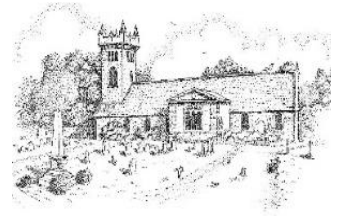




**Abbey Church of Scotland,
North Berwick
and Dirleton Kirk**



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

**Sunday, 3rd December 2023
First Sunday of Advent**

**Service Theme:
'Visitation'**

**9.30 Morning Worship, Dirleton Kirk
10.30 Morning Worship, Abbey Church
18.00 Remembering Loved Ones, 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 - Jim Dickson

Scripture: Isaiah 66:10-16; Luke 1:39-45 read by Alan Aitken

CH 273 O come, O come Emmanuel

CH 282 v.1 Christmas is coming

CH 310 See Him lying on a bed of straw

CH 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: Isaiah 66:10-16; Luke 1:39-45 read by Sally Penman

MP 493 O come, O come Emmanuel

CH 282 v.1 Christmas is coming

MP 457 Make way, make way

Offering Voluntary

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel arranged by Roger C Wilson

MP 589 See Him lying on a bed of straw

MP 631 Tell out my soul

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 3rd December

9.30am Sunday service, Dirleton Kirk

10.30am Sunday service, Abbey Church

10.30am Super Sunday Club

3.00pm Care Home Service, Abbey Home

3.40pm Care Home Service, Fidra House

6.00pm Remembering Loved Ones Service, Abbey Church

Monday

2.00pm WALT, Abbey small hall

7.30pm Abbey Kirk Session Meeting, Abbey small hall

Tuesday

2.00pm TAG, Abbey large hall

Wednesday

10.00am Dirleton Prayer and Coffee Service

Thursday

10.00am Little Nippers, Abbey large hall

Next Sunday 10th December

Second Sunday of Advent

Service theme - Magnificat

10.30am Abbey Communion

2.30pm Muddy Church, NB Country Park

3.30pm Care Home Service, Astley House

Remembering Loved Ones

Sunday 3rd December 6.00pm 'Remembering Loved Ones', a service of reflection and prayer, specially for bereaved people, but all are welcome.

WALT (Women are Learning Together)

We meet in Abbey small hall on Monday, 4th December at 2:00pm. We are continuing the theme of "Come Dine With Jesus" by looking at the "Last Supper" which can be found in Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26 and Luke 22:7-23. We will end this study with tea/coffee and Christmas eats.

TAG (Tuesday Afternoon Group)

We meet on Tuesday, 5th December at 2:00pm. in Abbey large hall. We will get in to the Christmas Spirit by having a time of Christmas Carols and Readings. All are welcome to come along and join us for an hour.

Poppy Sunday

Many thanks to all at Dirleton Kirk. £160 was raised at the service on Poppy Sunday.

Advent

Our book of readings for Advent is 'An Advent Manifesto' by Martyn Percy.

Christmas Charities

Our Christmas Charities this year are East Lothian Foodbank and The International Red Cross for the international one. The Red Cross is working on both sides of the Israel-Gaza conflict to bring aid.

This will be at the 'special' services on Christmas Eve (3 services) and Christmas Day (one). There is also the opportunity to donate on 31st for people who may have been away at Christmas. Our 'Giant Christmas Card' at Abbey makes a welcome return which people can sign and make a donation.

Abbey Church Tea Rota

One more helper is needed to complete our list. Can you be that person? Contact Paola at the office or Sadie Young. Thank you.

Advent Group

This year, we're joining our friends in St Baldred's Church for a 5-week Advent Group. This will be held in St Baldred's hall on Wednesdays at 7.30pm, and will be led jointly by David, Simon and Jane.

Each evening will include video clips, discussion questions, and of course a cup of coffee!

Dec 6th Growing in Depth

Dec 13th Transforming over Transferring

Dec 20th Being a Faithful Presence

Leading Worship

Over the winter, the Minister will be leading some informal meetings to help people who take part in worship, or to train anyone who might be interested in being involved. There's no commitment to do any of these, the meetings are for anyone interested to know more and share their experience. Don't worry, you won't be asked to preach after the first meeting! Each Tuesday evening meeting will last about an hour. No previous experience required!

12th December, 7pm: Public Prayer

In 2024 (dates to be confirmed): preparing and delivering a talk

Air Cadets Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th December 10-12 Noon Abbey large Hall

Entry £3.50 which includes tea/coffee and a cake. There will also be a tombola, raffle and also home baking and gifts for sale. 50% of profits raised will go to the harbour trust for repair of our harbour wall, 50% for the air cadets fund. All donations gratefully received, please come along and bring a friend.