



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



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

Sunday, 17th May 2026

**Today's Service Theme
He has gone ahead**

**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
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Church Administrator: Darren Barber

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53 & Acts 1:1-11 read by Neil Walkingshaw

CH4 436 - Christ triumphant

CH4 437 - He is exalted

CH4 442 - Blessings and honour

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Luke 24:44-53 & Acts 1:1-11 read by Willie Leslie

MP 77 - Christ triumphant

MP 52 - Because He lives

Offering Voluntary

Andante Espressivo by Eric Smith

MP 217 - He is exalted

MP 976 - Blessings and honour

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, 17th May 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk Hall

Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

3.00pm Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ian Aitken, Abbey Church

Next Sunday, 24th May 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

Ordination of Elders - Dirleton Kirk

Notice is hereby given of the intention to ordain Elaine Carlyle, Margaret McPhail, Aidan Stokes and Gordon Symon, and admit Sandy Bone, Ian Lennock and John Lindsay as ruling elders in this congregation of Dirleton, on Sunday 24th May at morning worship. If any member of the congregation has any objection to the life or doctrine of any of these people, they should attend a meeting of the Kirk Session at 9.15am on 24th May and be prepared to substantiate their objection. By order of the Kirk Session, Keith Stewart, clerk.

Bethany Care Van

Abbey are making 70 rounds of sandwiches for homeless people for the Bethany Care Van on Sunday 14th June. We have been asked to buy the ingredients this month and would appreciate if anyone would like to give a small donation. Please give to Dorothy or hand into the Church office.

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, 'This is what I told you while I was still with you: everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.'

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the

dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

So when they met together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'