

The Abbey Church of Scotland, North Berwick and Dirleton Kirk



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

Sunday, 26th October 2025

Today's Service Theme: Try, try, and try again

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 \$\alpha\$892800

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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: Luke 18:1-8 read by Keith Stewart

CH4 237 Look forward in faith
Baptismal Hymn: CH4 563 Jesus loves me
CH4 547 What a friend we have in Jesus
CH4 159 Lord, for the years

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

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

Scripture: Psalm 121 & Luke 18:1-8 read by Carol Stobie

CH 237 Look forward in faith
MP 1201 Longing for Light (Christ be our light)
Offering Voluntary
Andantino - attributed to Beethoven (played by Eilidh Robson)
MP 746 What a friend we have in Jesus
MP 428 Lord, for the years

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, 26th October 2025

- 9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk
- 10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church
- 11:30am: Presentation and light lunch for Rev Dr David Graham, Abbey Church

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday, 2nd November 2025

- 9.30am Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk
- 10.30am Morning Service, Abbey Church
- 2.45pm Care Home Service, Fidra House
- 3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Presentation and light lunch to mark Rev Dr David Graham's retirement All members and friends of both Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk are warmly invited to attend a presentation and light lunch (sandwiches, scones and cakes) to thank David and Mary Graham for their long and faithful ministry to our congregations and community.

This lunch will take place in the Abbey Church and Halls following the Abbey morning service on Sunday 26 October 2025 commencing at 11.30am.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE SERVICE IN ABBEY CHURCH TODAY AND WISH TO STAY FOR THE PRESENTATION, PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR SEATS AFTER THE BENEDICTION.

Services 2nd November 2025

Next week's services on Sunday 2 November 2025 will be led by Robert Burgon, the theme will be "Seeing Clearly."

Harvest Thanksgiving Fundraising

We extend our warmest thanks to everyone who supported Abbey Church's fundraising for WaterAid during our Harvest Thanksgiving celebrations - together we raised a fantastic £1658.84! Special appreciation goes to those who organised the Harvest Supper, a cherished annual tradition that brings our congregation together to share a joyful meal in the church. This year's supper was made even more special by the presence of Rev Ujwal from the Himalayan Diocese and his quests, whose company enriched our celebration with warmth and fellowship.

Blythswood Shoebox Appeal

The pick-up date for this year is 29 October, so we would welcome packed shoeboxes to be delivered to the church by Sunday 26 October.

Psalm 121 (Abbey)

A song of ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip— he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"