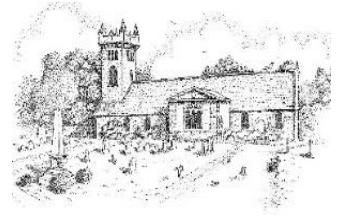




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



**Services led by Mr Tim Greene, Presbytery Reader
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

Sunday, 16th November 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Stand firm to the end**

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

**Welcome to all visitors today
Because of essential repairs to Dirleton Kirk tower, the main west
door is out of bounds. Access is only by the side (Archerfield
Aisle) door. Thanks for your co-operation.**

**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**

**Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick Scottish Charity - No SC004761
Dirleton Parish Church Scottish Charity - No SC004533**

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Marion Goodfellow

Scripture: Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19 read by David Kirkpatrick

CH4 445 Alleluia sing to Jesus

CH4 557 O Love that wilt not let me go

CH4 511 Your hand O God has guided

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Psalm 98; Luke 21:5-19 read by Irene Brodie

MP 93 Come let us join our cheerful songs

MP 7 All creatures of our God and King

Offering Voluntary

Variation on "Gwalchmai" by Christopher Tambling

MP 515 O Love that wilt not let me go

MP 243 How firm a foundation

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, 16th November 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

Tuesday

2.00pm Tuesday Afternoon Group, Abbey large hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 23rd November 2025

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk - led by Jaqueline Waugh

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church - led by Sally Penman

Services 16th November 2025

Today's services will be conducted by Mr Tim Greene, a Presbytery Reader based in Dunbar.

Services 23rd November 2025

Services on the 23rd November will be led by Jaqueline Waugh at Dirleton Kirk and by Sally Penman at Abbey Church.

TAG 18th Nov - 2:00pm "History of Piping" Richard McLauchlan

Tuesday Afternoon Group welcomes Richard McLauchlan, a Scottish writer who has recently published his book entitled "The Bagpipes - A Cultural History". He recently introduced his book to an audience at Toppings the Bookshop. All welcome.

Electoral Register

As our congregations have now become vacant, and plans are being made for the selection of a new Minister, we must prepare an Electoral Register of people who will be entitled to vote on matters including the selection of a Nominating Committee and the appointment of a Minister.

Those on the Dirleton and Abbey congregational rolls will be automatically placed on the Electoral Register.

If you worship with us regularly, are a member of another congregation, and wish to participate in the election of a new Minister, you are invited to hand a valid Certificate of Transference to one of the Session Clerks before 30 November 2025. If you are not a member of another congregation and wish to

participate in the election process, your name can be added to the Register as an adherent. In those circumstances, please complete one of the forms which will be available in church until 30 November 2025, when the Kirk Sessions will meet to make up the Electoral Register.

Anyone who wishes to discuss this should speak to either Keith Stewart (Dirleton) or Robert Burgon (Abbey).

Joint Advent Study Group with St Baldred's Episcopal Church

This year, we will once again have a joint study group with members of St Baldred's Church during Advent.

The group will meet on 4 Wednesday evenings commencing on 26 November 2025 at 7.15pm (when tea and coffee will be available) and the evenings will end at 9pm. This year the group will meet in St Baldred's Church Hall (entrance on York Road).

The studies this year will be based on Paula Gooder's book, "Women of the Nativity" which is available from Eden.co.uk (although it is not essential that participants have a copy of the book).

Abbey Church Flowers

During the period of vacancy, if you can think of anyone who would appreciate a gift of Church flowers after the service please let Robert, Elma or Dorothy know to put their name in the book in the flower room.

Bethany Lunchtime Care Van

The World Church Committee seeks Abbey and Dirleton volunteers to help feed homeless and vulnerable people in Edinburgh, in partnership with North Berwick Christian Fellowship, Bethany Christian Trust, and Edinburgh City Mission.

Volunteers can drive the care van (under 70), prepare or serve food, stock, or clean the van. NBCF runs the van one Monday a month, with regular or occasional help welcome.

Serving up to 70 people, the van leaves NB/Dirleton at 10:30 am and returns around 4 pm. Volunteers should communicate well, work calmly in a team, and respect Bethany's Christian ethos. To get involved, contact Ken Gordon or Judy Lockhart-Hunter at Abbey Church or email abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk

Psalm 98

A psalm.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Luke 21:5-19

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this, they will lay hands on you and persecute you. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. This will result in your being witnesses to them. But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life.