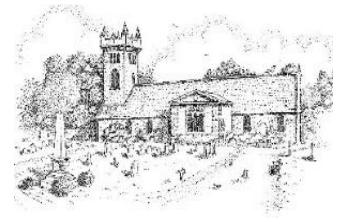




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

Sunday, 28th April 2024

**Today's Service Theme:
Where is Love?**

**9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30 Morning Worship, Abbey Church**

Services Today will be led by Robert Burgon

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
Church Office ☎892800 Website: abbeychurch.org.uk
email: abbeychurch@abbeychurch.co.uk
Church Administrator: Paola Burrows

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

9.30am (to 10.20am)

Organist - Nancy Hughes

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 read by Keith Stewart

CH 187 There's a wideness in God's mercy

CH 596 Breathe on me, breath of God

CH 519 Love divine all loves excelling

Followed by tea and coffee in the kirk hall

Morning Worship, Abbey Church

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Kirsten Swindells

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-21 read by Yolanda Strachan

MP 683 There's a wideness in God's mercy

MP 987 Here is love vast as the ocean

MP 67 Breathe on me, breath of God

MP 449 Love Divine all loves excelling

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 28th April

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church

5.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service, Dirleton Kirk hall

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Saturday

10.00am Christian Aid Coffee Morning, Dirleton Kirk

Next Sunday 5th May

The Service will be led by Bob Kane

10.30am Super Sunday Club, Abbey Church

3.00pm Care Home Service, Abbey Home

3.40pm Care home service, Fidra House

Christian Aid Week

We kick off Christian Aid with a **coffee morning** in Dirleton Kirk hall on Saturday 4th May from 10am. You are going to want to avoid breakfast today! Come along to Dirleton Kirk with an empty belly and bring your friends and neighbours. We will have baked fancies galore courtesy of some fabulous baking by members of Abbey Church and Dirleton Kirk congregations.

Please speak to Yolanda or Dorothy if you can help with the baking.

Christian Aid Quiz night will be held on the 11th May from 7pm in Abbey Church. Tables are £36 for 6 people. Book your place through the church office asap. **Christian Aid United Service** will be hosted by Abbey Church on the 12th May at 6pm. All are welcome, please come along and invite your friends and neighbours! And on the 18th May from 10.00am at St Andrew Blackadder you can treat yourself to another delicious **coffee morning**.

Please come and support some, if not all, of these special events for Christian Aid.

'Gather Worship'

On Friday 3rd May there will be a 'Gather Worship' event in North Berwick High School starting at 7pm. This is open to all and organised by North Berwick Christian Fellowship.

De-mystifying Death Week

North Berwick Coastal Community Connections are a charity dedicated to combating loneliness, running free events and activities throughout the year.

6th - 12th May is national De-mystifying Death Week to give people the knowledge, skills and opportunities to plan and support each other through death, loss, grief and care. Throughout this week, NBCCC are holding a range of exciting events to inspire people to start conversations about this sensitive, yet essential topic, including an evening of folk music and traditional storytelling on 10th May from 7.00pm at St. Andrew Blackadder Church and a documentary screening followed by a Q & A with the Director, here at Abbey Church on 11th May at 1.00pm. To find out more please see their website: www.nbc-communityconnections.org or email admin@nbc-communityconnections.org.

Opening and closing Abbey Church

Volunteers are required to join a rota for opening and closing Abbey Church over the coming months. If you are able to help, please add your name to the list which is on the table at the front of the church.

Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says "I love God," yet hates a brother or sister, they are a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love their brother and sister.