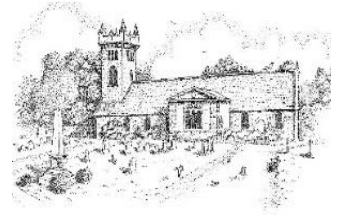




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Interim Moderator: Revd Dr Jock Stein
Locum Minister: Revd Geoff Berry**

Sunday, 12th July 2026

**Today's Service Theme
Holy arithmetic**

**9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

Welcome to all visitors today
To use the loop system, set hearing aids at 'T'
Dirleton Kirk is step-free. Step-free access to Abbey is to the left
of the front door, via the glass entrance on Church Road

Abbey Church Office (serving Abbey and Dirleton) is open
10am - 1pm, Tuesday to Friday: Church Office ☎892800
Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Darren Barber

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23 read by Christian Lyndsay

CH4 535 - Who would true valour see

CH4 181 - For the beauty of the earth

CH4 154 - O Lord, my God

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23 read by Kate Campbell

MP 67 - Breathe on me, breath of God

MP 467 - Morning has broken

Offering Voluntary

Prelude by Nigel Ogden

MP 152 - For the beauty of the earth

MP 506 - O Lord, my God

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, for ever. Amen

Church Diary

Sunday, 12th July 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

11:30am Funeral Service, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 19th July 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

6:00pm Holiday Club Commissioning Service, Abbey Church

Volunteers for the Abbey projection team

The Abbey projection team are looking for new volunteers to join their team and would love to welcome a few more helping hands. Full training is provided, so no experience is needed. If you're interested in getting involved, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Andrew Cobb or the Church Office.

The late Isabel McKay

The funeral service for the late Isabel McKay (formerly of Keppel Road) will take place in Warriston Crematorium, Cloister Chapel on Monday 13 July 2026 at 1.30pm. All friends are invited.

Holiday Club Commissioning Service

Please come and join in a service of worship and prayer on Sunday 19th July, 6-7pm at Abbey Church. All welcome.

Logos Hope UK Tour 2026

Since Operation Mobilisation launched Logos Hope in 2009, nearly 11 million people have visited the ship. You can visit to experience her history, stories and mission too. You'll be able to meet the crew, participate in onboard events, enjoy the cafe, wander the bookfair and much more!

The ship will be docked in Leith and open for visits between 10 and 19 July 2026 and members and friends are encouraged to visit to learn more and to visit what has been described as the world's largest bookfair, with a wide range of publications on sale.

More information can be found at UK.OM.ORG/LOGOS-HOPE-UK-TOUR-2026

Office Holiday Dates

The Church office will be closed from 1pm on Friday the 10th July to 10am on Tuesday the 21st of July. For non-pastoral emergencies during that time please call 079550 156990

Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'