that more will attend and praise your holy name. We pray that there will be good responses to Christian Aid to enable others to share lots of items, clothes, food, water, medicines.

Thank you Lord.

During these months please keep the children safe, whether they spend their holidays abroad or at home. May they look forward to going back to school—whether their old school or another.

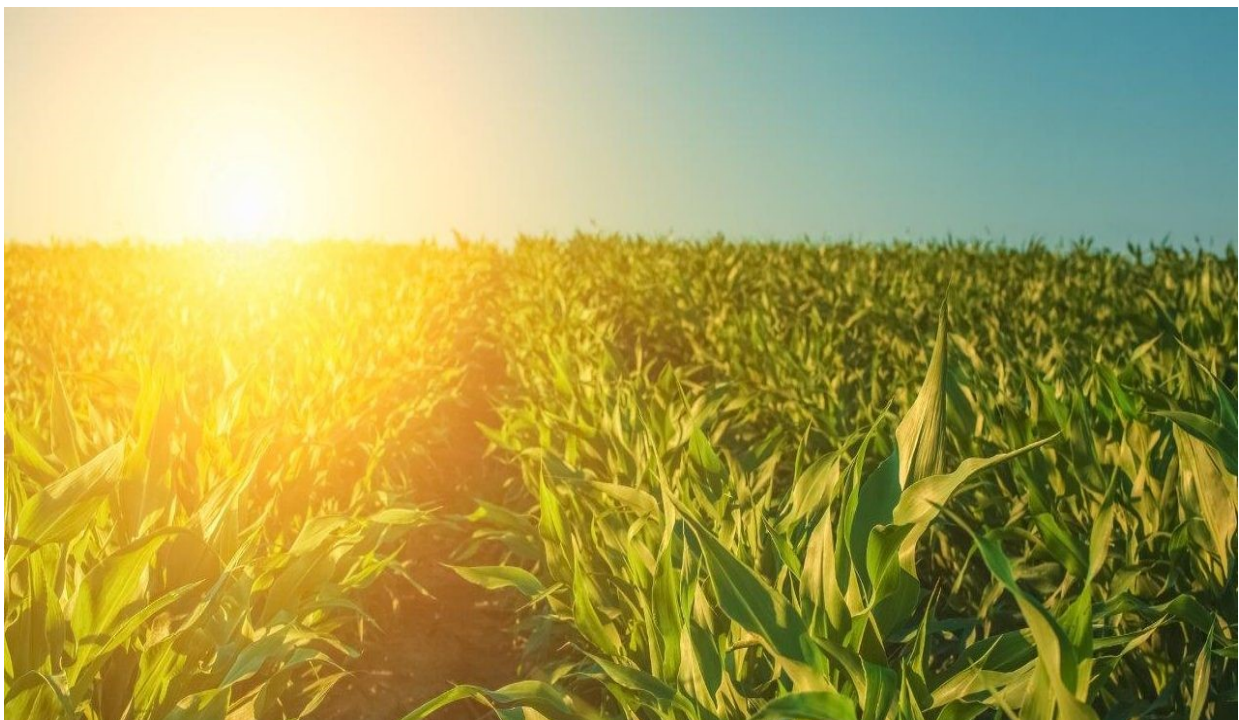
Bless those who are ill, at home or in hospital, uplift those who are lonely/depressed and comfort those who grieve. Thank You

In Jesus' precious name

Betty Hawthorn

Prayer Secretary

May you all enjoy summer days and enjoy good health throughout.



Abbey Church Creche Duty Rota

2nd June	Sarah Kerr	Carol Stobie
9th June	Anne Bell	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
16th June	Joan Lunn	Caitriana Spencer
23rd June	Margaret Lawson	Janice Cobb
30th June	Dorothy Kirkpatrick	Sadie Young
7th July	Sarah Kerr	Carol Stobie
14th July	Anne Bell	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
21st July	Joan Lunn	Caitriana Spencer
28th July	Margaret Lawson	Janice Cobb

The crèche for children under 3 years needs a few more helpers to join the rota. It is only every 6 weeks or so for a short time after the children's address and sometimes not required. Please contact Dorothy Kirkpatrick if willing to help.

Abbey Church Morning Tea Rota

2nd June	Richard Bell	Anne Bell
9th June	Irene Brodie	Liz Harrison
16th June	Isabel Smith	Catherine Andrew
23rd June	Sarah Kerr	
30th June	Isobel Hardie	Fiona Gibson
7th July	Mary Graham	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
14th July	Sadie Young	Morna McClure
21st July	Irene Nichol	Sheila McCubbing
28th July	Richard Bell	Anne Bell



Abbey Church Flower Rota

Date	Donor	Arranger
2nd June	Miss I Smith	Isobel Smith
9th June	Mrs Z Main	Isobel Smith
16th June	Mrs S Ramsay	Sylvia Ramsay
23rd June	Mrs I Nichol	Irene Nichol
30th June	Mrs D Guy	Dorothy Kirkpatrick
7th July	Mrs S Cowan	Nancy Chisholm Gwen Scott
14th July	Miss J Raeburn	Nancy Chisholm Gwen Scott
21st July	Mrs N Chisholm	Nancy Chisholm Gwen Scott
28th July	Mrs G Scott	Nancy Chisholm Gwen Scott



Church Register

Baptisms

5.5.19 Isobel Hanson

Weddings

11.3.19 Liam Irving and Katie Black

18.3.19 Ashley Anderson and Justine Smith

Funerals

24.4.19 Audrey McCulloch

1.5.19 Betty Penman

3.5.19 Brian Marsh

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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10am until 1pm*

Newsletters

The next newsletter will *cover August and September 2019. The deadline for submitting articles is Tuesday 16th July 2019. Please send to Abbey Church Office.*

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