

The Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick and Dirleton Kirk



Minister: Rev Dr David J Graham Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane

Sunday, 20th July 2025

Today's Service Theme: Zeal for the gospel: what is mission?

# 9.30am Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk 10.30am Morning Worship, Abbey Church 6.00pm Holiday Club Commissioning Service, 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 2892800 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 - Philip Boon

Scripture: Romans 15:14-29 read by Neil Walkingshaw

CH 130 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim CH 623 Here in this place, new light is streaming CH 251 I the Lord of sea and sky

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

#### Morning Worship, Abbey Church 10.30am (to 11.30am) Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Romans 15:14-29 read by Kate Campbell

MP 784 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim CH 143 Who put the colours in the rainbow? Offering Voluntary Variation on "Hursley" by Stanley Vann CH 623 Here in this place, new light is streaming MP 857 I the Lord of sea and sky

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

# <u>Church Diary</u> <u>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025</u>

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church
6.00pm Holiday Club Commissioning Service, Abbey Church
Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025
9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk
10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

6.00pm Communion Service, Abbey Church

# Opening and closing Abbey Church

If you are able to help by either opening (usually before 10am) and/or closing (usually after 4pm) please add your name to the rota which is on the table inside the front doors of the church.

## Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

It's officially Scottish summer time! If you have treated yourself to a new pair of wellies, ahem, I mean sandals, you might be wondering what to do with the shoebox? The solution has arrived! Please donate your empty shoeboxes for the Appeal! Either drop them into the office or leave them at the front of the church, open most days. For more information about the Appeal, please speak to Ewan Livingston.

## Scripture Union Summer Holiday Club

This evening (20th) at 6pm in Abbey there will be a Commissioning Service for the Scripture Union Summer Holiday Club- all welcome.

The Holiday Club will run from the 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July, situated in both the large and small church halls from 10am to 12pm.

## Abbey Communion service 27th July

Next Sunday, 27th July 2025 there will be an evening service with Holy Communion in Abbey at 6.00pm.

### Reading: Romans 15:14-29

I myself am convinced, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another. I have written to you quite boldly on some points to remind you of them again, because of the grace God gave me to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles with the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done — by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ. It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known, so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation. Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see, and those who have not heard will understand."

This is why I have often been hindered from coming to you. But now that there is no more place for me to work in these regions, and since I have been longing for many years to see you, I plan to do so when I go to Spain. I hope to visit you while passing through and to have you assist me on my journey there, after I have enjoyed your company for a while. Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. So after I have completed this task and have made sure that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.