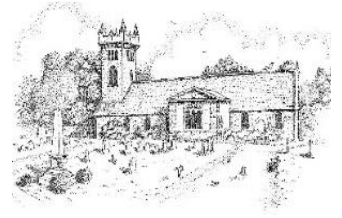




**The Abbey Church of
Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



Services led by Rev Geoff Berry
Pastoral Assistant: Robert Kane

Sunday, 28th December 2025

**Today's Service Theme:
Epiphany**

10.30am Joint Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

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

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Church Administrator: Darren Barber

Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am (to 11.30am)

Organist - Robert Burgon

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23 read by Keith Stewart

CH4 331 Unto us a boy is born

CH4 374 From heaven you came

Offering Voluntary

Noel by Alexander Guilmant

(Based on a theme by Hector Berlioz)

CH4 273 O come, o come Emmanuel

CH4 323 The first Nowell

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, 28th December 2025

10.30am Joint Morning Service, Dirleton Kirk

Next Sunday, 4th January 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

Little Lights 4th January

Little Lights is our new Sunday Club for children at Abbey Church. The first session of Little Lights takes place after the second hymn on Saturday 4 January, with the theme God Made the World, featuring the Creation story from Genesis 1 and the song He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. All materials are provided, so simply come and enjoy the time together.

A Wonderful Life Indeed

£145 was raised at the film night for Bethany. Co-op very kindly donated £50 worth off mince pies, popcorn, crisps, tea, coffee and other refreshments to enjoy with the film. Everything that was left was donated to the Bethany Care Van. We also sold a pack of cards at the film night. The card money is being dealt with separately and cards are still available for sale from the office or from Tom Lockhart-Hunter after each service. Christmas cards and blank cards are available.

Matthew 2:13-23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

When Herod realised that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "he will be called a Nazarene."