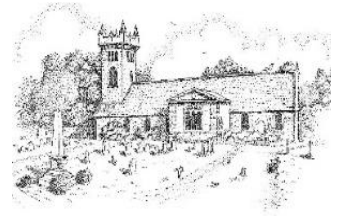




**Abbey Church of Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 21st January 2024

**Today's Service Theme
Jesus Calls. Will You Answer?**

**9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30 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 and Friday, remote working Wednesday and Thursday
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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 - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, 14-20 read by Neil Walkingshaw

CH 535 Who would true valour see

CH 509 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

CH 533 Will you come and follow me

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Mark 1:1-8, 14-20 read by Robert Burgon

CH 535 Who would true valour see

MP 456 Make me a channel of your peace

Offering Voluntary

Variation on Jesus Calls Us (Galilee) by William H Jude

MP 359 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

CH 533 Will you come and follow me

Followed by tea and coffee in the small 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 21st January

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church

12.30pm Congregational Lunch, Glen Golf Club

5.30pm Prayer Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service

Church office closed today

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday 28th January

Service Theme - Healing and Forgiving the Sick and Sinful

In our Sunday morning sermon series, we'll be following the life and teaching of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. You may want to read ahead. If you'd like deeper study, I can recommend 'The Gospel of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News' by Amy-Jill Levine. It's published by Abingdon Press for £11.99.

Church Offerings

Please place any offerings in one of the baskets which are located beside the front and back doors of the church. If you are visiting, we would encourage you to use one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are located in the back of the chairs. Gift Aid enables us to increase your offering by recovering tax.

Thank You

Scone Cafe

Every Wednesday at 2.00pm the Scone Café meet in Abbey small hall for blethers, scones and coffee, making new friends and sparking off new adventures, including optional Scone Walking (short friendly group walk). All welcome - free (donations welcome) and dog-friendly!

Reading: Mark 1:1-8, 14-20

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way' -
'a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him."

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him.

When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.