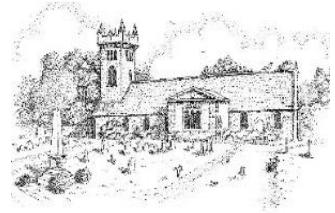




# **The Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick and Dirleton Kirk**



**Locum Minister: Rev Geoff Berry  
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane**

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

**Today's Service Theme:  
Ambassadors of Christ**

**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](http://abbeychurch.org.uk)  
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Church Administrator: Darren Barber

## **Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk**

**9.30am (to 10.20am)**

Organist - Philip Boon

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-17 read by Sandy Bone

CH4 465 - Be Thou my vision

CH4 555 - Amazing grace

CH4 286 - Tell out my soul

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

## **Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

**10.30am (to 11.30am)**

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1-17 read by Kate Campbell

MP 51 - Be Thou my vision

MP 54 - Bind us together, Lord

Offering Voluntary

Interlude I by Noel Rawsthorne

MP 31 - Amazing grace

MP 631 - Tell out my soul

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, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

### Tuesday

2:00pm TAG, Abbey Large Hall

### Wednesday

10:00am Prayer Service, Dirleton Kirk

### Thursday

10:00am Little Nippers, Abbey Church

### Next Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026

9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church

10:45am Little Lights, Abbey Church

2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

### **Upcoming Kirk Session meetings**

The Abbey and Dirleton Kirk Sessions will consider whether or not to depart from the historic position of the Church of Scotland on marriage, that is, whether or not to allow applications from ministers in a same-sex marriage or civil partnership.

- The Abbey Kirk Session will meet on Monday 23rd February at 7.30pm at Abbey Church.
- The Dirleton Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 24th February at 7pm in Dirleton Kirk.

Kirk Session meetings are normally open to members of the congregation to attend, and speak by invitation, but only elders will vote (by secret ballot).

### **TAG - Women who shaped the Christian Church**

At TAG we will explore the lives of five women who lived in different centuries and look at the ways in which they have shaped the lives of many Christians.

Please join us on the 24th February at 2:00pm in Abbey large hall. All welcome.  
Sally Penman and Sheila Burgon

## Lent Course

Members of Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk are invited to attend a joint ecumenical Lent Course shared with St Baldred's Church starting Monday February 23rd at St Baldred's Hall at 7.30pm for five weeks, (7.15pm for tea and coffee). We will be using a set of daily Lent Readings published by the Bible Reading Fellowship called "Giving it up" by Maggi Dawn.

### **1 Timothy 1:1-17**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith. The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Some have wandered away from these and have turned to meaningless talk. They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurors—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.